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Legislative Update

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- Agency proposals
- Funding proposals
- PPTA proposals
- Other proposals

Legislative Update – Agency Legislation

VDOT

- **Systems of State Highways (HB2425)**
- **Overweight Permits (SB1048) – Sent to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability for further study**

DRPT

- **WMATA Compact Amendments (SB1511)**
- **Safety Oversight for Metro/Light Rail (HB1880) – Passed the House**
- **Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services (SB1238) – Passed the Senate**

Legislative Update – Funding Proposals

- **General Fund Proposals**
  HB1579, HB2130, HB2206, and HB2622

- **Overweight Permits**
  SB1048, SB1500, and HB2319

- **Other Proposals**
  Motor fuels tax proposals – Would change existing motor vehicle fuel tax from a cent-per-gallon but a percentage of retail price

  HB1642 – Allows CTB to name facilities for a living person

Legislative Update – PPTA Proposals

- HB2066 – Establishes timeframes for the review of solicited and unsolicited PPTA proposals
- HB2079 – Requires VDOT to accept an unsolicited proposal for HRBT and establishes timeframes and special committee to review
- HB2117 – Prohibits the construction of I-95/395 HOT Lanes without prior approval from General Assembly
- HB2172 – Use of ROW for connection of Renewable energy sources to the grid
- SB1232 – Requires that monetary penalties for failure to operate I-95/395 HOT Lanes at 65mph 90% of the time

Legislative Update – Other Proposals

- HB1590 – Income tax credit for toll payments
- HB1723 – Establishes a formula for allocation of highway maintenance funding
- HB1993/SB1368 – Requires CTB to allocate maintenance funds based performance measures in Biennial Asset Management report
- HB2099 – Establishes George Washington Toll Road Authority (Fredericksburg region)
- HB2172 – Allows the use of ROW for renewable energy transmission lines to connect with the power grid

Legislative Update – Other Proposals

- HB1835 – Defines public benefits for Rail Enhancement Fund grants
- HB1848 – Performance audit of transportation agencies
- HB2158 – Establishes Charlottesville-Albemarle Transit Authority
- HB2420/SB1475 – Modifies requirements of statewide transportation plan and extends HB3202 regional performance measures to other urban areas
- SB1482 – Repeals the HB3202 bond authorization
- SB1464 – Abolishes the Secretary of Transportation, establishes Chief Executive Officer for Transportation

Legislative Update - Budget Amendments

- Prohibit use of state funds for Lynchburg to DC passenger rail initiative, unless service is extended to entire TDX
- Modification Mass Transit Fund allocations for transit operating and transit capital
- Suspend the implementation of Traffic Impact Analysis regulations until 2014
- Prohibit construction of I-95/I-395 HOT Lanes with prior approval from General Assembly

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