

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB717

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** LeMunyon

**3. Committee:** House Transportation

**4. Title:** VDOT to evaluate significant transportation projects in the Northern Virginia Transportation District

**5. Summary:** The legislation requires the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to complete evaluations of the following significant transportation projects for forecast years 2020 and 2040 by December 31, 2016, according to the provisions of § 33.2-257 of the Code of Virginia: (i) additional Potomac River crossings west and south of Washington, D.C.; (ii) the project commonly referred to as the Bi-County Parkway; (iii) the lane capacity and multimodal expansion of Interstate 66 west of Interstate 495, with such evaluation including the assumption of the project pursuant to clause (v); (iv) widening the American Legion Bridge; and (v) lane capacity expansion by at least 100 percent of Interstate 66 east of Interstate 495, with such evaluation including the assumption of the project pursuant to clause (iii). The legislation also requires VDOT to publish the results of the evaluations of these projects on its website.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to VDOT, completion of the work required by this bill would likely require additional VDOT staff and/or consultant services, costing approximately \$650,000. The agency would need to redirect funding from other priorities to address these costs.

Due to the complexity of these studies, VDOT anticipates it would be unable to complete all of them within the legislation's provided timeframe for completion - December 31, 2016. As a result, the expenditure impact of these studies could cover both fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

VDOT estimates that completion of a planning study to select and evaluate two candidate sites for new river crossings would cost an estimated \$500,000. This is a sensitive regional issue, requiring consultation and collaboration with Maryland and District of Columbia officials, as well as extensive public outreach. VDOT believes the identification of suitable candidate locations and the evaluation of these locations cannot be accomplished within the deadline provided in the legislation.

Completion of evaluations of I-66 in clauses (iii) and (v), above, and the Bi-County Parkway, would cost an estimated \$150,000, based on VDOT's Northern Virginia District's experience with evaluating projects. VDOT anticipates that these studies could be accomplished within 12 months of a notice to proceed, but not by the December 31, 2016, deadline provided in the legislation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation; Department of Rail and Public Transportation

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None