

## Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** SB977

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☒ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron** Trumbo

**3. Committee** H. Transportation

**4. Title** Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), etc.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Allows the Commonwealth Transportation Commission to let contracts for construction, maintenance, and improvements up to \$2 million and allows the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to let contracts for passenger and freight rail and public transportation improvements up to \$2 million. Similarly, it allows the Commonwealth Transportation Commission to enter into agreements with localities, authorities, and transportation districts to administer projects and to let contracts up to \$2 million for highway construction, maintenance, and improvements within their jurisdictions and allows the Director of DRPT to enter into agreements with localities, authorities, and transportation districts to administer projects and to let contracts up to \$2 million for passenger and freight rail and public transportation improvements within their jurisdictions. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and the Director of DRPT are required to report on their respective transportation contracting activities at least quarterly to the Board.

**6. No Fiscal Impact:** see Item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:**

Under current practice, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) reviews and approves highway construction projects, most maintenance projects, and public transportation projects. SB977 will only require the approval by the CTB if the project meets or exceeds an expected expenditure threshold. Given this, the bill allows the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and the Director of DRPT to enter into contracts that do not have to be approved by the CTB. This authority could also allow some projects to move more quickly, helping to ensure that costs are minimized.

The bill also allows the localities to administer contracts. However, VDOT and DRPT would still retain authority over the funding for the project.

There should be no fiscal impact resulting from this bill.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** VDOT, DRPT, CTB, localities, authorities, and transportation districts.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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