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SENATE BILL NO. 233

Senate Amendments in [] — January 22, 2008

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-23.03 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Statewide Transportation Plan.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Whipple

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 33.1-23.03 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 33.1-23.03. Board to develop and update Statewide Transportation Plan.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall conduct a comprehensive review of statewide transportation needs in a Statewide Transportation Plan setting forth an inventory of all construction needs for all systems, and based upon this inventory, establishing goals, objectives, and priorities covering a twenty-year planning horizon, in accordance with federal transportation planning requirements. This plan shall embrace all modes of transportation and include technological initiatives. This Statewide Transportation Plan shall be updated as needed, but no less than once every five years. The plan shall promote economic development and all transportation modes, intermodal connectivity, environmental quality, accessibility for people and freight, and transportation safety. The plan shall include quantifiable measures and achievable goals relating to, but not limited to, congestion reduction and safety, transit and high-occupancy vehicle facility use, job-to-housing ratios, job and housing access to transit and pedestrian facilities, air quality [*(including greenhouse gas emissions)*], and per capita vehicle miles traveled. [*Such quantifiable measures and achievable goals shall include, but not necessarily be limited to greenhouse gas emissions.*] The Board shall consider such goals in evaluating and selecting transportation improvement projects. The plan shall incorporate the approved long-range plans' measures and goals developed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Hampton Roads Transportation Authority. Each such plan shall be summarized in a public document and made available to the general public upon presentation to the Governor and General Assembly.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that this plan assess transportation needs and assign priorities to projects on a statewide basis, avoiding the production of a plan which is an aggregation of local, district, regional, or modal plans.

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