

## Key House and Senate Member Budget Amendments for Fairfax County 2018 General Assembly

### 2016-2018 BIENNIUM BUDGET

#### Oppose

##### I-66 Inside the Beltway

*House: Item 453 #1h (LaRock)*

Directs the Department of Transportation and the Secretary of Transportation to make changes to the tolling policies on Interstate 66 Inside the Beltway. The changes would revert the tolling hours to the HOV hours prior to the imposition of tolling, initiate tolling of reverse commuters, and refund all monthly per person tolls in excess of \$200.00 until the new eastbound lanes are open to traffic.

### 2018-2020 BIENNIUM BUDGET

#### Support

##### Cost of Competing Adjustment for K-12 Support Positions

*House: Item 136 #2h (Sickles)*

*Senate: Item 136 #4s (Howell)/ Item 135 #4s (Black)*

Provides \$23.9 million GF the first year and \$24.5 million GF the second year to increase the percentage rate for the SOQ funded support positions from 10.61 percent, as reflected in the new biennial budget fiscal year 2018-2020, to 24.61 percent. The entire Fairfax County delegation signed on as co-patrons for the amendments sponsored by Delegate Sickles and Senator Howell.

##### Developmental Disability Waiver Rates

*House: Item 303 #1h (Torian)/ #2h (Guzman)*

*Senate: Item 303 #9s (Howell)/ #12s (Barker)*

Provides \$37.7 million GF and \$37.7 million in federal Medicaid matching funds each year to eliminate the priority one wait list for Medicaid waiver slots – this would add an additional 2,296 Medicaid waiver slots.

*House: Item 303 #6h (Hope)*

*Senate: Item 303 #5s (Favola)*

Adds \$1.8 million GF and \$1.8 million in matching federal Medicaid funds in each year and language to increase the direct support staff wage assumptions used to determine reimbursement rates in the newly designed Developmentally Disabled (DD) waiver programs for individuals residing in Northern Virginia. A higher rate will assist in the recruitment and retention of competent professional staff to provide quality community-based employment. The current staff wage assumption used for DD Waiver provider rates is based on 50 percent of the fiscal year 2014 federal Bureau of Labor Statistics rate.

##### Northern Virginia Training Center

*House: Item 312 #4h (Sickles)*

This language-only amendment specifies that proceeds from the Northern Virginia Training Center sale shall be used to develop provider capacity to serve residents with medically complex support needs or who have multiple diagnoses in Northern Virginia for Virginia residents. Numerous members of the County's GA delegation signed onto this amendment as co-patrons.

Judgeships

*Senate: Item 41 #1s (Howell)*

Provides funding for 10 General District Court judgeships to be filled as of July 1, 2018, including one in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Fairfax County), as recommended by the 2017 National Center for State Courts Judicial Workload Assessment report.

*Senate: Item 41 #3s (Surovell)*

Funds a vacant General District Court judgeship for the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Fairfax County), effective July 1, 2018.

*Senate: Item 42 #1s (Howell)*

Provides funding for 11 Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court judgeships to be filled as of July 1, 2018, including one in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Fairfax County), as recommended by the 2017 National Center for State Courts Judicial Workload Assessment report.

*Senate: Item 42 #2s (Surovell)*

Funds a vacant Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court judgeship for the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Fairfax County), effective July 1, 2018.

Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force

*House: Item 395 #3h (Hugo)*

Provides \$1.5 million each year from the general fund for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, to be distributed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Stormwater

*House: Item C-45 #2h (Bulova)*

*Senate: Item C-45 #1s (Hanger)*

Provides \$50 million in bond proceeds in FY 2019 for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund administered by the Department of Environmental Quality.

*House: Item C-45 #1h (Landes)*

Provides \$25 million in bond proceeds in each year for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund administered by the Department of Environmental Quality.

*House: Item 368 #1h (Landes)*

Provides \$25 million GF each year for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund established by the 2013 Acts of Assembly. To date, \$80 million in cash and bonds have been provided for this purpose.

American Legion Bridge

*House: Item 449 #1h (Murphy)*

*Senate: Item 449 #2s (Favola)*

Directs the Department of Transportation to undertake an initial assessment and preliminary design for remediation of the American Legion Bridge.

## **Oppose**

### I-66 Tolling

*House: Item 433 #1h (LaRock)*

Directs the Department of Transportation and the Secretary of Transportation to make changes to the tolling policies on Interstate 66 Inside the Beltway. The changes would revert the tolling hours to the HOV hours prior to the imposition of tolling, initiate tolling of reverse commuters, and refund all monthly per person tolls in excess of \$200.00 until the new eastbound lanes are open to traffic.

### WMATA Funding and Governance

*House: Item 445 #2h (Peace)*

Conditions disbursement by DRPT of state funding for WMATA on the implementation of recommendation #1 (Creation of the Reform Board) of the "LaHood Report" regarding WMATA reforms.

### Transit Capital Bonds

*House: Item 445 #5h (Peace)*

Eliminates a proposed \$110 million bond authorization for transit capital improvements.

### NVTA

*House Item: 453 #4h (LaRock)*

Limits the share of NVTA funding that can be used for transit and rail projects to no more than 25% of total NVTA funding.

*House Item 453 #5h (Hugo)*

Limits the number of employees working for the NVTA to six.

## **Of Concern**

### Transit Capital Prioritization Process

*House: Item 445 #4h (Peace)*

Expedites the implementation of a process to prioritize the expenditure of transit capital projects.

### NVTA Funding

*House: Item 453 #6h (Hugo)*

Limits the share of the NVTA budget allocated to administrative expenses to four percent.

### Dulles Access Road

*House Item 433 #2h (LaRock)*

Directs the Department of Transportation and the Secretary of Transportation to execute a plan, in conjunction with MWAA and the U.S. Congress, to convert the Dulles Access Road to HOT lanes and utilize the revenues generated to buy-down and expedite the defeasement of tolling on the Dulles Toll Road.

**FYI**

WMATA Funding and Governance

*House: Item 453 #2h (Sickles)*

Modifies the Governor's proposal by reducing the share of existing NVRTA funds going to WMATA (from \$85 million to \$35 million per year), eliminating the proposed increase in the regional transient occupancy tax, reducing the proposed increase in the congestion relief fee (grantor's tax) by 50 percent, and increasing the regional sales tax by 0.2 percent. The amendment also commits \$20 million from existing state recordation revenues to provide the full dedicated amounts to support WMATA (\$154 million Virginia share of the identified \$500 million annual WMATA capital needs), and separates the funding streams dedicated to WMATA and VRE (and provides an increase for VRE from the additional sales tax revenues generated in Prince William County).

*Senate: Item 453 #2s (Barker)*

Removes the proposed increase in regional taxes for funding of the WMATA Metro capital replacement program, and directs the Commonwealth to instead provide \$100 million in each year from existing funds to NVTC under certain conditions and only if matching funding is provided.

WMATA Funding

*House Item 445 #6h (Sickles)*

Sets out a separate allocation from the Mass Transit Account for Metro to ensure that funding for other statewide transit properties is not impacted by changing Metro allocations.

Franconia-Springfield to Quantico Study

*House: Item 445 #1h (Carroll Foy)*

*Senate: Item 445 #2s (Surovell)*

Provides funding for the evaluation of enhanced public transportation services from the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station to Marine Corps Base Quantico in Prince William and Stafford Counties.

VRE Funding

*Senate: Item 446 #1s (Stuart)*

Provides \$20 million from the Passenger and Freight Rail Financial Assistance to capitalize the Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund, and directs such proceeds for investment in the Virginia Railway Express.

Department of Motor Vehicle Funding

Various amendments would increase a variety of fees and make operational changes to address Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) funding needs, including:

- Implementing an additional \$20 fee for oversize and overweight vehicles. *House Item 439 #14h (Wilt); Senate Item 439 #1s (Carrico)*
- Equalizing the motor vehicle registration transfer fee with the fee amount DMV receives from original registrations. *House Item 439 #2h (Ingram); Senate Item 439 #2s (Wagner)*
- Adjusting the fee on all motor vehicle titles to partially account for inflation. *House Items 439 #1h (Ingram) and 439 #7h (Sickles); Senate Item 439 #3s (Wagner)*
- Raising the processing fee charged for vital record transactions at DMV locations. *House Items 439 #3h (Ingram) and 439 #8h (Garrett); Senate Item 439 #4s (Newman)*

- Authorizing the DMV Commissioner to end or modify discounts for multiyear or online registrations. *House Items 439 #5h (Ingram) and 439 #10h (Garrett); Senate Item 439 #5s (Newman)*
- Directing the DMV to study the feasibility of privatizing driver license road tests. *House Items 439 #4h (Ingram) and 439 #9h (Garrett); Senate Item 439 #6s (Newman)*
- Authorizing the DMV to eliminate the provision of refunds for partial-year vehicle registrations when vehicles are sold or registrations otherwise ended. *House Items 439 #6h (Ingram) and 439 #11h (Garrett); Senate Item 439 #7s (Newman)*