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Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program and Fund

- **Governor Northam along with a bipartisan group of legislators announced last Tuesday legislation to fund and implement the Board's adopted I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan**
- **Legislation will be introduced today**
 - **Delegates Landes and Austin**
 - **Senators Obenshain and Carrico**

Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program and Fund

- **Establishes a special, non-reverting fund for 81 Corridor supported by tolls**
- **Authorizes Board to impose tolls subject to caps and requirement to offer annual pass**
- **Revenues may only be used for identified improvements in Board adopted Plan**
- **Tolls expire when any bonds supported by tolls are retired**

Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program and Fund

- **Establishes Interstate 81 Committee of the Board with 13 voting members and 2 ex-officio**
 - 5 PDC chairs
 - 5 General Assembly members
 - 3 CTB members
 - VDOT Commissioner and DPRT Director
- **Board is required to**
 - Annually adopt 81 Corridor Improvement Program
 - Annually report on safety, congestion, and incidents on I-81 as well as status of projects and balance of the 81 Corridor Improvement Fund

Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program and Fund

- **Allows toll rates to be increased after a period of 8 years if—**
 - Board updates the 81 Corridor Improvement Plan to identify new needs and prioritize potential solutions
 - Increase may not be greater than the increase in CPI since the tolls were imposed
 - The Interstate 81 Committee approves the increase
- **Tolls may also be increased if necessary to support existing debt service commitments for a previously adopted Plan**
 - Increases are limited to the amount necessary to ensure appropriate debt service coverage

Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program and Fund

- Prohibits the imposition of regional taxes for the purposes of improving I-81 while tolls are being collected
- Establishes a program for users that can demonstrate a disproportionate burden
- Establishes that a user of I-81 that exits I-81 just prior to a toll collection point and re-enters past that point is a toll violator if Board policy determines they were trying to avoid the toll

Funding Legislation

- **HB2085 (Watts) – Restores ~\$30M to NVTa based on Governor's amendments last session**
- **SB1014 (Stanley) – Establishes an I-73 Corridor Development Fund and Program**
- **SB1322 (Hanger) – Imposes a 2.1% regional fuels tax for improvements to I-81**
- **SB1470 (Edwards) – Increases statewide fuels tax by 5% and dedicates \$300M/year to I-81**

Online Sales Tax Legislation

- **Governor Northam's budget amendments would authorize collection of online sales tax**
 - Distributes revenues through existing sales tax formula
 - Repeals HB2313 (2013) and HB1887 (2015) provisions that would reduce gas tax and lower transit funding
- **SB1120 (Petersen) – Repeals HB2313 (2013) enactment clause that calls for reduction of fuels tax**
- **SB1390 (Wagner) - Repeals HB2313 (2013) and HB1887 (2015) provisions that would reduce gas tax and lower transit funding**

Tolling Legislation

- **HB2511 (Hugo) – Restricts operating hours of I-66 express lanes inside the Beltway**
- **HB2527 (Hugo) – Prohibits tolling of primary or secondary routes without approval by the General Assembly**
- **HB2643 (Delaney) – Caps tolls on I-66 express lanes inside and outside the Beltway**
- **HB2667 (Bell/Reid) – Revises process for approval of toll rate increases on Dulles Greenway**
- **SB1654 (Stanley) – Revises process for approval of toll rate increases on Dulles Greenway**

Other Legislation

- **HB1983 (Stolle) – Allows federal funds to serve as a match to Rail Enhancement Fund grants**
- **HB2269 (Poindexter) – Prohibits participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Initiative without approval by the General Assembly**
- **SB1073 (Marsden) – Incident management during 66 HOT Lane construction**
- **HJ581 (Cole) / SJ276 (Reeves) – Requires Board to develop and adopt 95 Corridor Improvement Program**

Other Legislation

- **HB2265 (Poindexter) – Requires VDOT to conduct a review of its Arterial Preservation Program**
- **HB2326 (Brewer) – Adds a new SMART SCALE factor – maintenance of primary evacuation routes**
- **HB2553 (Thomas) – Requires Board to allocate \$5M to hold transit operators harmless from implementation of transit operating prioritization**
- **HB2633 (Delaney) – Constrains CTB discretion in project selection through SMART SCALE related to congestion**

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- **Bills can still be introduced through Friday**
- **Budget amendments have not been released**
- **Scheduled to adjourn on February 23, 2019**