

Legislative Update DRPT

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Significant Legislation

❑ WMATA Governance

- HB601 provides for term-limits, minimum experiential qualifications, common patronage of Metro, attendance at board meetings for all board members
- Also codifies the requirement in the Act that the Secretary or his designee will be seated as a principal board member

❑ Consolidation of NVTC and NVTA

- HB1291 includes language eliminating redundancies between these two organizations.

❑ MWAA Board Composition

- HB1245 and SB237 increase Virginia's presence on the board

Significant Legislation

❑ PLAs

- Several bills in both Senate and House prevent providing state funding to projects that require a Project Labor Agreement

❑ Telework bills

- HB551 and SB238 extend the sunset date for the tax credits available to employers who provide telework opportunities
- HB1000 – increasing funding for tax credits, both overall and per employer

Budget Amendments

- ❑ Fredericksburg / CSX safety enhancements

- ❑ Several language amendments under Secretary of Transportation section, regarding allocation of Commonwealth funding to Dulles project
 - Must not be subject to PLA
 - MWAA must comply with applicable FOIA requirements
 - Phase II must be subject to audit by VDOT or APA

Budget Amendments - Concerns

- ❑ Two (430 #2h and 430 #8h) amendments prohibit the use of toll road collections on the Phase II. These sections violate already executed agreements with MWAA and will prevent the project from reaching completion.

Budget Amendments - Earmarks

- ❑ CTB must allocate an additional \$350M to the Dulles project to buy down the expected toll increases
- ❑ DRPT must allocate the following:
 - \$68,000 in each of the next two years to the operation of GRTC Express Service Rte 81, 50/50 state and local match
 - \$200,000 in each of the next two years to the operation of GRTC Express Service Rte 82, 50/50 state and local match
 - \$150,000 in FY 12 to continue operation of transit connector service from Roanoke Valley to Lynchburg
- ❑ Creates an unfair funding structure throughout the Commonwealth given that no other grantees receive a 50% or 100% operating grant.



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