# **2011 SESSION**

11104669D 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2527** 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Appropriations 4 on January 31, 2011) 5 6 (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Howell, W.J.) A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-1509.1, 2.2-1514, as it is currently effective, 33.1-23.05, 33.1-23.1, 7 33.1-23.4:01, 33.1-268, 33.1-269, 33.1-276, 33.1-277, and 33.1-280 of the Code of Virginia; to 8 amend and reenact § 2 of the second enactment of Chapter 896 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007; and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 an article numbered 1.2, consisting of sections numbered 33.1-23.6 through 33.1-23.13, and an article numbered 1.3, 9 10 consisting of sections numbered 33.1-23.14 through 33.1-23.26, and by adding a section numbered 11 *33.1-221.1:1.3, relating to transportation funding.* 12 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 13 1. That §§ 2.2-1509.1, 2.2-1514, as it is currently effective, 33.1-23.05, 33.1-23.1, 33.1-23.4:01, 14 33.1-268, 33.1-269, 33.1-276, 33.1-277, and 33.1-280 of the Code of Virginia are amended and 15 reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 an 16 17 article numbered 1.2, consisting of sections numbered 33.1-23.6 through 33.1-23.13, and an article numbered 1.3, consisting of sections numbered 33.1-23.14 through 33.1-23.26, and by adding a 18 19 section numbered 33.1-221.1:1.3 as follows: 23. 20 § 2.2-1509.1. Budget bill to include appropriations for capital outlay projects. 21 A. For purposes of this section: "Projected general fund revenues" for a fiscal year means the estimated general fund revenues for 22 23 such year as contained in the six-year revenue plan submitted in the prior calendar year pursuant to 24 § 2.2-1503. 25 "Capital outlay project" means the same as that term is defined in § 2.2-1515. 26 B. In "The Budget Bill" submitted pursuant to § 2.2-1509, the Governor shall provide for the funding 27 of capital outlay projects, as specified herein. Such funding recommendations shall be in addition to any 28 appropriation for capital outlay projects from the Central Maintenance Reserve of the general 29 appropriation act. 30 1. The Governor shall include in "The Budget Bill" submitted pursuant to § 2.2-1509 a biennial appropriation for the capital outlay plan described in § 2.2-1518 and an additional appropriation for 31 32 transportation projects. The biennial appropriation shall not be less than two percent of the projected 33 general fund revenues for the biennium. 34 a. When the projected general fund revenues for a fiscal year or years are eight percent or greater 35 than the projected general fund revenues for the immediately preceding fiscal year the amount of the biennial appropriation for the capital outlay plan and the appropriation for transportation projects that 36 the Governor shall provide from general fund revenues shall not be less than two percent of the 37 38 projected general fund revenues for each fiscal year. 39 b. When the projected general fund revenues for a fiscal year or years are at least five percent but 40 less than eight percent greater than the projected general fund revenues for the immediately preceding 41 fiscal year, the Governor may recommend funding of up to one-half of the required biennial 42 appropriation from alternative financing mechanisms, including, but not limited to, bonded indebtedness. The Governor shall submit such bill or bills for consideration by the General Assembly as are necessary 43 to implement such alternative financings, and shall include in "The Budget Bill" submitted pursuant to 44 § 2.2-1509 proposed appropriations from general fund revenues for the remaining one-half of the 45 required biennial appropriation. 46 47 c. When the projected general fund revenues for a fiscal year or years are less than five percent greater than the projected general fund revenues for the immediately preceding fiscal year, the Governor **48** 49 may recommend funding of up to the entire required biennial appropriation from alternative financing mechanisms, including, but not limited to, bonded indebtedness. The Governor shall submit such bill or 50 51 bills for consideration by the General Assembly as are necessary to implement such alternative 52 financings. 53 2. In implementing the provisions of this section, the amount of general funds to be included in the 54 biennial appropriation for the capital outlay plan and the additional appropriation for transportation projects shall be calculated on a year-to-year basis, but may be apportioned on a biennial basis; 55 provided, however, that the combined total of general fund appropriations and alternative financing 56 mechanisms for the capital outlay plan included in "The Budget Bill" submitted pursuant to § 2.2-1509 57 shall equal at least two percent of the projected general fund revenues for the biennium. 58 59 C. The capital outlay projects *that are not transportation projects* proposed under this section and to

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be included in "The Budget Bill" submitted pursuant to § 2.2-1509 shall be consistent, as far as
practicable, with those capital outlay projects included in the corresponding fiscal year of the current
six-year capital outlay plan described in § 2.2-1518.

63 § 2.2-1514. (Contingent expiration date - see Editor's notes) Assignment of general fund for
 64 nonrecurring expenditures.

A. As used in this section:

66 "The Budget Bill" means the "The Budget Bill" submitted pursuant to § 2.2-1509, including any67 amendments to a general appropriation act pursuant to such section.

<sup>68</sup> "Nonrecurring expenditures" means the acquisition or construction of capital outlay projects as
<sup>69</sup> defined in § 2.2-1518, the acquisition or construction of capital improvements, the acquisition of land,
<sup>70</sup> the acquisition of equipment, or other expenditures of a one-time nature as specified in the general
<sup>71</sup> appropriation act. Such term shall not include any expenditures relating to transportation, including but
<sup>72</sup> not limited to transportation maintenance.

73 B. At the end of each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall assign within his annual report pursuant to 74 § 2.2-813 as follows: one-third of the remaining amount of the general fund balance that is not 75 otherwise restricted, committed, or assigned for other usage within the general fund any amounts collected in excess of the official general fund revenue estimate included in the general appropriation 76 act in effect at that time shall be assigned by the Comptroller for nonrecurring expenditures the Virginia 77 78 Water Quality Improvement Fund pursuant to § 10.1-2128, and two-thirds shall be assigned for deposit 79 into the Transportation Trust Fund. No such assignment shall be made unless the full amounts required 80 for other restrictions, commitments, or assignments including but not limited to (i) the Revenue Stabilization Fund deposit pursuant to § 2.2-1829, (ii) the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund 81 deposit pursuant to § 10.1-2128, but excluding any deposits provided under the Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund established under § 10.1-2128.1, (iii) capital outlay reappropriations 82 83 84 pursuant to the general appropriation act, (iv) (a) operating expense reappropriations pursuant to the 85 general appropriation act, and (b) reappropriations of unexpended appropriations to certain public 86 institutions of higher education pursuant to § 2.2-5005, (v) pro rata rebate payments to certain public 87 institutions of higher education pursuant to § 2.2-5005, (vi) the unappropriated balance anticipated in the 88 general appropriation act for the end of such fiscal year, and (vii) interest payments on deposits of 89 certain public institutions of higher education pursuant to § 2.2-5005 are set aside. The Comptroller shall 90 set aside amounts required for clauses (iv) (b), (v), and (vii) beginning with the initial fiscal year as 91 determined under § 2.2-5005 and for all fiscal years thereafter has been set aside.

92 C. At the end of each fiscal year, the Comptroller shall assign within his annual report pursuant to § 2.2-813 the remaining amount of the general fund balance after providing for the set asides as directed in subsection B, that is not otherwise restricted, committed, or assigned for other usage for 93 94 nonrecurring expenditures. No such assignment shall be made unless the full amounts required for other 95 96 restrictions, commitments, or assignments including but not limited to (i) capital outlay reappropriations 97 pursuant to the general appropriation act, (ii) (a) operating expense reappropriations pursuant to the 98 general appropriation act and (b) reappropriations of unexpended appropriations to certain public institutions of higher education pursuant to § 2.2-5005, (iii) pro rata rebate payments to certain public 99 100 institutions of higher education pursuant to § 2.2-5005, (iv) the unappropriated balance anticipated in the general appropriation act for the end of such fiscal year, and (v) interest payments on deposits of 101 102 certain public institutions of higher education pursuant to § 2.2-5005 are set aside. The Comptroller 103 shall set aside amounts required for clauses (ii) (b), (iii), and (v) beginning with the initial fiscal year as determined under § 2.2-5005 and for all fiscal years thereafter. CD. The Governor shall include in "The Budget Bill" pursuant to § 2.2-1509 recommended 104

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106 appropriations from the general fund or recommended amendments to general fund appropriations in the
107 general appropriation act in effect at that time an amount for nonrecurring expenditures, an amount for
108 the Water Quality Improvement Fund, and an amount for deposit into the Transportation Trust Fund or
109 any subfund thereof equal to the amounts assigned by the Comptroller for such purposes pursuant to the
110 provisions of subsections B and C. Such deposit to the Transportation Trust Fund shall not
111 preclude the appropriation of additional amounts from the general fund for transportation purposes.
112 § 33.1-23.05. Revenue-sharing funds for systems in certain counties, cities, and towns.

113 A. From revenues made available by the General Assembly after January 1, 2008, and appropriated 114 for the improvement, construction, or reconstruction of the systems of state highways, the 115 Commonwealth Transportation Board shall may make an equivalent matching allocation to any county, 116 city, or town for designations by the governing body of up to \$1 \$10 million in county, city, or town 117 general funds for use by the county, city, or town to improve, construct, or reconstruct the highway systems within such county, city, or town. After adopting a resolution supporting the action, the 118 119 governing body may request revenue-sharing funds to improve, construct, or reconstruct a highway 120 system located in another locality, between two or more localities, or to bring subdivision streets, used as such prior to July 1, 1992 the date specified in § 33.1-72.1, up to standards sufficient to qualify them 121

122 for inclusion in the state primary and secondary system of highways. All requests for funding shall be 123 accompanied by a prioritized listing of specified projects.

124 B. The allocation of funds to localities shall be only for the purposes set forth in subsection A. In 125 allocating funds under this section, the Board shall give priority (i) first when such project is 126 administered by the county, city, or town, either directly or by contract with another entity, (ii) second, 127 when such county, city, or town commits more local funding than the amount of revenue sharing 128 funding requested, and (iii) third when the allocation will accelerate an existing project in the Six-Year 129 Improvement Program or the locality's capital plans. Any funds remaining may be applied to any other 130 project that requires an equivalent matching allocation from the governing body to allocations that will 131 accelerate projects in the Commonwealth Transportation Six-Year Improvement Program or the 132 locality's capital plan.

133 C. The Department will contract with the county, city, or town for the implementation of the project 134 or projects. Such contract may cover either a single project or may provide for the locality's implementation of several projects during the fiscal year. The county, city, or town will undertake 135 implementation of the particular project or projects by obtaining the necessary permits from the Department of Transportation in order to ensure that the improvement is consistent with the 136 137 138 Department's standards for such improvements. At the request of the locality, the Department may 139 provide the locality with engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and/or construction services for a project 140 with its own forces. The locality shall provide payment to the Department for any such services. If 141 administered by the Department, such contract shall also require that the governing body pay to the 142 Department within 30 days the local revenue-sharing funds from its general fund upon written notice by 143 the Department of its intent to proceed. Any project having funds allocated under this program shall be 144 initiated in such a fashion where at least a portion of such funds have been expended within two 145 subsequent fiscal years of allocation. Any revenue-sharing funds for projects not initiated after two 146 subsequent fiscal years of allocation may be reallocated at the discretion of the Commonwealth 147 Transportation Board.

148 D. Total Commonwealth funds allocated by the Board under this section shall not exceed  $\frac{550}{200}$ 149 million in any one fiscal year and no less than \$15 million each fiscal year, subject to appropriation for 150 such purpose.

151 E. No more than three months prior to the end of any fiscal year in which less than the full program 152 allocation has been allocated by the Board to specific governing bodies, those localities requesting the 153 maximum allocation under subsection A may be allowed an additional allocation.

154 E. The funds allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board under this section shall be 155 distributed and administered in accordance with the revenue-sharing program guidelines established by 156 the Board. 157

§ 33.1-23.1. Allocation of funds among highway systems.

158 A. The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate each year from all funds made available 159 for highway purposes such amount as it deems reasonable and necessary for the maintenance of roads 160 within the interstate system of highways, the primary system of state highways, the secondary system of state highways and for city and town street maintenance payments made pursuant to § 33.1-41.1 and 161 162 payments made to counties which have withdrawn or elect to withdraw from the secondary system of 163 state highways pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:1 and for revenue sharing pursuant to § 33.1-23.05.

164 B. After funds are set aside for administrative and general expenses and pursuant to other provisions 165 in this title which provide for the disposition of funds prior to allocation for highway purposes, and after 166 allocation is made pursuant to subsection A of this section, the Commonwealth Transportation Board 167 may allocate each year up to 10% 10 percent of the funds remaining for highway purposes for the 168 undertaking and financing of rail projects that, in the Board's determination, will result in mitigation of highway congestion. After the forgoing allocations have been made, the Board shall allocate the 169 170 remaining funds available for highway purposes, exclusive of federal funds for the interstate system, 171 among the several highway systems for construction first pursuant to §§ 33.1-23.1:1 and 33.1-23.1:2 and 172 then as follows:

173 1. Forty percent of the remaining funds exclusive of federal-aid matching funds for the interstate 174 system shall be allocated to the primary system of state highways, including the arterial network, and in 175 addition, an amount shall be allocated to the primary system as interstate matching funds as provided in 176 subsection B of § 33.1-23.2.

177 2. Thirty percent of the remaining funds exclusive of federal-aid matching funds for the interstate 178 system shall be allocated to urban highways for state aid pursuant to § 33.1-44.

179 3. Thirty percent of the remaining funds exclusive of federal-aid matching funds for the interstate 180 system shall be allocated to the secondary system of state highways.

181 C. In addition, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, from funds appropriated for such purpose 182 in the general appropriation act, shall allocate additional funds to the Cities of Newport News, Norfolk,

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and Portsmouth and the County of Warren in such manner and apportion such funds among such 183 184 localities as the Board may determine, unless otherwise provided in the general appropriation act. The 185 localities shall use such funds to address highway maintenance and repair needs created by or associated 186 with port operations in those localities.

187 D. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the General Assembly may, through the 188 general appropriations act, permit the Governor to increase the amounts to be allocated to highway 189 maintenance, highway construction, either or both.

190 § 33.1-23.4:01. Allocation of proceeds of Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Capital Projects 191 Revenue Bonds.

192 The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate, use, and distribute the proceeds of any bonds it is authorized to issue on or after July 1, 2007, pursuant to subdivision 4f of § 33.1-269, as 193 194 follows:

195 1. A minimum of 20% 20 percent of the bond proceeds shall be used for transit capital consistent with subdivision A 4 g of § 58.1-638. 196

197 2. A minimum of  $\frac{4.3\%}{4.3}$  *ercent* of the bond proceeds shall be used for rail capital consistent with 198 the provisions of §§ 33.1-221.1:1.1 and 33.1-221.1:1.2.

199 3. The remaining amount of bond proceeds shall be used for paying the costs incurred or to be 200 incurred for construction of transportation projects with such bond proceeds used or allocated as follows: 201 (a) (i) first, to match federal highway funds projected to be made available and allocated to highway and 202 public transportation capital projects to the extent determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, for purposes of allowing additional state construction funds to be allocated to the primary, urban, 203 204 and secondary systems of highways pursuant to subdivisions B 1, B 2, and B 3 of § 33.1-23.1; (b) (ii) next, to provide any required funding to fulfill the Commonwealth's allocation of equivalent revenue sharing matching funds pursuant to § 33.1-23.05 to the extent determined by the Commonwealth 205 206 Transportation Board; and (c) (iii) third, to pay or fund the costs of statewide or regional projects 207 208 throughout the Commonwealth. Costs incurred or to be incurred for construction or funding of these 209 transportation projects shall include, but are not limited to, environmental and engineering studies, 210 rights-of-way acquisition, improvements to all modes of transportation, acquisition, construction and 211 related improvements, and any financing costs or other financing expenses relating to such bonds. Such 212 costs may include the payment of interest on such bonds for a period during construction and not 213 exceeding one year after completion of construction of the relevant project.

214 4. The total amount of bonds authorized shall be used for purposes of applying the percentages in 215 subdivisions 1 through 3. 216

### Article 1.2.

## Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

§ 33.1-23.6. Legislative findings and purposes.

The General Assembly finds that there exists in the Commonwealth a critical need for additional 219 220 sources of funding to finance the present and future needs of the Commonwealth for the design and construction of roads and highways, including toll facilities, mass transit, freight and commuter rail, 221 222 including rolling stock, port, and other transportation facilities. This need can be alleviated in part 223 through the creation of a transportation infrastructure bank. The purpose of such bank is to encourage 224 the investment of both public and private funds and to make loans and other financial assistance available to localities, private entities, and other eligible borrowers to finance eligible transportation 225 226 projects. The General Assembly determines that the creation of a transportation infrastructure bank for 227 this purpose is in the public interest, serves a public purpose and will promote the health, safety, 228 welfare, convenience, or prosperity of the people of the Commonwealth. 229

§ 33.1-23.7. Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Bank" means the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank created in § 33.1-23.8.

232 "Cost," as applied to any project financed under the provisions of this article, means the total of all costs including, but not limited to, the costs of planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, engineering, 233 234 and construction incurred by an eligible borrower or other project sponsor as reasonable and necessary 235 for carrying out all works and undertakings necessary or incident to the accomplishment of any project. 236 The term also includes capitalized interest, reasonably required reserve funds, and financing, credit 237 enhancement, and issuance costs.

238 "Credit enhancements" means surety bonds, insurance policies, letters of credit, guarantees, and 239 other forms of collateral or security.

240 "Creditworthiness" means attributes such as revenue stability, debt service coverage, reserves, and 241 other factors commonly considered in assessing the strength of the security for indebtedness.

"Éligible borrower" means any (i) private entity; (ii) locality; (iii) local, regional, state, or federal 242 243 entity or transportation authority, planning district, commission, or political subdivision created by the General Assembly or pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth; (iv) metropolitan 244

245 planning organization; (v) entity established by interstate compact; (vi) instrumentality, corporation, or 246 entity established by any of the foregoing or any project sponsor pursuant to § 33.1-23.11; or (vii) 247 combination of two or more of the foregoing.

248 "Loan" means an obligation subject to repayment that is provided by the Bank to an eligible 249 borrower for all or a part of the eligible cost of a project incurred by an eligible borrower or a project 250 sponsor. A loan may be disbursed in anticipation of reimbursement for (including an advance or draw 251 under a credit enhancement instrument) or direct payment of eligible costs of a project.

252 "Locality" means any county, city, or town in the Commonwealth.

253 "Management agreement" means the memorandum of understanding or interagency agreement 254 between the Virginia Resources Authority and the Commonwealth Transportation Board as authorized 255 under subsection B of § 33.1-23.8.

256 "Manager" means the Virginia Resources Authority serving as the manager and administrator of the 257 Bank in accordance with the provisions of this article and the management agreement.

258 "Other financial assistance" means, but is not limited to, grants, interest rate subsidies, capital or 259 debt reserves for bonds or debt instrument financing, provision of letters of credit and other forms of 260 credit enhancement, and other lawful forms of financing and methods of leveraging funds that are 261 approved by the Manager.

262 "Private entity" means any private or nongovernmental entity that has executed an interim or 263 comprehensive agreement to develop and construct a transportation infrastructure project pursuant to 264 the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 56-556 et seq.).

265 "Project" means (i) the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of any interstate, 266 state highway, toll road, tunnel, local road, or bridge; or (ii) the construction, reconstruction, 267 rehabilitation, replacement, of any (a) transit, (b) passenger or freight rail, (c) port, or (c) airport 268 facility; or the acquisition of any vehicle or equipment to be used therewith.

269 "Project obligation" means any bonds, notes, debentures, interim certificates, grant or revenue 270 anticipation notes, leases or lease-purchase or installment sales agreements, or credit enhancements 271 issued, incurred, or entered into by an eligible borrower or project sponsor to evidence or guarantee a 272 loan, or any financing agreements, reimbursement agreements, or other evidences of an obligation of an 273 eligible borrower or a project sponsor for the payment or guarantee of a loan.

274 "Project sponsor" means any eligible borrower and any other governmental or nongovernmental 275 entity that is involved in the construction, maintenance, and financing of a project for which a loan is 276 made.

277 "Reliable repayment source" means any means by which an eligible borrower or project sponsor 278 generates funds that are dedicated to the purpose of retiring a project obligation.

279 "Substantial project completion" means the opening of a project for vehicular or passenger traffic or 280 the handling of cargo and freight. 281

§ 33.1-23.8. Creation of the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

282 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting, revolving loan fund that is a 283 subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund, known as the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. 284 The Bank shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. The Bank shall be capitalized as 285 recommended by the Governor, and appropriated by the General Assembly, and the appropriations shall 286 be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Bank. Repayment of loans and interest earned on the 287 moneys in the Bank shall be credited to the Bank. Any moneys remaining in the Bank, including interest 288 thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Bank. 289 The Bank shall be managed and administered by the Manager subject to certain specific rights of the 290 Commonwealth Transportation Board as set forth in this article or the management agreement. 291 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this article or in the management agreement, the 292 Commonwealth Transportation Board will have the right to determine the projects for which loans or 293 other financial assistance may be made provided by the Bank. Moneys in the Bank shall be used solely 294 for the purposes enumerated in subsections C and D.

295 B. The Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Resources Authority are authorized to 296 enter into a management agreement under which the Virginia Resources Authority will manage and 297 administer the Bank, which may include provisions (i) setting forth the terms and conditions under 298 which the Virginia Resources Authority will advise the Commonwealth Transportation Board on the 299 financial propriety of providing loans or other financial assistance to prospective eligible borrowers or 300 other project sponsors, (ii) setting forth the terms and conditions under which the substantive 301 requirements of subsections C through F and § 33.1-23.11 will be applied and administered, and (iii) 302 authorizing the Virginia Resources Authority to disburse from the moneys in or payable to the Bank the 303 reasonable costs and expenses the Virginia Resources Authority may incur in the management and administration of the Bank and a reasonable fee to be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation 304 305 Board for the Virginia Resources Authority's management and administrative services.

306 C. 1. Moneys deposited in the Bank shall be used for the purpose of making loans and other 307 financial assistance to finance projects.

308 2. Each project obligation shall be payable, in whole or in part, from reliable repayment sources 309 pledged for such purpose.

310 3. The interest rate on a project obligation, if any, shall be determined by reference to the current 311 market rates for comparable obligations, the nature of the project and the financing structure therefor, 312 and the creditworthiness of the eligible borrower and any other project sponsors.

313 4. The repayment schedule for each project obligation shall require the amortization of principal beginning no later than five years following substantial project completion and a final maturity date of 314 315 not more than 35 years following substantial project completion.

D. A portion not to exceed 20 percent of the capitalization of the Bank may be used for grants or 316 317 interest rate subsidies to localities to finance projects.

318 E. The pledge of reliable repayment sources and other property securing any project obligation may be subordinate to the pledge securing any other senior debt obligations incurred to finance the project. 319

320 F. Notwithstanding subdivision C 4, the Manager may at any time following substantial project 321 completion, reduce, defer or cancel payments on a project obligation if the project is unable to generate 322 sufficient revenues to pay the scheduled payments.

323 G. No loan or other financial assistance may be provided or committed to be provided by the Bank 324 in a manner that would cause such loan or other financial assistance to be tax-supported debt within 325 the meaning of § 2.2-2713 or be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth but shall be payable solely from legally 326 327 available moneys held by the Bank.

328 H. The Bank is not authorized or empowered to be or to constitute a bank or trust company within 329 the jurisdiction or under the control of the Commonwealth or an agency thereof or the Comptroller of 330 Currency of the U.S. Treasury Department; or a bank, banker, or dealer in securities within the meaning of, or subject to the provisions of, any securities, securities exchange, or securities dealers law 331 332 of the United States or of the Commonwealth.

333 I. The Commonwealth Transportation Board or the Manager may direct the Comptroller to establish 334 federal and state accounts or subaccounts as may be necessary to meet any applicable federal law 335 requirements or desirable for the efficient administration of the Bank in accordance with this article. 336

§ 33.1-23.9. Eligibility and project selection.

337 A. Any entity constituting an eligible borrower or a project sponsor is eligible to apply for a loan or 338 other financial assistance from the Bank to finance a project.

339 B. Notwithstanding subsection A, only localities are eligible to apply for a grant or an interest rate 340 subsidy from the Bank.

341 C. All applicants for a loan must file an application with the Manager, which must include all items 342 determined by the Manager to be necessary and appropriate for the Commonwealth Transportation Board to determine whether or not to approve the loan, including the availability of reliable repayment 343 344 sources to retire the project obligation as well as creditworthiness.

345 D. Any locality applying for a grant or interest rate subsidy must demonstrate, among other things 346 as determined by the Manager, that the project cannot be financed on reasonable terms or would 347 otherwise be financially infeasible without the grant or interest rate subsidy.

348 E. Each applicant for a loan or other financial assistance must demonstrate that the project is of 349 local, regional or statewide significance, and it meets the goal of generating economic benefits, improving air quality, reducing congestion, and/or improving safety through enhancement of the state 350 351 transportation network. Another criterion to be considered is whether or not the loan or other financial 352 assistance will enable the project to be completed at an earlier date than otherwise feasible.

353 F. All projects for which a loan or other financial assistance is provided must meet and remain in 354 compliance with the policies and guidelines established by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Resources Authority. 355 356

§ 33.1-23.10. Grants from the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

357 The Commonwealth Transportation Board may make grants of money or property to the Bank for the 358 purpose of enabling it to carry out its corporate purposes and for the exercise of its powers. This 359 section shall not be construed to limit any other power the Commonwealth Transportation Board may 360 have to make grants to the Bank. 361

§ 33.1-23.11. Acquisition of project obligations.

362 A. The Manager shall have the power and authority to cause the Bank to purchase or otherwise 363 acquire, on terms as defined by the Manager, project obligations to evidence or guarantee loans or 364 other financial assistance (which for purposes of this section shall not include grants and interest rate subsidies) provided to finance or refinance the costs of any project. The Manager may also sell any 365 366 project obligations so acquired and apply the proceeds of such a sale to the making of additional loans and the provision of other financial assistance for financing or refinancing the cost of any project or for 367

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**368** any other corporate purpose of the Bank.

B. The Manager may require, as a condition to provision of a loan or other financial assistance and
the acquisition of any project obligations, that the eligible borrower or other project sponsor or
sponsors covenant to perform any of the following:

1. Establish and collect tolls, rents, rates, fees, and other charges to produce revenue sufficient to pay all or a specified portion of (i) the costs of operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal, and repairs of the project; (ii) any outstanding indebtedness incurred for the purposes of the project, including the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the project obligations; and (iii) any amounts necessary to create and maintain any required reserve, including any rate stabilization fund deemed necessary or appropriate by the Manager to offset the need, in whole or part, for future increases in tolls, rents, rates, fees, or charges;

2. Create and maintain a special fund or funds as security for or the source of the scheduled
payments on the project obligations or for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of the
project or any portions thereof or other property of the eligible borrower or other project sponsors, and
deposit into any fund or funds amounts sufficient to make any payments as they become due and
payable;

**384** *3.* Create and maintain other special funds as required by the Manager; and

4. Perform other acts, including the conveyance or mortgaging of real and personal property together with all right, title and interest therein to secure project obligations, or take other actions as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Manager to secure payment of the project obligations and to provide for the remedies of the Manager or other holder of the project obligations in the event of any default or nonpayment by the eligible borrower or other project sponsor or sponsors, including, without limitation, any of the following:

a. The procurement of credit enhancements or liquidity arrangements for project obligations fromany source, public or private, and the payment therefor of premiums, fees, or other charges.

b. The combination of one or more projects, or the combination of one or more projects with one or
more other undertakings, facilities, or systems, for the purpose of operations and financing, and the
pledging of the revenues from such combined projects, undertakings, facilities, and systems to secure
project obligations issued in connection with such combination or any part or parts thereof.

397 c. The payment of such fees and charges in connection with the acquisition of the project obligations398 as may be determined by the Manager.

C. All eligible borrowers and other project sponsors, including any localities, providing project
obligations to the Bank are authorized to perform any acts, take any action, adopt any proceedings and
make and carry out any contracts with the Bank, the Manager, or the Commonwealth Transportation
Board that are contemplated by this article. Such contracts need not be identical among all eligible
borrowers or other project sponsors, but may be structured as determined by the Manager according to
the needs of the contracting eligible borrowers and other project sponsors and the purposes of the
Bank.

406 In addition, subject to the approval of the Manager, any project sponsor is authorized to establish
407 and contract with a special purpose or limited instrumentality, corporation, or other entity for the
408 purpose of having such entity serve as the eligible borrower with respect to a particular project.

**409** § 33.1-23.12. Exemption from taxation; exemption from Virginia Public Procurement Act.

410 A. The Bank will be performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers 411 conferred upon it by this article. Accordingly, the Bank shall not be required to pay any taxes or 412 assessments to the Commonwealth or its localities or any political subdivision thereof upon any capital, 413 moneys or any property or upon any operations of the Bank or the income therefrom, or any taxes or 414 assessments upon any project or any property or project obligation acquired by the Bank under the 415 provisions of this article or upon the income therefrom.

**416** B. The provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) shall not apply to the **417** Bank in the exercise of any power conferred under this article.

418 § 33.1-23.13. Reporting requirement.

A. No loan or other financial assistance shall be awarded from the Bank until the Secretary of
Transportation has provided copies of the management agreement and related criteria and guidelines to
the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations, Finance, and Transportation and the Senate
Committees on Finance and Transportation.

B. Within 30 days after each six-month period ending June 30 and December 31, the Virginia
Resources Authority shall provide a report to the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations,
Finance, and Transportation and the Senate Committees on Finance and Transportation, which shall
include, but not be limited to, the amounts of loans and other financial assistance provided by the Bank

427 and the projects for which the loans and other financial assistance were provided.

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429 Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Transportation Grant Anticipation Revenue Notes. 430

§ 33.1-23.14. Short title; definitions.

431 A. This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Commonwealth of Virginia Federal 432 Transportation Grant Anticipation Revenue Notes Act of 2011."

433 B. As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Federal highway reimbursements" means all federal-aid highway construction reimbursements and 434 435 any other federal highway assistance received from time to time by the Commonwealth under or in 436 accordance with Title 23 of the United States Code or any successor program established under federal 437 law from the Federal Highway Administration and any successor or additional federal agencies.

438 'GARVEE" means an "eligible debt financing instrument" as defined under § 122 of Chapter 1 of 439 Title 23 of the United States Code, the principal of and interest on which and certain other costs 440 associated therewith may be reimbursed by federal highway reimbursements. 441

"Notes" means those notes authorized and issued pursuant to § 33.1-23.15.

442 "Project-specific reimbursements" means the federal highway reimbursements received by the 443 Commonwealth from time to time only with respect to the project or projects to be financed by the 444 *Notes or any series thereof.* 

445 "Series" means any grouping of Notes issued at one time or from time to time as designated as such 446 by the Board as necessary or desirable for administrative convenience, satisfaction of federal tax or 447 securities law requirements, or any similar purpose.

448 § 33.1-23.15. Authorization of Notes.

449 The Board is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Governor, to issue, pursuant to the 450 provisions of the State Revenue Bond Act (§ 33.1-267 et seq.), in one or more series from time to time revenue obligations of the Commonwealth to be designated "Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Transportation Grant Anticipation Revenue Notes, Series .," ("Notes") provided that the aggregate 451 452 principal amount outstanding at any time shall not exceed the amount authorized pursuant to the second 453 454 enactments of Chapters 1019 and 1044 of the Acts of Assembly of 2000 as amended by Chapter 655 of 455 the Acts of Assembly of 2005, less any principal amounts outstanding from revenue obligations issued 456 pursuant to those enactments prior to January 1, 2011, and exclusive of (i) the amount of any revenue 457 obligations that may be issued to refund Notes issued under this Article or the revenue obligations 458 issued under those enactments in accordance with § 33.1-293, and (ii) any amounts issued for financing 459 expenses (including, without limitation, any original issue discount). 460

§ 33.1-23.16. Use of proceeds of Notes.

461 A. The net proceeds of the Notes shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing funds, 462 together with any other available funds, for paying the costs incurred or to be incurred for construction 463 or funding of such projects to be designated by the Board.

464 B. The proceeds of Notes, including any premium received on the sale thereof, shall be made 465 available by the Board to pay costs of the projects and, where appropriate, may be paid to any authority, locality, commission, or other entity for the purposes of paying for costs of the projects. The 466 proceeds of Notes may be used together with any federal, local, or private funds that may be made 467 468 available for such purpose. The proceeds of Notes, together with any investment earnings thereon, may 469 at the discretion of the Board secure the payment of principal or purchase price of and redemption 470 premium, if any, and interest on Notes. 471

§ 33.1-23.17. Details of Notes.

472 A. The terms and structure of each issue of Notes shall be determined by the Board, subject to approval by the Treasury Board if required in accordance with § 2.2-2416. The Notes of each issue 473 474 shall be dated, shall be issued in a principal amount (subject to the limitation as to amount outstanding at any one time set forth in § 33.1-23.15), shall bear interest at such rate or rates that may be fixed, 475 476 adjustable, variable, or a combination thereof, and may be determined by a formula or other method, 477 shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 20 years after the issuance thereof, and may be made subject to purchase or redemption before their maturity or maturities, at such price or prices and under 478 such terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Board. The Board shall determine the form 479 480 and series designations of Notes, whether Notes are certificated or uncertificated, and fix the authorized 481 denomination or denominations of Notes and the place or places of payment of principal or purchase 482 price of, and redemption premium, if any, and interest on, Notes, which may be at the office of the State Treasurer or any bank or trust company within or without the Commonwealth. The principal or 483 484 purchase price of, and redemption premium, if any, and interest on, Notes shall be made payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each issue of Notes may be issued under a system of 485 486 book entry for recording the ownership and transfer of ownership of rights to receive payments of 487 principal or purchase price of and redemption premium, if any, and interest on such Notes. All Notes 488 shall have and are hereby declared to have, as between successive holders, all the qualities and 489 incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable instruments law of the Commonwealth.

490 B. The Board may sell Notes from time to time at public or private sale, by competitive bidding,

- 491 negotiated sale, or private placement, for such price or prices as it may determine to be in the best 492 interests of the Commonwealth.
- 493 § 33.1-23.18. Form and manner of execution; signature of person ceasing to be officer.

494 The Notes shall be signed on behalf of the Board by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board, 495 or shall bear the facsimile signature of such officer, and shall bear the official seal of the Board, which 496 shall be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the secretary or assistant secretary of the 497 Board. In the event that Notes shall bear the facsimile signature of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of **498** the Board, such Notes shall be signed by such administrative assistant as the Chairman of the Board 499 shall determine or by any registrar/paying agent that may be designated by the Board. In case any 500 officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any Notes shall cease to be such 501 officer before the delivery of such Notes, such signature or facsimile signature nevertheless shall be 502 valid and sufficient for all purposes as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

§ 33.1-23.19. Authority to obtain GARVEE approval. 503

504 The Board is authorized to seek any necessary approvals for the issuance of Notes as GARVEEs 505 from the Federal Highway Administration and any successor or additional federal agencies.

506 § 33.1-23.20. Expenses.

507 All expenses incurred under this article or in connection with issuance of Notes shall be paid from 508 the proceeds of such Notes or from any available funds as the Board shall determine.

509 § 33.1-23.21. Deposit of proceeds.

510 The proceeds of each series of Notes shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund in the 511 state treasury or may be placed with a trustee in accordance with § 33.1-283 and shall be disbursed 512 only for the purpose for which such series shall be issued. 513

§ 33.1-23.22. Other funds.

514 The Board is hereby authorized to receive any other funds that may be made available to pay costs 515 of the projects and, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly or allocation or designation by 516 the Board, as the case may be, to make available the same to the payment of the principal or purchase 517 price of, and redemption premium, if any, and interest on Notes authorized hereby and to enter into the 518 appropriate agreements to allow for those funds to be paid into the state treasury, or to a trustee in 519 accordance with § 33.1-283 to pay a part of the costs of the projects or to pay principal or purchase 520 price of, and redemption premium, if any, and interest on Notes. 521

§ 33.1-23.23. Application of project-specific reimbursements.

522 A. In accordance with Article X, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia, and § 2.2-1802, all federal 523 highway reimbursements are paid into the state treasury. In connection with each series of Notes issued 524 pursuant to this article, the Board shall establish a fund in accordance with § 33.1-286 either in the 525 state treasury or with a trustee in accordance with § 33.1-283, which secures and is used for the 526 payment of such series of Notes to the credit of which there shall be deposited such amounts, 527 appropriated therefor by the General Assembly, as are required to pay principal or purchase price of, 528 and redemption premium, if any, and interest on Notes, as and when due and payable, (i) first from the 529 project-specific reimbursements; (ii) then, at the discretion of the Board, to the extent required, from 530 legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund; and (iii) then from such other funds, if any, 531 which are designated by the General Assembly for such purpose.

532 B. The Board is authorized to provide that the pledge of federal highway reimbursements and any 533 other federal highway assistance received for all or any series of the Notes will be subordinate to any 534 prior pledge thereof to notes issued pursuant to subdivision 4d of § 33.1-269 and the second enactments 535 of Chapters 1019 and 1044 of the Acts of Assembly of 2000, as amended and that the obligation to 536 make transfers of federal highway reimbursements and any other federal highway assistance received or 537 other amounts into any fund established under subsection A will be subordinate to the obligation to 538 make any required payments or deposits on or with respect to notes issued pursuant to subdivision 4d of 539 § 33.1-269 and the second enactments of Chapters 1019 and 1044 of the Acts of Assembly of 2000, as 540 amended. 541

§ 33.1-23.24. Investment of proceeds and other amounts.

542 Notes proceeds and moneys in any reserve funds and sinking funds in respect of Notes shall be 543 invested by the State Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of general law relating to the 544 investment of such funds belonging to or in the control of the Commonwealth, or by a trustee in 545 accordance with § 33.1-283.

546 § 33.1-23.25. Exemption from taxation.

547 The interest income from and any profit made on the sale of the Notes issued under the provisions of 548 this article shall at all times be free and exempt from taxation by the Commonwealth and by any 549 municipality, county, or other political subdivision thereof.

550 § 33.1-23.26. Notes as eligible securities.

551 All Notes issued under the provisions of this article are hereby made securities in which all persons

552 and entities listed in § 33.1-280 may properly and legally invest funds under their control. 553

§ 33.1-221.1:1.3. Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund.

554 A. The General Assembly declares it to be in the public interest that developing and continuing 555 intercity passenger rail operations and the development of rail infrastructure, rolling stock, and support 556 facilities to support intercity passenger rail service are important elements of a balanced transportation 557 system in the Commonwealth and further declares it to be in the public interest that the retention, 558 maintenance, improvement, and development of intercity passenger rail-related infrastructure 559 improvements and operations are essential to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth, vitality, 560 and competitiveness in national and world markets.

561 B. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund, which shall be considered a special fund within 562 the Transportation Trust Fund. The Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund shall be 563 established on the books of the Comptroller and shall consist of funds as may be set forth in the 564 appropriation act and by allocation of funds for operations and projects pursuant to this section by the 565 Commonwealth Transportation Board in accordance with § 33.1-23.1. Interest earned on moneys in the 566 567 Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund shall remain in the Intercity Passenger Rail 568 Operating and Capital Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Intercity Passenger 569 Rail Operating and Capital Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not 570 revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund. 571 Moneys in the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund shall be used solely as provided in 572 this section. Expenditures and disbursements from the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital 573 Fund shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written request 574 signed by the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation or his designee.

C. The Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation or his designee shall 575 administer and expend or commit, subject to the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, 576 the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund to support the cost of operating intercity 577 578 passenger rail service; acquiring, leasing, and/or improving railways or railroad equipment, rolling 579 stock, rights-of-way, or facilities; or assisting other appropriate entities to acquire, lease, or improve 580 railways or railroad equipment, rolling stock, rights-of-way, or facilities for intercity passenger rail 581 transportation purposes whenever the Board shall have determined that such acquisition, lease, and/or 582 improvement is for the common good of a region of the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth as a 583 whole. Funds provided in this section may also be used as matching funds for federal grants to support 584 intercity passenger rail projects.

585 D. Capital projects including tracks and facilities constructed and property, equipment, and rolling 586 stock purchased with funds under this section shall be the property of the Commonwealth for the useful 587 life of the project, as determined by the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 588 and shall be made available for use by all intercity passenger rail operations and common carriers 589 using the railway system to which they connect under the trackage rights or operating agreements 590 between the parties. Projects undertaken pursuant to this section shall be limited to those of a region of 591 the Commonwealth or the Commonwealth as a whole. Such projects undertaken pursuant to this section 592 shall not require a matching contribution; however, projects proposed with matching funds may receive more favorable consideration. Matching funds may be provided from any source except Commonwealth 593 594 Transportation Fund revenues. 595

§ 33.1-268. Definitions.

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As used in this article, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

597 (1) The word "Board" means the Commonwealth Transportation Board, or if the Commonwealth **598** Transportation Board is abolished, any board, commission or officer succeeding to the principal 599 functions thereof or upon whom the powers given by this article to the Board shall be given by law. 600

(2) The word "project" or "projects" means any one or more of the following:

(a) York River Bridges, extending from a point within the Town of Yorktown in York County, or within York County across the York River to Gloucester Point or some point in Gloucester County. 601 602

603 (b) Rappahannock River Bridge, extending from Greys Point, or its vicinity, in Middlesex County, 604 across the Rappahannock River to a point in the vicinity of White Stone, in Lancaster County, or at some other feasible point in the general vicinity of the two respective points. 605 606

(c), (d) [Reserved.]

607 (e) James River Bridge, from a point at or near Jamestown, in James City County, across the James 608 River to a point in Surry County. 609

(f), (g) [Reserved.]

(h) James River, Chuckatuck and Nansemond River Bridges, together with necessary connecting 610 roads, in the Cities of Newport News and Suffolk and the County of Isle of Wight. 611

612 (i) [Reserved.]

613 (j) Hampton Roads Bridge, Tunnel, or Bridge and Tunnel System, extending from a point or points

614 in the Cities of Newport News and Hampton on the northwest shore of Hampton Roads across Hampton615 Roads to a point or points in the City of Norfolk or Suffolk on the southeast shore of Hampton Roads.

616 (k) The Norfolk-Virginia Beach Highway, extending from a point in the vicinity of the intersection
617 of Interstate Route 64 and Primary Route 58 at Norfolk to some feasible point between London Bridge
618 and Primary Route 60.

(1) The Henrico-James River Bridge, extending from a point on the eastern shore of the James River
in Henrico County to a point on the western shore, between Falling Creek and Bells Road interchanges
of the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike; however, the project shall be deemed to include all property,
rights, easements and franchises relating to any of the foregoing projects and deemed necessary or
convenient for the operation thereof and to include approaches thereto.

(m) The limited access highway between the Patrick Henry Airport area and the Newport Newsdowntown area which generally runs parallel to tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

(n) Transportation improvements in the Dulles Corridor, with an eastern terminus of the East Falls
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(n) Church Metrorail station at Interstate Route 66 and a western terminus of Virginia Route 772 in
(n) Loudoun County, including without limitation the Dulles Toll Road, the Dulles Access Road, outer
(n) roadways adjacent or parallel thereto, mass transit, including rail, bus rapid transit, and capacity
(n) enhancing treatments such as High-Occupancy Vehicle lanes, High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes,
(n) interchange improvements, commuter parking lots, and other transportation management strategies.
(o), (p) [Repealed.]

633 (q) Subject to the limitations and approvals of § 33.1-279.1, any other highway for a primary 634 highway transportation improvement district or transportation service district which the Board has agreed 635 to finance under a contract with any such district or any other alternative mechanism for generation of 636 local revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the financing for which is to be secured by Transportation Trust Fund revenues under any appropriation 637 638 made by the General Assembly for that purpose and payable first from revenues received under such 639 contract or other local funding source, second, to the extent required, from funds appropriated and 640 allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction 641 district in which the project is located or to the county or counties in which the project is located and 642 third, to the extent required from other legally available revenues of the Trust Fund and from any other 643 available source of funds.

(r) U.S. 58 Corridor Development Program projects as defined in §§ 33.1-221.1:2 and 58.1-815.

(s) The Northern Virginia Transportation District Program as defined in § 33.1-221.1:3.

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(t) Any program for highways or mass transit or transportation facilities, endorsed by the local
jurisdiction or jurisdictions affected, which agree that certain distributions of state recordation taxes will
be dedicated and used for the payment of any bonds or other obligations, including interest thereon, the
proceeds of which were used to pay the cost of the program. Any such program shall be referred to as a
"Transportation Improvement Program."

651 (u) Any project designated from time to time by the General Assembly financed in whole or part 652 through the issuance of Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Highway Reimbursement Anticipation Notes.

(v) Any project authorized by the General Assembly financed in whole or in part by funds from the
Priority Transportation Fund established pursuant to § 33.1-23.03:8 or from the proceeds of bonds whose
debt service is paid in whole or in part by funds from such Fund.

(w) Any project identified by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to be financed in whole or in
 part through the issuance of Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Transportation Grant Anticipation
 Revenue Notes.

(3) The word "undertaking" means all of the projects authorized to be acquired or constructed underthis article.

(4) The word "improvements" means such repairs, replacements, additions and betterments of and to
a project acquired by purchase or by condemnation as are deemed necessary to place it in a safe and
efficient condition for the use of the public, if such repairs, replacements, additions and betterments are
ordered prior to the sale of any bonds for the acquisition of such project.

665 (5) The term "cost of project" as applied to a project to be acquired by purchase or by 666 condemnation, includes the purchase price or the amount of the award, cost of improvements, financing 667 charges, interest during any period of disuse before completion of improvements, cost of traffic 668 estimates and of engineering and legal expenses, plans, specifications and surveys, estimates of cost and 669 of revenues, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the 670 enterprises, administrative expenses and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the 671 financing herein authorized and the acquisition of the project and the placing of the project in operation.

672 (6) The term "cost of project" as applied to a project to be constructed, embraces the cost of 673 construction, the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements and franchises acquired which are 674 deemed necessary for such construction, the cost of acquiring by purchase or condemnation any ferry 675 which is deemed by the Board to be competitive with any bridge to be constructed, the cost of all 676 machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to and during construction and for one year after completion of construction, cost of traffic estimates and of engineering data, engineering and legal 677 678 expenses, cost of plans, specifications and surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, other expenses 679 necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the enterprise, administrative 680 expense and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing herein authorized, the 681 construction of the project, the placing of the project in operation and the condemnation of property **682** necessary for such construction and operation.

683 (7) The word "owner" includes all individuals, incorporated companies, copartnerships, societies or **684** associations having any title or interest in any property rights, easements or franchises authorized to be 685 acquired by this article. 686

(8) [Repealed.]

(9) The words "revenue" and "revenues" include tolls and any other moneys received or pledged by 687 688 the Board pursuant to this article, including, without limitation, legally available Transportation Trust 689 Fund revenues and any federal highway reimbursements and any other federal highway assistance 690 received from time to time by the Commonwealth.

691 (10) The terms "toll project" and "toll projects" mean projects financed in whole or in part through 692 the issuance of revenue bonds which are secured by toll revenues generated by such project or projects. 693

§ 33.1-269. General powers of Board. 694

The Commonwealth Transportation Board may, subject to the provisions of this article:

695 1. Acquire by purchase or by condemnation, construct, improve, operate and maintain any one or 696 more of the projects mentioned and included in the undertaking defined in this article;

2. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Toll Revenue Bonds," payable from earnings and from any other available sources of funds, to 697 **698** 699 pay the cost of such projects;

700 3. Subject to the limitations and approvals of § 33.1-279.1, issue revenue bonds of the 701 Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Contract 702 Revenue Bonds," secured by Transportation Trust Fund revenues under a payment agreement between 703 the Board and the Treasury Board, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly and payable 704 first from revenues received pursuant to contracts with a primary highway transportation improvement 705 district or transportation service district or other local revenue sources for which specific funding of any 706 such bonds may be authorized by law; second, to the extent required, from funds appropriated and 707 allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction 708 district in which the project or projects to be financed are located or to the county or counties in which 709 the project or projects to be financed are located; and third, to the extent required, from other legally 710 available revenues of the Trust Fund and from any other available source of funds;

711 4. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured (i) by revenues received from the U.S. Route 58 712 713 Corridor Development Fund, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (ii) to the extent 714 required, from revenues legally available from the Transportation Trust Fund and (iii) to the extent 715 required, from any other legally available funds which have been appropriated by the General Assembly;

4a. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 716 717 Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund, (ii) 718 719 to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as 720 provided by law, to the highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed are 721 located or to the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the 722 extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds 723 which may be appropriated by the General Assembly;

724 4b. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 725 Virginia Transportation Program Revenue Bonds" secured, subject to their appropriation by the General 726 Assembly, first from (i) any revenues received from any Set-aside Fund established by the General 727 Assembly pursuant to § 58.1-816.1, (ii) to the extent required, revenues received pursuant to any 728 contract with a local jurisdiction or any alternative mechanism for generation of local revenues for 729 specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, (iii) to the extent 730 required, funds appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by 731 law, to the highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed are located or to 732 the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iv) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (v) such other funds which may be 733 appropriated by the General Assembly. No bonds for any project or projects shall be issued under the 734 735 authority of this subsection unless such project or projects are specifically included in a bill or resolution 736 passed by the General Assembly:

737 4c. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 738 Virginia Transportation Program Revenue Bonds" secured, subject to their appropriation by the General 739 Assembly, first from (i) any revenues received from the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund established 740 by the General Assembly pursuant to subdivision A 4 g of § 58.1-638, (ii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iii) such other funds which may be 741 742 appropriated by the General Assembly. No bonds for any project or projects shall be issued under the 743 authority of this subsection unless such project or projects are specifically included in a bill or resolution 744 passed by the General Assembly;

4d. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth from time to time to be known and designated as
"Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Highway Reimbursement Anticipation Notes" secured, subject to
their appropriation by the General Assembly, (i) first from any federal highway reimbursements and any
other federal highway assistance received from time to time by the Commonwealth, (ii) then, at the
discretion of the Board, to the extent required, from legally available revenues of the Transportation
Trust Fund, and (iii) then from such other funds, if any, which are designated by the General Assembly
for such purpose;

4e. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth from time to time to be known and designated as
"Commonwealth of Virginia Credit Assistance Revenue Bonds," secured, subject to their appropriation
by the General Assembly, solely from revenues with respect to or generated by the project or projects
being financed thereby and any tolls or other revenues pledged by the Board as security therefor and in
accordance with the applicable federal credit assistance authorized with respect to such project or
projects by the United States Department of Transportation;

4f. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of
Virginia Transportation Capital Projects Revenue Bonds," secured, subject to their appropriation by the
General Assembly, (i) from the revenues deposited into the Priority Transportation Fund established
pursuant to § 33.1-23.03:8; (ii) to the extent required, from revenues legally available from the
Transportation Trust Fund; and (iii) to the extent required, from any other legally available funds;

4g. Issue grant anticipation notes of the Commonwealth from time to time to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Transportation Grant Anticipation Revenue Notes" secured, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (i) first from the project-specific reimbursements pursuant to § 33.1-23.23; (ii) then, at the discretion of the Board, to the extent required, from legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund; and (iii) then from such other funds, if any, which are designated by the General Assembly for such purpose;

769 5. Fix and collect tolls and other charges for the use of such projects or to refinance the cost of such projects;

6. Construct grade separations at intersections of any projects with public highways, streets or other
public ways or places and change and adjust the lines and grades thereof so as to accommodate the
same to the design of such grade separations, the cost of such grade separations and any damage
incurred in changing and adjusting the lines and grades of such highways, streets, ways and places to be
ascertained and paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project;

776 7. Vacate or change the location of any portion of any public highway, street or other public way or place and reconstruct the same at such new location as the Board deems most favorable for the project 777 and of substantially the same type and in as good condition as the original highway, streets, way or 778 779 place, the cost of such reconstruction and any damage incurred in vacating or changing the location 780 thereof to be ascertained and paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project. Any public highway, 781 street or other public way or place vacated or relocated by the Board shall be vacated or relocated in the 782 manner provided by law for the vacation or relocation of public roads and any damages awarded on 783 account thereof may be paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project;

784 8. Make reasonable regulations for the installation, construction, maintenance, repair, renewal and 785 relocation of pipes, mains, sewers, conduits, cables, wires, towers, poles and other equipment and appliances herein called "public utility facilities," of the Commonwealth and of any municipality, county, 786 787 or other political subdivision, public utility or public service corporation owning or operating the same in, on, along, over or under the project. Whenever the Board determines that it is necessary that any 788 789 such public utility facilities should be relocated or removed, the Commonwealth or such municipality, 790 county, political subdivision, public utility or public service corporation shall relocate or remove the 791 same in accordance with the order of the Board. The cost and expense of such relocation or removal, 792 including the cost of installing such public utility facilities in a new location or locations, and the cost 793 of any lands or any rights or interests in lands, and any other rights acquired to accomplish such 794 relocation or removal shall be ascertained by the Board.

795 On any toll project, the Board shall pay the cost and expense of relocation or removal as a part of 796 the cost of the project for those public utility facilities owned or operated by the Commonwealth or such 797 municipality, county, political subdivision, public utility or public service corporation. On all other 825

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projects, under this article, the Board shall pay the cost and expense of relocation or removal as a part
of the cost of the project for those public utility facilities owned or operated by the Commonwealth or
such municipality, county, or political subdivision. The Commonwealth or such municipality, county,
political subdivision, public utility or public service corporation may maintain and operate such public
utility facilities with the necessary appurtenances, in the new location or locations, for as long a period
and upon the same terms and conditions as it had the right to maintain and operate such public utility
facilities in their former location or locations;

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811 The cost of such projects shall be paid solely from the proceeds of Commonwealth of Virginia Toll
812 or Transportation Contract Revenue Bonds or a combination thereof or from such proceeds and from
813 any grant or contribution which may be made thereto pursuant to the provisions of this article;

814 10. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the Board shall be authorized to
815 exercise the powers conferred herein, in addition to its general powers to acquire rights-of-way and to
816 construct, operate and maintain state highways, with respect to any project which the General Assembly
817 has authorized or may hereafter authorize to be financed in whole or in part through the issuance of
818 bonds of the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 (c) of Article X of the Constitution
819 of Virginia; and

820 11. Enter into any agreements or take such other actions as the Board shall determine in connection
821 with applying for or obtaining any federal credit assistance, including without limitation loan guarantees
822 and lines of credit, pursuant to authorization from the United States Department of Transportation with
823 respect to any project included in the Commonwealth's long-range transportation plan and the approved
824 State Transportation Improvement Program.

§ 33.1-276. Revenue bonds.

826 The Board may provide by resolution, at one time or from time to time, for the issuance of revenue 827 bonds, notes, or other revenue obligations of the Commonwealth for the purpose of paying all or any 828 part of the cost as hereinabove defined of any one or more projects as hereinabove defined. The 829 principal or purchase price of, and redemption premium, if any, and interest on such obligations shall be 830 payable solely from the special funds herein provided for such payment. "Special funds" for the 831 purposes of this section shall include any such funds established for Commonwealth of Virginia Toll 832 Revenue Bonds, Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Contract Revenue Bonds, Commonwealth of 833 Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds, or Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Highway Reimbursement 834 Anticipation Notes, or Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Transportation Grant Anticipation Revenue 835 Notes.

§ 33.1-277. Credit of Commonwealth not pledged.

837 A. Commonwealth of Virginia Toll Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of this article shall 838 not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the faith and credit 839 of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided therefor 840 from tolls and revenues, from bond proceeds or earnings thereon and from any other available sources of funds. All such bonds shall state on their face that the Commonwealth of Virginia is not obligated to 841 842 pay the same or the interest thereon except from the special fund provided therefor from tolls and 843 revenues under this article, from bond proceeds or earnings thereon and from any other available sources 844 of funds and that the faith and credit of the Commonwealth are not pledged to the payment of the principal or interest of such bonds. The issuance of such revenue bonds under the provisions of this 845 846 article shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the Commonwealth to levy or to pledge 847 any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment, other than 848 appropriate available funds derived as revenues from tolls and charges under this article or derived from 849 bond proceeds or earnings thereon and from any other available sources of funds.

850 B. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Contract Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of 851 this article shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the 852 faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided therefor (i) from revenues received pursuant to contracts with a primary highway transportation 853 854 district or transportation service district or any other alternative mechanism for generation of local 855 revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, (ii) to 856 the extent required, from funds appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed are 857 858 located or to the county or counties in which such project or projects are located, (iii) from bond 859 proceeds or earnings thereon, (iv) to the extent required, from other legally available revenues of the

860 Trust Fund, and (v) from any other available source of funds. All such bonds shall state on their face 861 that the Commonwealth of Virginia is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon except from 862 revenues in clauses (i) and (iii) hereof and that the faith and credit of the Commonwealth are not pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds. The issuance of such revenue bonds 863 864 under the provisions of this article shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the 865 Commonwealth to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever or to make any appropriation for 866 their payment, other than to appropriate available funds derived as revenues under this article from the 867 sources set forth in clauses (i) and (iii) hereof. Nothing in this article shall be construed to obligate the 868 General Assembly to make any appropriation of the funds set forth in clause (ii) or (iv) hereof for 869 payment of such bonds.

870 C. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of this
871 article shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the full
872 faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein
873 provided therefor (i) from revenues received from the U.S. Route 58 Corridor Development Fund,
874 subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (ii) to the extent required, from revenues legally
875 available from the Transportation Trust Fund and (iii) to the extent required, from any other legally
876 available funds which shall have been appropriated by the General Assembly.

877 D. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under this article for Category 1 878 projects as provided in subdivision (2) (s) of § 33.1-268 shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the 879 Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall 880 be payable solely, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues 881 received from the Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds 882 appropriated and allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the 883 highway construction district in which the project or projects to be financed are located or to the city or 884 county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally 885 available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be 886 appropriated by the General Assembly.

E. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Program Revenue Bonds issued under this article for 887 888 projects defined in subdivision (2) (t) of § 33.1-268 shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the 889 Commonwealth or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall be payable 890 solely, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) any revenues received from 891 any Set-aside Fund established by the General Assembly pursuant to § 58.1-816.1, (ii) to the extent 892 required, revenues received pursuant to any contract with a local jurisdiction or any alternative 893 mechanism for generation of local revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the 894 Commonwealth Transportation Board, (iii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated, 895 pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction district in 896 which the project or projects to be financed are located or to the city or county in which the project or 897 projects to be financed are located, (iv) to the extent required, legally available revenues from the 898 Transportation Trust Fund, and (v) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General 899 Assembly.

900 F. Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Highway Reimbursement Anticipation Notes issued under this 901 article shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the full 902 faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such obligations shall be payable solely, subject to 903 appropriation by the General Assembly, (i) first from any federal highway reimbursements and any other 904 federal highway assistance received from time to time by the Commonwealth, (ii) then, at the discretion 905 of the Board, to the extent required, from legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, 906 and (iii) then, from such other funds, if any, which are designated by the General Assembly for such 907 purpose.

908 G. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Credit Assistance Revenue Bonds issued under the provisions of this article shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such obligations shall be payable solely, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, from revenues with respect to or generated by the project or projects being financed thereby and any tolls or other revenues pledged by the Board as security therefor and in accordance with the applicable federal credit assistance authorized with respect to such project or projects by the United States Department of Transportation.

915 H. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Capital Projects Revenue Bonds issued under the 916 provisions of this article for projects as provided in subdivision  $2 \neq (2)$  (v) of § 33.1-268 shall not be 917 deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the full faith and credit of 918 the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely, subject to their appropriation by the General 919 Assembly, (i) from the revenues deposited into the Priority Transportation Fund established pursuant to 920 § 33.1-23.03:8; (ii) to the extent required, from revenues legally available from the Transportation Trust

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921 Fund; and (iii) to the extent required, from any other legally available funds.

922 I. Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Transportation Grant Anticipation Revenue Notes issued under 923 the provisions of Article 1.3 (§ 33.1-23.14 et seq.) of Chapter 1 and this article shall not be deemed to 924 constitute a debt of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a pledge of the full faith and credit of the 925 Commonwealth, but such notes shall be payable solely, subject to their appropriation by the General 926 Assembly, (i) first from the project-specific reimbursements pursuant to § 33.1-23.23, (ii) then, at the 927 discretion of the Board, to the extent required, from legally available revenues of the Transportation 928 Trust Fund, and (iii) then from such other funds, if any, which are designated by the General Assembly 929 for such purpose.

§ 33.1-280. Sale of bonds; bonds as legal investments.

931 The Board may sell such bonds in such manner and for such price as it may determine to be for the 932 best interests of the Commonwealth, but no such sale shall be made at a price so low as to require the 933 payment of interest on the money received therefor at more than the maximum per centum per annum 934 approved by the Commonwealth Treasury Board with respect to such obligations in accordance with 935 § 2.2-2416 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, computed with relation to the absolute maturity of the 936 bonds in accordance with standard tables of bond values, excluding, however, from such computations 937 the amount of any premium to be paid on redemption for any bonds prior to maturity.

938 All bonds heretofore or hereafter issued pursuant to the authority of this article are hereby made 939 securities in which all public officers and bodies of this Commonwealth and all political subdivisions 940 thereof, all insurance companies and associations, all national banks and trust companies, and savings 941 institutions, including savings and loan associations, in the Commonwealth, and all executors, 942 administrators, trustees, and other fiduciaries, both individual or corporate, may properly and legally 943 invest funds within their control.

2. That § 2 of the second enactment of Chapter 896 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007 is amendedand reenacted as follows:

946 § 2. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Governor, to issue, pursuant to the provisions of the State Revenue Bond Act (§ 33.1-267 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) as amended from time to time, revenue obligations of the 947 948 949 Commonwealth to be designated "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Capital Projects Revenue Bonds, Series ....." (the "Bonds") at one or more times in an aggregate principal 950 amount not to exceed \$3 billion the "Overall Limitation"), after all costs; provided that, the 951 952 aggregate principal amount issued in any one fiscal year shall not exceed \$300 million (the ''Annual Limitation''), excluding any refunding bonds, except for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, in which the Annual Limitation is increased by an additional \$200 953 954 955 million and \$300 million, respectively, is authorized. If, the aggregate principal amount issued in any fiscal year is less than \$300 million the Annual Limitation the maximum authorized amount, 956 957 then the amount by which such issuance is less than \$300 million the Annual Limitation the 958 maximum authorized amount may be issued in any subsequent fiscal year in addition to the 959 \$300 million maximum authorized in amount Annual Limitation for the subsequent fiscal year. 960 In determining compliance with either the Overall Limitation or any Annual Limitation there shall 961 be excluded (i) the principal amount of Bonds issued under this Act to pay issuance or financing 962 expenses or costs (including any original issue discount) and (ii) the principal amount of Bonds 963 issued under § 33.1-293 to refund any outstanding Bonds. The issuance of any bonds under this 964 Act is subject to the provisions of subsection C of § 33.1-23.03:8 of the Code of Virginia.

965 3. That the authority to issue additional Commonwealth of Virginia Federal Highway 966 Reimbursement Anticipation Notes pursuant to the second enactment of Chapter 1019 of the Acts 967 of Assembly of 2000, as amended by Chapter 655 of the Acts of Assembly of 2005, expires on 968 January 1, 2011, or the aggregate principal amount limitation on Notes issued pursuant to Article 969 1.3 (§ 33.1-23.01 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Title 33.1 of the Code of Virginia. Nothing in this 970 enactment shall in any way affect such notes issued prior to January 1, 2011.