

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB793

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2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Transportation planning; VDOT to recommend specific transportation improvements to address homeland security emergencies in Planning District 8.

5. Summary: Provides that when a locality in Planning District 8 (Northern Virginia) submits to the Department of Transportation (VDOT) for review a proposed comprehensive plan or amendment that will substantially affect transportation on state controlled highways, VDOT, after determining the extent to which the proposal will increase traffic congestion or reduce the mobility of citizens in the event of a homeland security emergency, will then also recommend transportation improvements to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and the locality necessary to mitigate such congestion or reduction in mobility.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Traffic patterns during emergencies tend to be significantly different than daily travel patterns. People will try to leave the area at the same time using available transportation modes: car, bus, Metro, walking, bicycle, train. In order for VDOT to make supportable recommendations, additional modeling and analysis may be required which may require additional personnel or on-call consultant work.

Extensive study will have to be conducted of potential transportation improvements to highways (new, widening, intersections), bicycle and pedestrian facilities, railways, bridges, waterway, airports, ports, and public transportation that may be necessary to improve mobility in the event of homeland security evacuation. Options will have to be assessed and cost-benefit analysis of the alternatives conducted. Such analysis will require additional staff time.

Furthermore, the cost of improvements to address the possibility of a homeland security emergency will compete with the cost of planned transportation improvements to serve the everyday needs of the general public in Northern Virginia. All of these costs cannot be determined until localities in Planning District 8 submit new or amended comprehensive plans to VDOT.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation. Localities in Planning District 8 - Counties: Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William. Cities: Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park. Towns: Dumfries, Herndon, Leesburg, Purcellville, Vienna

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

C. Secretary of Transportation

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