2023 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB6001 (Chapter 1)

Department of Transportation

Item 451	First Year - FY2023	Second Year - FY2024
Ground Transportation Planning and Research (60200)	**$94,878,980**	**$96,749,414**
Ground Transportation System Planning (60201)	$80,101,802	$81,579,422
Ground Transportation System Research (60202)	$10,464,377	$10,620,207
Ground Transportation Program Management and Direction (60204)	$4,312,801	$4,549,785
Fund Sources:		
Commonwealth Transportation	$94,878,980	$96,749,414

Authority: Title 33.2, Code of Virginia.

A. Included in the amount for ground transportation system planning and research is no less than $7,000,000 the first year and no less than $7,000,000 the second year from the highway share of the Transportation Trust Fund for the planning and evaluation of options to address transportation needs. Included in the amounts in this item, $50,000 the first year from the allocations to the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment is provided for sponsorship support of the annual Mobility Talks International (MTI) Conference in January, 2023. The Director of the Office of Innovation shall actively identify and engage connected and autonomous vehicle stakeholders in the Commonwealth in order to most effectively maximize the return on investment from participation in the MTI Conference for the operation of unmanned systems throughout Virginia.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 729 and Chapter 733 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall not reallocate any funds from projects on roadways controlled by any county that has withdrawn or elects to withdraw from the secondary system of state highways, nor from any roadway controlled by a city or town as part of the state's urban roadway system, based on a determination of nonconformity with the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Statewide Transportation Plan or the Six-Year Improvement Program. In jurisdictions that maintain roadways within their boundaries, the provisions of § 33.2-214, Code of Virginia, shall apply only to highways controlled by the Department of Transportation.

C. The prioritization process developed under § 33.2-214.1, Code of Virginia, shall not apply to use of funds provided in this Item from the federal apportionments in the State Planning and Research Program.

D. The Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Virginia Institute for Marine Science, shall provide an annual update on the status of the Coastal Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Inundation Study no later than December 1 of each year to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the House and Senate Transportation Committees, Chair of the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding and Adaptation, and the Secretaries of Transportation and Natural Resources. The report shall include at a minimum: an up-to-date identification of at-risk rural, suburban and urban infrastructure, and planning and options to mitigate or eliminate the identified risks; and a report on what work remains to be completed and estimated time frame for the completion of its work.