



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
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Legislative Update

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- **Agency proposals**
- **Funding proposals**
- **PPTA proposals**
- **Other proposals**

Legislative Update – Agency Legislation

VDOT

- **Systems of State Highways (HB2425)**
- **Overweight Permits (SB1048) – Sent to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability for further study**

DRPT

- **WMATA Compact Amendments (SB1511)**
- **Safety Oversight for Metro/Light Rail (HB1880) – Passed the House**
- **Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services (SB1238) – Passed the Senate**

Legislative Update – Funding Proposals

- **General Fund Proposals**

HB1579, HB2130, HB2206, and HB2622

- **Overweight Permits**

SB1048, SB1500, and HB2319

- **Other Proposals**

Motor fuels tax proposals – Would change existing motor vehicle fuel tax from a cent-per-gallon but a percentage of retail price

HB1642 – Allows CTB to name facilities for a living person

Legislative Update – PPTA Proposals

- **HB2066 – Establishes timeframes for the review of solicited and unsolicited PPTA proposals**
- **HB2079 – Requires VDOT to accept an unsolicited proposal for HRBT and establishes timeframes and special committee to review**
- **HB2117 – Prohibits the construction of I-95/395 HOT Lanes without prior approval from General Assembly**
- **HB2172 – Use of ROW for connection of Renewable energy sources to the grid**
- **SB1232 – Requires that monetary penalties for failure to operate I-95/395 HOT Lanes at 65mph 90% of the time**

Legislative Update – Other Proposals

- **HB1590 – Income tax credit for toll payments**
- **HB1723 – Establishes a formula for allocation of highway maintenance funding**
- **HB1993/SB1368 – Requires CTB to allocate maintenance funds based performance measures in Biennial Asset Management report**
- **HB2099 – Establishes George Washington Toll Road Authority (Fredericksburg region)**
- **HB2172 – Allows the use of ROW for renewable energy transmission lines to connect with the power grid**

Legislative Update – Other Proposals

- **HB1835 – Defines public benefits for Rail Enhancement Fund grants**
- **HB1848 – Performance audit of transportation agencies**
- **HB2158 – Establishes Charlottesville-Albemarle Transit Authority**
- **HB2420/SB1475 – Modifies requirements of statewide transportation plan and extends HB3202 regional performance measures to other urban areas**
- **SB1482 – Repeals the HB3202 bond authorization**
- **SB1464 – Abolishes the Secretary of Transportation, establishes Chief Executive Officer for Transportation**

Legislative Update - Budget Amendments

- **Prohibit use of state funds for Lynchburg to DC passenger rail initiative, unless service is extended to entire TDX**
- **Modification Mass Transit Fund allocations for transit operating and transit capital**
- **Suspend the implementation of Traffic Impact Analysis regulations until 2014**
- **Prohibit construction of I-95/I-395 HOT Lanes with prior approval from General Assembly**



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