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Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Item 447	First Year - FY2011	Second Year - FY2012
Financial Assistance for Public Transportation (60900)	\$292,273,380	\$317,229,869
Public Transportation Programs (60901)	\$275,504,668	\$300,362,662
Congestion Management Programs (60902)	\$9,344,000	\$9,344,000
Human Service Transportation Programs (60903)	\$7,424,712	\$7,523,207
Fund Sources:		
Special	\$774,662	\$790,156
Commonwealth Transportation	\$291,498,718	\$316,439,713

Authority: Titles 33.1 and 58.1, Code of Virginia.

A.1. Except as provided in Item 446 A, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate all monies in the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund, as provided in § 58.1-638, Code of Virginia. The total appropriation for the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund is \$151,542,592 the first year and \$156,110,283 the second year from the Transportation Trust Fund. From these funds, the following estimated allocations shall be made:

a. \$113,094,635 the first year and \$116,374,670 the second year to statewide Formula Assistance as provided in § 58.1-638, Code of Virginia. The allocation of Formula Assistance to each recipient shall be limited to the recipient's maximum eligibility as defined in § 58.1-638, Code of Virginia. When the initial allocation to a recipient is greater than the recipient's eligibility to receive Formula Assistance, the Commonwealth Transportation Board may transfer the surplus funds to the statewide Capital Assistance program for distribution under that program. The Commonwealth Transportation Board may hold harmless from a reduction in state formula assistance any transit system that maintains service levels from the previous year.

b. \$30,624,979 the first year and \$31,740,638 the second year from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund to statewide Capital Assistance.

2. Included in this Item is \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Trust Fund. These allocations are designated for "paratransit" capital projects and enhanced transportation services for the elderly and disabled.

3. From the amounts appropriated in this Item from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund, \$1,837,498 the first year and \$1,904,438 the second year is the estimated allocation to statewide Special Programs as provided in § 58.1-638, Code of Virginia.

4. Not included in this appropriation is an amount estimated at \$24,845,625 the first year and \$24,998,405 the second year allocated to transit agencies from federal sources for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the Minimum Guarantee program.

B. The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall operate a program entitled the Transportation Efficiency Improvement Fund (TEIF). The purpose of the TEIF program is to reduce traffic congestion by supporting transportation demand management programs and projects designed to reduce the movement of passengers and freight on Virginia's highway system. Using transportation revenues generally available to the Board, funds shall be apportioned as determined by the Board to designated transportation projects in addition to funds allocated pursuant to § 33.1-23.1, Code of Virginia. Total TEIF program funding shall not exceed \$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year.

C. Funds from a stable and reliable source, as required in Public Law 96-184, as amended, are to be provided to Metro Rail from payments authorized and allocated in this program and pursuant to § 58.1-1720, Code of Virginia.

D. Funds appropriated to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation and allocated to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission to be allocated to its member jurisdictions are held in trust by the commission for those jurisdictions until released by specific authorization from the governing bodies of the jurisdictions for the purpose for which funds were appropriated.

E. 1. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, with the assistance of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, shall no later than December 1, 2010, develop criteria for grants to local governments, regional entities, transit agencies, private entities as defined in § 56-557, Code of Virginia, and other appropriate entities for new transit service or expansion of existing transit service funded in whole or in part from funds available pursuant to subsection 1 of § 33.1-23.4:01, Code of Virginia. Such criteria shall give priority to projects that include complementary land use commitments, are located within urban development areas designated pursuant to § 15.2-2223.1, Code of Virginia, connect activity centers, and include local or private operating and capital funding. Applications for such grants shall describe the relationship among the existing transportation network, land use commitments, and the new or expanded transit service. Long term operating subsidies provided by dedicated revenues, complementary land uses, and other factors as defined by the board may be used to meet the local contribution requirement of § 58.1-638, Code of Virginia.

2. The board may award up to two grants annually. The amounts of such grants shall be up to one-half the amount of funds available pursuant to subsection 1 of § 33.1-23.4:01, Code of Virginia.

3. Out of the amounts identified in Item 454 of this act, up to \$500,000 in the first year shall be awarded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to local governments, regional entities, transit agencies, and other appropriate entities to plan and develop grant applications.