

**Virginia Department of Transportation
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB 699

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Houck, R.

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Coordination of Transportation Planning between Local Government and VDOT

5. Summary/Purpose:

A bill to amend and reenact § 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia, and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2222.1, relating to coordination of state and local transportation planning. Provides that prior to adoption of any comprehensive plan or amendment the locality shall submit such plan or amendment to the Department of Transportation for review and comment. The Department shall provide written comment on the proposed plan or amendment within 90 days of receipt thereof. Also, upon submission to a locality of an application for rezoning, the locality shall submit such application to the Department of Transportation within five days of receipt thereof. Such application shall include a traffic impact statement if required by the locality by ordinance. Within 45 days of its receipt of such application, the Department shall either (i) provide written comment on the rezoning application, or (ii) schedule a meeting, to be held within 60 days of its receipt of the application, with the local planning commission or other agent and the applicant to discuss potential modifications to the application to address any concerns or deficiencies.

Furthermore, upon submission to a locality of a subdivision plat or a site plan or plan of development, the locality shall submit such plat or plan to the Department of Transportation in accordance with § 15.2-2260 within 10 business days of receipt of the plat or plan. It also allows the Department to impose reasonable fees not to exceed the actual cost to the Department or \$1000, whichever is less, for the review of applications, plans and plats. The bill also provides that a local comprehensive plan may include the designation of a planned system of new and expanded transportation facilities including, but not limited to, roads and highways and commuter rail lines, where appropriate. The bill stipulates that the Department shall promulgate regulations by December 31, 2006 to carry out the provisions of the bill, including reasonable exemptions, and these will become effective on July 1, 2007. The regulations would not be subject to the Administrative Process Act.

6. Fiscal Impacts are unavailable

7. Budget amendment necessary: NO

8. Fiscal implications: This bill would affect over 200 local governments and require VDOT to review and comment on comprehensive plans, comprehensive plan amendments, site plans, subdivision plats or rezoning applications from each of the localities within the

prescribed timeframes. There will be significant personnel impacts, as 2-5 additional staff per district could be required to compliment the proposed legislation.

The bill would allow the Department to impose reasonable fees not to exceed the actual cost to the Department or \$1000, whichever is less, for the review of applications, plans and plats. The revenue associated with such reviews could be used to offset the costs of additional personnel.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: All Virginia cities, counties and towns, the Virginia Department of Transportation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: NO

11. Other comments: HB 1513 (2006 General Assembly) is a companion bill.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation