

Department of Planning and Budget

2008 Special Session II Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB 6038

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Marshall, R.

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Letting of contracts by the Commonwealth Transportation Board

5. **Summary:** This bill provides that, in letting transportation project contracts, particular transportation projects to be funded shall be those projects, as determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that will have the greatest impact on (i) reducing traffic congestion, (ii) improving air quality, and (iii) aiding the safety of motorists or pedestrians.

6. **Fiscal impacts estimates:** Indeterminate.

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** This bill would limit the ability of the Virginia Department of Transportation to include in the Six Year Improvement Program any projects other than those identified as meeting the criteria in the language of the bill. Projects that would help ensure the integrity of Virginia's infrastructure or statewide economic development would not be allowed under the proposed language.

Many of the projects included in the Six Year Improvement Plan and awarded for construction by the Commonwealth Transportation Board already meet the criteria required in this bill. However, the legislation limits localities from benefiting from funds available through the federal Transportation Enhancement Program, since the criteria for using those funds are not one of the three factors included in the bill. It also limits Virginia's rural areas, that don't typically have congestion and air quality issues, from planning and constructing projects that enhance their economic development potential.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Localities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

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

11. **Other comments:** None.

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