## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number SB 752			
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled
2.	Patron Williams			

**3. Committee** Senate Transportation

**4. Title** Transportation Commissioner; salary and election thereof.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The proposed bill provides for election of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner by the Commonwealth Transportation Board with the consent of the Governor for a term of four years. The bill also allows the salary of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to be fixed by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

- 6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See Item 8.
- **7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Section 4-6.01 in the Appropriation Act would need to be amended to align with the proposed legislation.

## 8. Fiscal implications:

The proposed legislation would strike a provision of the Code authorizing the Governor to set the salary of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, unless it has already been set by the General Assembly in the Appropriation Act. The 2006 Appropriation Act sets the midpoint salary of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner at \$170,135 through July 30, 2008. The Appropriation Act also states that the starting salary of a new appointee cannot exceed the midpoint of the range unless certain specified conditions are met.

Since the Appropriation Act, by its own provisions, supersedes the Code of Virginia, it is not clear how actions by the CTB as authorized under this proposed legislation will affect the salary of the commissioner.

**9.** Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Board

## 10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

## **11. Other comments:** None.

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