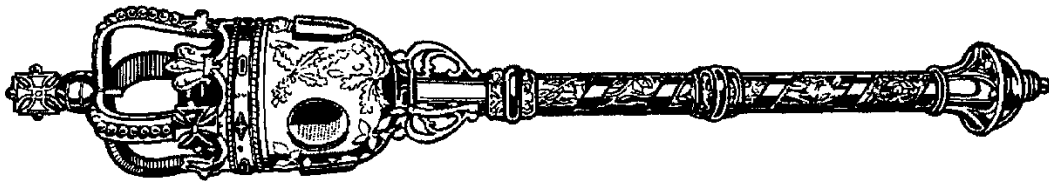


*Report of the
House Appropriations
Subcommittee*

on

Transportation



*House Bill 29
&
House Bill 30*

February 20, 2000

**Respectfully Submitted by the House Appropriations Subcommittee
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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

on

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Chairmen and Members of the Committee:

The Transportation Subcommittee is pleased to recommend in budget what the House endorsed in legislation last week. The subcommittee report for the 2000-02 budget includes over \$493 million in general and nongeneral funds for the Priority Transportation Fund and provides up to \$800 million in proceeds from federal grant anticipation notes. In all, the subcommittee recommends a total of nearly \$1.3 billion in 2000-02 for high-priority road, transit, and other transportation projects.

In addition, our report endorses the projects separately identified by the Governor in the introduced budget and directs that they be funded out of increased transportation funds in the next biennium. These include the Airports Revolving Loan Fund, the telework tax credit, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Annex, support for our ports, and debt service on bonds for the Eastern Shore Railroad.

In other action, the subcommittee recommends that the Commonwealth Transportation Board allocate at least six percent of eligible federal Surface Transportation Program funds and 18 percent of federal Minimum Guarantee funds for transit projects. Combined with the significant funding for transit capital projects in the new Priority Transportation Fund, these budget amendments provide tremendous opportunities for public transportation across the Commonwealth.

Finally, the subcommittee is pleased to recommend a budget amendment for the Specialized Transportation Council. The council, which is chaired by the Lieutenant Governor, supports the development of safe, cost-effective, coordinated, and specialized transportation services for elderly or disabled Virginians.

The details of the Subcommittee's report are contained in the attachments. Committee staff will review the report and the attached listing of our recommendations at this time, and we hope it will be your pleasure to adopt the report.

Budget Amendment Recommendations

<u>Amendment</u>	1998-00 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nongeneral Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>

Transportation

Secretary of Transportation

Adjust Allocation of Federal Funds	Language		
Rail Corridor Cooperative Planning	Language		

Department of Aviation

Remove Funding for Aviation	(4,800,000)		
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Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Remove Funding for Mass Transit	(29,400,000)		
Hampton Roads Transit	Language		
VRE Quantico Station	Language		
Specialized Transportation Council	Language		
Greater Richmond Transit Company	Language		

Department of Transportation

Remove Funding for Construction	(157,400,000)		
Increase Priority Transportation Fund	203,066,204	77,700,000	
Remove Tobacco Asset Funding	(11,566,294)	(570,146,000)	
Study of Underground Utilities	Language		
Office of Public-Private Partnership	Language		
Georgetown Pike Traffic Calming	Language		
Route 86 Pedestrian Safety	Language		
Hurricane Floyd Road Repair	Language		
Projects in Priority Transportation Fund	Language		
Shenandoah County Tourist Train	Language		
Tourist Train Development Authority	Language		

Virginia Port Authority

Removing Funding for Ports	(8,400,000)		
Maritime Incident Response Committee	Language		

Special Conditions

Authorization for Road Groundskeeping	Language		
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Total	(8,500,090)	(492,446,000)	

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Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Hampton Roads Transit	Language		
Greater Richmond Transit Company	Language		

Special Conditions

Authorization for Road Groundskeeping	Language		
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