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Legislative Update

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House Bill 2: Statewide Prioritization Process

- **Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board to develop a statewide prioritization process for construction funds**
- **Would be starting with the FY17-22 Six-Year Improvement Program**
- **Projects fully funded as of June 30, 2014 and that have completed environmental review may be exempt from this process**

House Bill 2: Statewide Prioritization Process

- **Requires the Board to use the following factors in the evaluation of projects:**
 - **Congestion mitigation**
 - **Economic development**
 - **Accessibility**
 - **Safety**
 - **Environmental Quality**
- **Factors will be weighted differently in various districts**

House Bill 2: Statewide Prioritization Process

- **Does not apply to the following state funds:**
 - Bridge replacement/rehabilitation
 - Pavement reconstruction/rehabilitation
 - Revenue sharing program
 - Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Transportation Alternatives
 - State secondary and urban formula funds
- **Does not apply to regional funds in Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, or federal STP funds controlled by MPOs**

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission

- **HB1253 (Jones) and SB513 (Wagner and Lucas)**
- **Establishes the Accountability Commission for the Hampton Roads region**
 - **Serve as a financing arm for Hampton Roads Regional Fund**
 - **Provides policy oversight for key regional projects advanced with regional funds**
- **VDOT would continue to oversee construction of projects**

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission

- **Board would consist of 21-22 members**
 - Chief executive of the 14 member local governments
 - 3-4 members of the General Assembly
 - 4 ex officio members
 - CTB members from the area, DRPT director, Commissioner of Highways, VPA Director
- **Affirmative decisions require 2/3s vote of members representing at least 2/3s of the regional population**

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission

Powers of the authority include:

- Issuing bonds backed by regional revenues
- Setting toll rates for toll projects advanced using regional revenues
- Negotiating public private partnerships as the responsible public entity

