

# Virginia Department of Transportation

## 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number: SB 1355**

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed  
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron: Mims, W.**

**3. Committee: Senate Local Government**

**4. Title: Northern Virginia Transportation Authority**

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

A bill to establish the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to consolidate the roles of the Northern Virginia Transportation District Commission and other regional transportation entities. The Authority would be given general responsibility for transportation projects, programs, and priorities for Northern Virginia, and is vested with the ability to issue bonds, subject to General Assembly approval. This bill would amend the Code of Virginia relating to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

**6. Tentative Fiscal Impacts are:**

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0.00	0	
2001-02	\$0.00	0	
2002-03	\$500,000.00	0	

**b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0.00	0	
2001-02	\$0.00	0	
2002-03	\$0.00	0	

**7. Budget amendment necessary: NO**

**8. Fiscal implications:** The tentative fiscal impact indicates an approximate expenditure for fiscal year 2002-2003 should VDOT be required to hire additional staff to support the Authority. The expenditures would not be incurred until an Authority is established and its members are appointed.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** VDOT, VDRPT, NVTC, Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park.

**10. Technical amendment necessary: NO**

**11. Other comments:** \* House Bill 2606 (2001 General Assembly) is similar to this bill.

- \*\* The Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC), a forum of local Northern Virginia elected officials, has been considering the concept of such an Authority and has participated in the discussions of the SJR 121 joint subcommittee meetings evaluating such a proposal. At present, the TCC has taken the position that legislative action on this proposed Northern Virginia Transportation Authority should be postponed until the 2002 General Assembly session so that the member jurisdictions of the TCC can have time to fully evaluate the proposal.
- \* The TCC's concerns include whether a stable source of funding will result from the creations of such an Authority and how voting membership will be established.
- \* The proposed legislation makes no provision for the Towns of Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, and Vienna to have voting authority.
- \* It is unclear from the proposed legislation whether VDOT would have to provide the services of its employees to the Authority free of charge. Also, it is uncertain whether the use of VDOT equipment and maintenance facilities will also be made available to the Authority.
- \* The proposed legislation gives the Authority the duty and responsibility of developing regional priorities and policies affecting air quality issues but does not appear to provide funding for the Authority to implement such priorities. In addition, the proposed legislation does not address the present responsibility of the Commonwealth, represented by VDOT, to participate on the regional air quality body (Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Council).

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cc: Secretary of Transportation

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