

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB682

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

2. Patron: Miller

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Construction in Hampton Roads; include multimodal component

5. Summary: Requires that any construction or expansion project on a bridge or tunnel by the Department of Transportation or the Hampton Roads Accountability Commission include a multimodal component.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has indicated that this legislative proposal appears to be intended for light rail. According to VDOT, requiring the addition of dedicated light rail or other multi-modal lanes to proposed or existing facilities that are designated to be expanded will cause the agency to incur additional costs associated with design, construction, right of way acquisition, and future maintenance.

In addition, the current language of the bill would make all bridges in Planning District 23 subject to the multimodal requirements. The implications would mean bridges, however small, in the very rural areas of the Planning District 23 would be required to have some level of multimodal provisions.

Currently, light rail traffic on a proposed or widened bridge is only assessed if the route is designated on a short or long-term plan. This bill does not require or recognize that requirement for light rail. Also, VDOT currently has a mechanism to consider pedestrian and bicycling features for projects.

The inclusion of multimodal requirements would impact project costs, schedules and budgets related to bridge upgrades in Hampton Roads. Additional costs from this bill would be computed on a per project basis, and the impact can only be approximated. As written, the bill would include a one lane bridge replacement serving 10 or fewer homes project, as well as much larger projects. Adding light rail to a bridge would increase the cost by a factor by approximately 1.75 to 2 times.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: VDOT, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, All Localities in the Hampton Roads District and Planning District 23.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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