

**Agenda and Documents
Legislative Committee
February 23, 2018**

I. Priority Principles for Reviewing Legislation

1. Adequately fund K-12 education.
2. Support dedicated funding and governance reforms for Washington Metrorail, in order to ensure the success of this critical transit system.
3. The Commonwealth should continue and build upon the successful enactment of significant, new transportation revenues by the 2013 General Assembly.
4. Restore the funding partnership between the state and localities through adequate state funding.
5. Preserve local government authority, particularly in taxation and land use; allow greater flexibility in the administration of government.

II. Specific Issues

- Opportunity Zones
- Update on State Budget
- Update on Wireless Telecommunications Legislation

III. Specific Legislation

- Fairfax County Legislative Summary

IV. Legislation Provided for Discussion

- Update on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Legislation

V. “Watch List”/May Have State Revenue/Policy Implications

VI. Legislation Provided for Information

VII. Other Items

IV. Legislation Provided for Discussion

Transportation

HB 384 (Keam) (Passed House; SRUL) directs the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a review of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors membership provisions. (18103775D-E)

HB 1539 (Hugo) (Passed House; SFIN) directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board (the Board) to develop a prioritization process for the use of funds in the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund (the Fund), based on criteria specified in the bill. The bill establishes procedures for allocating funds in the Fund. The bill provides that if operating assistance to WMATA increases by more than two percent in a year, the Board is directed to withhold 50 percent of the allocation for WMATA capital purposes. The bill establishes the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund (the WMATA Fund) to be used to fund WMATA capital costs. Starting in 2019, \$20 million per year would be transferred from the Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund to the WMATA Fund, and \$45 million would be transferred from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Fund to the WMATA Fund before distribution to localities. The bill establishes a three-member Metro Reform Commission to advise the signatories of the WMATA compact. The bill directs NVTC to request information from WMATA regarding its budget, independent audits, National Transit Data profile, and other subjects. The provisions of the bill regarding WMATA funding would not take effect until Maryland and the District of Columbia take action to provide their share of \$500 million in capital funding to WMATA. (18107016D-EH2)

SB 995 (Carrico) (SCT) provides that signs that are related to public safety, provide directional information, or provide public information may be situated or installed in highway rights of way. The bill provides that any signs other than those related to public safety, providing directional information, or providing public information may not be situated or installed in highway rights of way. The bill contains an emergency clause. (18107185D)