

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB619

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: Cole, J.G.

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund; allocation to Fredericksburg Regional Transit.

5. Summary: Requires that a minimum of \$1.0 million annually be allocated to Fredericksburg Regional Transit from the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. The funding is contingent on localities served by Fredericksburg Regional Transit continuing to support Fredericksburg Regional Transit by at least the amount of funding provided in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund distributes funding based on four categories: direct funding to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for operating and capital assistance (53.5 percent); performance-based operating assistance for transit agencies across the state (31 percent); performance-based capital assistance for those same transit agencies (12.5 percent); and special projects (3 percent).

This legislation would remove Fredericksburg Regional Transit from the performance-based operating allocation and capital prioritization processes for the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund and require that Fredericksburg Regional Transit receive a \$1.0 million allocation from the Fund. A budget amendment is not required as the bill would alter the allocation of funds but not the amount of funding. However, the bill does not specify that the allocation for Fredericksburg Regional Transit would be drawn from an existing category. As a result, this bill would reduce the amount available for each of the other categories by the following amounts annually: \$535,000 for direct funding to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for operating and capital assistance, \$310,000 for state-wide transit operating assistance, \$125,000 for state-wide transit capital assistance, and \$30,000 for special projects.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: For reference, in FY 2020 Fredericksburg Regional Transit received approximately \$725,000 in operating assistance and \$132,880 in capital assistance from the competitive allocation process for a total of \$857,880. An allocation of \$1.0 million dollars would represent an increase of 16.6 percent over the FY 2020 allocation.