

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1759

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee: House Transportation

4. Title: **Transportation Capital Projects Bond Act of 2009; created.**

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would authorize the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to issue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4.81 billion for specific transportation projects throughout the Commonwealth. The bonds are to be paid for by the revenues collected through tolls and other fares or fees levied on each project.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill directs the CTB to establish a fund which shall secure and be used for the payment of the bonds. The costs of the bonds are to be repaid through tolls, fares or truck fees. In the event such funds are insufficient, revenues from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) and other legally available funds are to be used to the extent required. Since the TTF and other state revenues would be used as security on the bonds, the bonds are considered tax-supported debt and impact the state's debt capacity.

In its December 17, 2008, report to the Governor and the General Assembly, the Debt Capacity Advisory Committee stated that a maximum of \$369.99 million of tax-supported debt could prudently be authorized by the 2009 Session of the General Assembly. The amount of debt authorized in this bill greatly exceeds the Commonwealth's current debt capacity.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Transportation, Virginia Railway Express, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation