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Department of Transportation

Item 444	First Year - FY2025	Second Year - FY2026
Administrative and Support Services (69900)	\$354,169,643	\$349,832,509
General Management and Direction (69901)	\$187,178,624	\$191,380,013
Information Technology Services (69902)	\$137,353,332	\$128,229,477
Facilities and Grounds Management Services (69915)	\$17,529,984	\$17,969,216
Employee Training and Development (69924)	\$12,107,703	\$12,253,803
Fund Sources:		
Commonwealth Transportation	\$354,169,643	\$349,832,509

Authority: Title 33.2, Code of Virginia.

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the highway share of the Transportation Trust Fund shall be used for highway maintenance and operation purposes prior to its availability for new development, acquisition, and construction.

B. Administrative and Support Services shall include funding for management, direction, and administration to support the department's activities that cannot be directly attributable to individual programs and/or projects.

C. Out of the amounts for General Management and Direction, allocations shall be provided to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to support its operations, the payment of financial advisory and legal services, and the management of the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department may assess and collect the costs of providing services to other entities, public and private. The department shall take all actions necessary to ensure that all such costs are reasonable and appropriate, recovered, and understood as a condition to providing such service.

E. Each year, as part of the six-year financial planning process, the commissioner shall implement a long-term business strategy that considers appropriate staffing levels for the department. In addition, the commissioner shall identify services, programs, or projects that will be evaluated for devolution or outsourcing in the upcoming year. In undertaking such evaluations, the commissioner is authorized to use the appropriate resources, both public and private, to competitively procure those identified services, programs, or projects and shall identify total costs for such activities.

F. Notwithstanding § 4-2.03 of this act, the Virginia Department of Transportation shall be exempt from recovering statewide and agency indirect costs from the Federal Highway Administration until an indirect cost plan can be evaluated and developed by the agency and approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

G. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, is authorized to adjust appropriations and allotments for the

Virginia Department of Transportation to reflect changes in the official revenue estimates for commonwealth transportation funds.

H. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner may enter into a contract with homeowner associations for grounds-keeping, mowing, and litter removal services.

I. Notwithstanding the provisions § 2.2-2402 of the Code of Virginia, no construction, erection, repair, upgrade, removal or demolition of any building, fixture or structure located or to be located on property of the Commonwealth of Virginia under the control of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and within the secured area of a residency, area headquarters or district complex shall be subject to review or approval by the Art and Architectural Review Board as contemplated by that section. However, for changes to any building or fixture located on property owned or controlled by VDOT that has been designated or is under consideration for designation as a historic property, then VDOT shall submit such changes to the Art and Architectural Review Board for review and approval by the Board.

J. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is hereby authorized to market, sell and convey all or a portion of the Fulton property at 503 and 890 Bickerstaff Road and 421 Old Osborne Turnpike in Henrico, Virginia, containing 21.35 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey entitled, "Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation Fulton Depot" made by J.D. Hensdill, State Certified Engineer or Land Surveyor, dated October 1976. Any proceeds from the sale of the Fulton property may be used for the construction, staff relocation and other expenses related to the renovation of the VDOT Annex Building located at 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA and any proceeds not so used shall be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund.

K. Notwithstanding any other provisions law, in addition to the marketing, sale and conveyance of any property pursuant to item C- 41.10 of the 2017 Appropriations Act, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is hereby authorized to market, sell and convey all or a portion of the Hampton Roads District Bartlett Area Headquarters in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, containing 10.42 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey entitled, "Newport Magisterial District Isle of Wight Count, Virginia subdivision of property of: Thomas L. Newton, Jr. & Thomas S. Word, Jr. Trustees" made by W. L. Jessee, State Certified Engineer or Land Surveyor, dated January 8, 1981. Any proceeds from the sale of the Bartlett Area Headquarters as well as any proceeds from the sale of any properties pursuant to item C- 41.10 of the 2017 Appropriations Act may be used for the acquisition, construction and other expenses related to the relocation of the Hampton Roads District Office Complex and any proceeds not so used shall be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund.

L. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to convey to Norfolk Southern Railway Company by deed without consideration a variable width easement for right of way beneath the existing Interstate 264 overpass in the area of the relocated freight rail facilities, across a parcel approximately 0.5 acres in size, on terms acceptable to the Virginia Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and the Federal Highway Administration. The conveyance shall be in a form approved by the Office of the Attorney General. The appropriate officials of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and deliver such deed and other documents as may be necessary to accomplish the conveyance.

M. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade (the Secretary) shall review the economic development, transportation, and safety benefits of expanding Van Buren Road, North Extension in Prince William County. The review shall include representatives from Prince William County, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and any private sector interests required to aid in the completion of this review. In addition to assessing the economic benefits of the expansion, VDOT and the Secretary shall determine and communicate any additional benefits, potential financing, and time table option for this project. VDOT and the Secretary shall report its findings to the Chairs of the House Transportation, Senate Transportation, House Appropriations, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on or before November 1, 2024.

N. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is hereby authorized to convey, to the Town of Gordonsville, approximately 2.479 acres of the VDOT Gordonsville Area Headquarters, (which is more specifically described as being that property containing 16.0607 acres, more or less, conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia by Deed from H. Watkins Ellerson, III, Trustee, dated October 4, 1988, recorded November 9, 1988, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Orange County, Virginia, in Deed Book 417, page 0774), as mutually agreed to by the parties. In sole consideration for the conveyance, the Town of Gordonsville shall, within 120 days of the conveyance and at no cost to VDOT, relocate or cause to be relocated, using its own forces or a contractor, the VDOT security fence currently located on the Gordonsville Area Headquarters boundary line to the new property boundary line established pursuant to the conveyance contemplated hereunder, with said fence being owned and maintained by VDOT thereafter. The Town of Gordonsville shall ensure that all work performed and materials utilized in relocating the boundary line fence shall conform to VDOT specifications. The conveyance and all documentation pursuant thereto shall be in a form approved by the Attorney General. The appropriate officials of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and deliver such deed and other documents as may be necessary to accomplish the conveyance.

O. The Virginia Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, shall conduct a study to evaluate the costs to build a connector road from the former Central Virginia Training Center property to the Old Town Connector, Route 210, in Amherst County. The Department is authorized to utilize up to \$200,000 in Commonwealth Transportation Funds for the study and shall submit the results of the study to the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.