

Department of Planning and Budget

2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB888

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron** Plum

3. **Committee** Appropriations

4. **Title** Integrated Transportation Planning Fund; created within office of Secretary of Transportation.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Establishes, within the office of the Secretary of Transportation, a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Commonwealth Integrated Transportation Planning Fund. Such Fund shall be used by the Secretary of Transportation to provide competitive grants to regional planning commissions to develop or update regional transportation plans that integrate local land-use plans with multi-modal transportation plans. The Fund shall consist of appropriations from the General Assembly designated for the Fund and any gifts, bequests, or grants made to the Fund.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary, see item 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** To be determined.

8. Fiscal implications:

The fiscal impact of this bill cannot be determined at this time. It is unclear as to what source of funding the General Assembly may designate for the fund, and at what amount. If the Commonwealth Integrated Transportation Planning Fund is provided with funding within the Secretary of Transportation's office, then an appropriation may have to be established.

In addition, depending on the extent of the program, additional staff and funding may have to be provided in the secretary's office to administer the fund.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Secretary of Transportation, the Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation, the Virginia Port Authority, Department of Aviation, regional planning commissions, and local governments

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

11. **Other comments:** The Department of Transportation currently provides over \$7 million annually to regional and local planning organizations through the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program, the Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program, and the Small Urban Area Transportation Studies Program. In addition, the Governor's introduced budget provides \$4 million to fund planning efforts that focus on land-use and transportation planning multimodalism. Given this, it is unclear how, or if, the current programs could be impacted.

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