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## SENATE BILL NO. 500

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Joint Conference Committee  
on March 12, 1994)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Colgan)

A BILL to authorize the issuance of Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds, by and with the consent of the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 (§ 33.1-267 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 33.1 of the Code of Virginia and as permitted by Section 9 (d) of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia, in a principal amount not exceeding \$82,389,000, plus an amount for the issuance costs, capitalized interest, reserve funds, and other financing expenses (including, without limitation, any original issue discount), for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying all or a portion of the costs incurred or to be incurred for construction of an adequate, modern, safe, and efficient transportation system in that part of the Commonwealth that comprises the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program; authorizing the Commonwealth Transportation Board to fix the details of such bonds and to provide for the sale of such bonds at public or private sale; providing for the pledge under a payment agreement with the Treasury Board of Transportation Trust Fund revenues, including funds which may be otherwise appropriated by the General Assembly; further providing that the interest income from such bonds shall be exempt from all taxation within the Commonwealth; and to amend and reenact §§ 33.1-268, 33.1-269 and 33.1-277 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 33.1-221.1:4 and 58.1-2146.1, relating to the creation of the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund and amending the State Revenue Bond Act to include the Program.

Whereas, Section 9 (d) of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia and §§ 33.1-267 through 33.1-295 of the Code of Virginia provide that the General Assembly may authorize the issuance of bonds secured by Transportation Trust Fund revenues under a payment agreement between the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Treasury Board, subject to appropriations by the General Assembly and payable first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated for secondary roads pursuant to § 33.1-23.4 to the county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the projects described herein are part of the Northern Virginia 2010 Transportation Plan and will be state highways operated and maintained by the Commonwealth Transportation Board as described in § 33.1-12; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Interstate 66 Economic Development Program, Commonwealth of Virginia Revenue Bond Act of 1994."

§ 2. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Governor, to issue, pursuant to the provisions of §§ 33.1-267 through 33.1-295 of the Code of Virginia, at one time or from time to time in one or more series, bonds of the Commonwealth to be designated "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series .....", in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$82,389,000, plus an amount for the issuance costs, capitalized interest, reserve funds, and other financing expenses (including, without limitation, original issue discount) (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of such Bonds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for paying the costs incurred or to be incurred for construction or funding of the projects that comprise the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program as hereinafter defined and as established in Article 5 (§ 33.1-267 et seq.) of Chapter 3 of Title 33.1, consisting of environmental and engineering studies, design, rights-of-way acquisition, construction and related improvements (the "projects"). Such costs shall include the payment of interest on the Bonds for a period during construction and not exceeding one year after completion of construction of the projects.

The projects constitute the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program and consist generally of the design, acquisition and construction of certain improvements to, and contiguous to, Interstate 66 in Northern Virginia, including but not limited to (1) capacity enhancement improvements to Interstate 66 from the existing interchange with State Route 234 to and through a new interchange to be constructed west of the existing interchange with U.S. Route 15; (2) improvements to the existing interchange at U.S. Route 29; and (3) construction of capacity enhancement improvements to U.S. Route 15 from the interchange with Interstate 66 north for approximately 2.7 miles.

The Bonds shall be issued by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and sold through the

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60 Treasury Board, which is hereby designated the sales and paying agent of the Commonwealth  
61 Transportation Board with respect to the Bonds. The Treasury Board's duties shall include the approval  
62 of the terms and structure of the Bonds.

63 § 3. The proceeds of the Bonds herein authorized shall be made available by the Commonwealth  
64 Transportation Board to pay the costs of the projects and, where appropriate, may be paid to any  
65 authority, locality or commission for the purpose of paying for the costs of the projects. The proceeds of  
66 the Bonds may be used with any federal, local or private funds which may be made available for such  
67 purpose.

68 § 4. The Bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature at  
69 such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the  
70 Commonwealth Transportation Board, or by a formula or method established by resolution of the  
71 Commonwealth Transportation Board, and may be made redeemable before their maturity or maturities,  
72 at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Commonwealth  
73 Transportation Board prior to the issuance of the Bonds. The principal of and the interest on the Bonds  
74 shall be made payable in lawful money of the United States of America. The Commonwealth  
75 Transportation Board shall determine the form of the Bonds and fix the denomination or denominations  
76 of the Bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest thereof, which may be at the  
77 office of the State Treasurer or any bank or trust company within or without the Commonwealth.

78 All Bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall have and are hereby declared to have, as  
79 between successive holders, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable  
80 instruments law of the Commonwealth.

81 The Bonds may be issued under a system of book entry for recording the ownership and transfer of  
82 ownership of rights to receive payments of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds.

83 The Bonds may be sold at a public or private sale for such price or prices as the Commonwealth  
84 Transportation Board may determine to be in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

85 Anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding, the bonds authorized hereby may be issued at  
86 one time or in part from time to time and may be issued and sold at the same time with other bonds of  
87 the Commonwealth Transportation Board as permitted by Article X, Section 9 (d) of the Constitution of  
88 Virginia, either as separate issues, as a combined issue designated "Commonwealth of Virginia  
89 Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series.....," as a separate series of such combined issue, or as a  
90 combination of both.

91 § 5. The Bonds shall be signed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Commonwealth  
92 Transportation Commissioner or shall bear his facsimile signature, shall bear the official seal of the  
93 Board, and shall be attested by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Board. Any interest coupons  
94 shall bear a facsimile of the signature of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner. In the event  
95 that the Bonds shall bear the facsimile signature of the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner,  
96 the Bonds shall be signed by such administrative assistant as the Commonwealth Transportation  
97 Commissioner shall determine or by any Registrar/Paying Agent that may be designated by the Treasury  
98 Board. In case any officer, whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any Bonds or  
99 coupons, shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bonds, his signature or facsimile  
100 signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he had remained in office until  
101 such delivery.

102 § 6. All expenses incurred under this Act shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds or from any  
103 other available funds as the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall determine.

104 § 7. Subject to the condition set forth hereinafter in § 15, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is  
105 hereby authorized to borrow money at such rate or rates through the execution and issuance of notes of  
106 the Commonwealth for the same, but only in the following circumstances and under the following  
107 conditions:

108 a. In anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, the issuance of which shall have been authorized by the  
109 Commonwealth Transportation Board and shall have been approved by the Governor, if the  
110 Commonwealth Transportation Board shall deem it advisable to postpone the issuance of the Bonds.

111 b. For the renewal of any loan evidenced by notes herein authorized.

112 § 8. The proceeds of the Bonds and of the bond anticipation notes herein authorized (except the  
113 proceeds of bonds, the issuance of which has been anticipated by such bond anticipation notes) shall be  
114 placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund in the state treasury, or with his concurrence may be  
115 placed in accordance with § 33.1-283, and shall be disbursed only for the purpose for which such  
116 Bonds and such bond anticipation notes shall be issued; however, proceeds derived from the sale of  
117 Bonds or renewal herein authorized shall be first used in the payment of any bond anticipation notes  
118 that may have been issued in anticipation of the sale of such Bonds and any renewals of such notes.

119 § 9. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is hereby authorized to receive any other funds that  
120 may be made available to pay the cost of the projects and to make available the same to the payment of  
121 the principal of and the interest on the debt authorized hereby and to enter into the appropriate

agreements to allow for these funds to be paid into the state treasury to pay a part of the cost of the projects or to pay the principal of and the interest on such debt.

§ 10. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, may establish a minimum reserve fund requirement for the Bonds.

§ 11. The Commonwealth Transportation Board, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, shall establish a sinking fund for the payment of the Bonds to the credit of which there shall be deposited such amounts as are required to pay debt service on the Bonds due and payable for such fiscal years first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated for secondary roads pursuant to § 33.1-23.4 to the county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

§ 12. Bond proceeds and moneys in any reserve funds and sinking funds shall be invested by the State Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of general law relating to the investment of such funds belonging to or in the control of the Commonwealth, or with the State Treasurer's concurrence by a trustee in accordance with § 33.1-283.

§ 13. The interest income from, but not any profit made on the sale of, the Bonds, notes and coupons, if any, issued under the provisions of this Act, shall at all times be free and exempt from taxation by the Commonwealth and by any municipality, county or other political subdivision thereof.

§ 14. All bonds and notes issued under the provisions of this Act are hereby made securities in which all of the following may properly and legally invest funds under their control: all public officers and bodies of the Commonwealth; all counties, cities, towns and municipal subdivisions; all insurance companies and associations; all savings banks and savings institutions, including savings and loan associations; administrators; guardians; executors; trustees; and other fiduciaries in the Commonwealth.

§ 15. The authority granted hereunder to the Commonwealth Transportation Board is expressly conditioned upon the approval by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince William of a rezoning of an area of at least 2000 acres, inclusive of a theme park, for a project which includes a proffer of a capital investment of at least \$400,000,000 in Virginia, as certified to the Commonwealth Transportation Board by the clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince William or other appropriate county official.

**2. That §§ 33.1-268, 33.1-269 and 33.1-277 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 33.1-221.1:4 and 58.1-2146.1 as follows:**

§ 33.1-221.1:4. Interstate 66 Economic Development Program.

A. The General Assembly declares it to be in the public interest that the economic development needs and economic growth potential of the Interstate 66 corridor in Northern Virginia be addressed by a special transportation program to provide for the costs of providing an adequate, modern, safe and efficient transportation network in the Northern Virginia Transportation District which shall be known as the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program (the Program), including, without limitation, environmental and engineering studies, design, rights-of-way acquisition, construction, improvements to all modes of transportation, and financing costs.

B. Allocations to this Program shall be made annually by the Commonwealth Transportation Board from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund for the creation and enhancement of a safe, efficient transportation system connecting the communities, businesses, places of employment, and residences of the Commonwealth, thereby enhancing the economic development potential, employment, opportunities, mobility and quality of life in Virginia.

C. Allocations to the Program shall not diminish or replace allocations made from other sources or diminish allocations to which any district, system, or locality would be entitled under other provisions of this title, except as provided by § 11 of the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program, Commonwealth of Virginia Revenue Bond Act of 1994, but shall be supplemental to other allocations to the end that transportation improvements in Virginia may be accelerated and augmented. Allocations under this subsection shall be limited to projects specified in subsection F of this section.

D. The Commonwealth Transportation Board may expend such funds from all sources as may be lawfully available to initiate the Program and to support bonds and other obligations referenced in subsection E of this section.

E. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is authorized to receive, dedicate or use first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated for secondary roads pursuant to § 33.1-23.4 to the county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly to the payment of bonds or other obligations, including interest thereon, in

183 furtherance of the Program. No such bond or other obligations shall pledge the full faith and credit of  
184 the Commonwealth.

185 *F. The Program consists of certain improvements to, and contiguous to, Interstate 66 in Northern*  
186 *Virginia, including but not limited to (i) capacity enhancement improvements to Interstate 66 from the*  
187 *existing interchange with State Route 234 to and through a new interchange to be constructed west of*  
188 *the existing interchange with U.S. Route 15; (ii) improvements to the existing interchange on Interstate*  
189 *66 at U.S. Route 29; and (iii) construction of capacity enhancement improvements to U.S. Route 15*  
190 *from the interchange with Interstate 66 north for approximately 2.7 miles.*

191 § 33.1-268. Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

202 (c), (d) [Reserved.]

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

205 (f), (g) [Reserved.]

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

208 (i) [Reserved.]

209 (j) Hampton Roads Bridge, Tunnel, or Bridge and Tunnel System, extending from a point or points  
210 in the Cities of Newport News and Hampton on the northwest shore of Hampton Roads across Hampton  
211 Roads to a point or points in the City of Norfolk or Suffolk on the southeast shore of Hampton Roads.

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

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

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

222 (n) Dulles Access Road outer roadways, extending from a point on Route 7 in Loudoun County in  
223 an easterly direction to a point east of Route 123 on the Dulles Access Road in Fairfax County. These  
224 roadways are to be two or three lanes in each direction constructed adjacent to, and parallel to or  
225 extending west from, the Dulles Access Road.

226 (o), (p) [Repealed.]

227 (q) Subject to the limitations and approvals of § 33.1-279.1, any other highway for a primary  
228 highway transportation improvement district or transportation service district which the Board has agreed  
229 to finance under a contract with any such district or any other alternative mechanism for generation of  
230 local revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board,  
231 the financing for which is to be secured by Transportation Trust Fund revenues under any appropriation  
232 made by the General Assembly for that purpose and payable first from revenues received under such  
233 contract or other local funding source, second, to the extent required, from funds appropriated and  
234 allocated, pursuant to the highway allocation formula as provided by law, to the highway construction  
235 district in which the project is located or to the county or counties in which the project is located and  
236 third, to the extent required from other legally available revenues of the Trust Fund and from any other  
237 available source of funds.

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

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

240 (t) *The Interstate 66 Economic Development Program as defined in § 33.1-221.1:4.*

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

"Transportation Improvement Program."

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

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

(6) The term "cost of project" as applied to a project to be constructed, embraces the cost of construction, the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements and franchises acquired which are deemed necessary for such construction, the cost of acquiring by purchase or condemnation any ferry which is deemed by the Board to be competitive with any bridge to be constructed, the cost of all 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 expenses, cost of plans, specifications and surveys, estimates of cost and of revenues, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the enterprise, administrative expense and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing herein authorized, the construction of the project, the placing of the project in operation and the condemnation of property necessary for such construction and operation.

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

(8) [Repealed.]

(9) The words "revenue" and "revenues" include tolls and any other moneys received or pledged by the Board pursuant to this article, including, without limitation, legally available Trust Fund revenues.

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

§ 33.1-269. General powers of Board.

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

1. Acquire by purchase or by condemnation, construct, improve, operate and maintain any one or 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 pay the cost of such projects;

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

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 Corridor Development Fund, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (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 which have been appropriated by the General Assembly;

4a. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of 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) to the extent required, 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

located or to the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly;

4b. Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Program Revenue Bonds" secured, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) any revenues received from any Set-aside Fund established by the General Assembly pursuant to § 58.1-816.1, (ii) to the extent required, 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 located or to the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly. No bonds for any project or projects shall be issued under the authority of this subsection unless such project or projects are specifically included in a bill or resolution passed by the General Assembly;

4c. *Issue revenue bonds of the Commonwealth to be known and designated as "Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds," secured, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated for secondary roads pursuant to § 33.1-23.4 to the county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly;*

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;

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 and of substantially the same type and in as good condition as the original highway, streets, way or place, the cost of such reconstruction and any damage incurred in vacating or changing the location thereof to be ascertained and paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project. Any public highway, street or other public way or place vacated or relocated by the Board shall be vacated or relocated in the manner provided by law for the vacation or relocation of public roads and any damages awarded on account thereof may be paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project;

8. Make reasonable regulations for the installation, construction, maintenance, repair, renewal and 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, or other political subdivision or 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 such public utility facilities should be relocated or removed, the Commonwealth or such municipality, county, political subdivision, public utility or public service corporation shall relocate or remove the same in accordance with the order of the Board; however, the cost and expense of such relocation or removal, including the cost of installing such public utility facilities in a new location or locations, and the cost of any lands or any rights or interests in lands, and any other rights acquired to accomplish such relocation or removal shall be ascertained and paid by the Board as a part of the cost of the project. 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;

9. Acquire by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and other property, including public lands, parks, playgrounds, reservations, highways or parkways, or parts thereof or rights therein, of any municipality, county or other political subdivision, deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or the efficient operation of the project or necessary in the restoration, replacement or relocation of public or private property damaged or destroyed.

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

10. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the Board shall be authorized to exercise the powers conferred herein, in addition to its general powers to acquire rights-of-way and to

construct, operate and maintain state highways, with respect to any project which the General Assembly has authorized or may hereafter authorize to be financed in whole or in part through the issuance of bonds of the Commonwealth pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 9(c) of the Constitution of Virginia.

§ 33.1-277. Credit of Commonwealth not pledged.

A. Commonwealth of Virginia Toll 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 faith and credit of the Commonwealth, but such bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided therefor 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 pay the same or the interest thereon except from the special fund provided therefor from tolls and revenues under this article, from bond proceeds or earnings thereon and from any other available sources 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 article shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the Commonwealth to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment, other than appropriate available funds derived as revenues from tolls and charges under this article or derived from bond proceeds or earnings thereon and from any other available sources of funds.

B. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Contract 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 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 district or transportation service district or any other alternative mechanism for generation of local revenues for specific funding of a project satisfactory to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, (ii) to 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 located or to the county or counties in which such project or projects are located, (iii) from bond proceeds or earnings thereon, (iv) to the extent required, from other legally available revenues of the Trust Fund, and (v) from any other available source of funds. All such bonds shall state on their face that the Commonwealth of Virginia is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon except from 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 under the provisions of this article shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the Commonwealth to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever or to make any appropriation for their payment, other than to appropriate available funds derived as revenues under this article from the sources set forth in clauses (i) and (iii) hereof. Nothing in this article shall be construed to obligate the General Assembly to make any appropriation of the funds set forth in clause (ii) or (iv) hereof for payment of such bonds.

C. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation 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 bonds shall be payable solely from the funds herein provided therefor (i) from revenues received from the U.S. Route 58 Corridor Development Fund, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, (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 which shall have been appropriated by the General Assembly.

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

E. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued under this article for projects as provided in § 33.1-268 (2) (t) shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall be payable solely, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund, (ii) to the extent required, funds appropriated and allocated for secondary roads pursuant to § 33.1-23.4 to the county in which the project or projects to be financed are located,

(iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues of the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

F. Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Program Revenue Bonds issued under this article for projects defined in § 33.1-268 (2) (u) shall not be deemed to constitute a debt of the Commonwealth or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Such bonds shall be payable solely, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, first from (i) revenues received from any Set-aside Fund established by the General Assembly pursuant to § 58.1-816.1, (ii) to the extent required, 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 located to the city or county in which the project or projects to be financed are located, (iii) to the extent required, legally available revenues from the Transportation Trust Fund, and (iv) such other funds which may be appropriated by the General Assembly.

§ 58.1-2146.1. Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund.

A. There is hereby created in the Department of Treasury a special nonreverting fund which shall be a part of the Transportation Trust Fund and which shall be known as the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund (the I-66 Fund), consisting of such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly from time to time of an amount determined by reference to the increase in collections in the motor fuel and special fuel taxes and the road tax attributable to the development of a 2,000-acre site in Prince William County with a proffer of a capital investment of at least \$400,000,000. The I-66 Fund shall also include such other funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly from time to time, and designated for the I-66 Fund, and all interest, dividends and appreciation which may accrue thereto. Any moneys remaining in the I-66 Fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the general fund, but shall remain in the I-66 Fund. The amounts in the I-66 Fund shall be used for the construction of state highways including the payment of principal and interest on any Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Revenue Bonds issued to pay the cost of the projects which comprise the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program as defined in § 33.1-221.1:4.

B. In the event the Commonwealth Transportation Board determines from time to time that funds in the Interstate 66 Economic Development Program Fund are in excess of those required to provide for payment of bonds or other obligations, and the interest thereon, then such excess funds, subject to their appropriation by the General Assembly, may be transferred to the Transportation Trust Fund for allocation purposes pursuant to § 33.1-23.1 A.

**3. That if any part of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.**