

## Key House and Senate Member Budget Amendments for Fairfax County 2020 General Assembly

### 2020-2022 BIENNIUM BUDGET

#### Support

##### Local Vehicle Registration Fees

*House: Item 438 #2h (McQuinn)*

*Senate: Item 438 #2s (Marsden)*

Allows local governments to continue to impose local vehicle registration fees at the current level (\$40.75) regardless of any changes in the state fee resulting from legislation adopted in the 2020 General Assembly session. Currently, state law allows localities to enact a local vehicle registration fee and levy an amount up to the maximum state rate. HB 1414 (Filler-Corn) / SB 890 (Saslaw) propose cutting the state annual vehicle registration fee by half; they also include provisions allowing localities to impose the fee up to the state level that is currently in place. *(Amendment requested by VACo.)*

##### Metro Service Increases

*House: Item 442 #5h (Watts)*

Ensures the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has the flexibility to increase the allocation for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in response to service increases approved by the WMATA Board.

##### Cost of Competing Adjustment (COCA) for K-12 Support Positions

*House: Item 145 #3h (Delaney)/ Item 145 #26h (Helmer)*

*Senate: Item 145 #26s (Bell)/ Item 145 #22s (Stuart)*

Provides \$24.8 million GF in FY 2021 and \$25.9 million GF in FY 2022 to increase the percentage rate for Standards of Quality funded support positions from 10.61 percent to 24.61 percent for the nine Planning District 8 school divisions (and from 2.65 percent to 6.15 percent for the nine adjacent school divisions). Numerous members of the Fairfax County delegation signed on as co-patrons to the amendments sponsored by Delegate Delaney and Senator Bell.

*House: Item 479 #8h (Delaney)*

A companion budget amendment submitted by Delegate Delaney offsets the above COCA amendment with some of the \$100 million GF the Governor set aside in each year for GA priorities.

##### K-12 Support Position Cap

*House: Item 136 #1h (Mugler)*

*Senate: Item 136 #1s (Deeds)/Item 136 #2s (Lucas)*

Directs the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Finance, in consultation with the appropriate legislative committee chairs, to develop a plan to eliminate the cap on recognition of support positions in the Standards of Quality and revert to recognition of staffing levels in accordance with prevailing local practice. The plan must be submitted before the next legislative session, including a schedule for full elimination of the cap by FY 2025. Fairfax County's 2020 Legislative Program includes support for eliminating this cap, which places an artificial limitation on the number of support positions that the state recognizes; these positions, such as school social workers and IT professionals, play an important role in the operation of a school system. *(Amendment requested by VACo.)*

*House: Item 145 #23(h) (Davis)*

*Senate: Item 145 #8s (Barker)/ Item 145 #10s (Ebbin)*

Removes certain student support positions, such as school psychologists and school social workers, from the support cap and provides \$100 million GF in each year for the state's share of funding staffing for these positions based on prevailing local practice, as was done before the imposition of the cap. *(Amendment requested by VACo.) Item 145 #8h (Heretick)/Item 145 #28h (Hayes)/Item 145 #7s (Spruill)/Item 145 #9s (Boysko) are similar.*

#### Aid to Localities with Police Departments

*House: Item 408 #1h (Avoli)*

*Senate: Item 408 #1s (Marsden)*

Provides \$8.6 million GF in FY 2021 and \$16 million GF in FY 2022 to the "HB 599" program, which provides aid to localities with police departments. Virginia law requires that HB 599 funding increases at the same rate as growth in state General Fund revenue collections, and these amendments would ensure HB 599 funding increases to match the GF increases in the 2020-2022 biennium budget. *(Amendment requested by VACo.)*

#### Community Services Board (CSB)

*House: Item 322 #5h (Bulova)*

*Senate: Item 322 #3s (Boysko)*

As part of Medicaid expansion, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) planned to reduce state funding to all CSBs; the reduction for the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB was \$1.69 million (\$11 million statewide) in FY 2019 and \$4.36 million (\$25 million statewide) in FY 2020, based on the assumption that the CSB would receive increased revenue as a result of newly eligible Medicaid participants. Though the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB signed up more than 1,060 newly eligible individuals for Medicaid, the reduction still exceeded the amount of revenue generated. In FY 2020, DBHDS provided a one-time payment of \$1 million to the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB, to address the FY 2019 reduction, pursuant to a provision in the budget passed by the 2019 GA. FY 2020 data for the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB indicates that revenue generated will also be less than the \$4.36 million reduction, similar to statewide projections. These budget amendments would provide \$9.25 million GF in each year to cover the difference between the \$25 million statewide reduction and the amount of Medicaid revenue that CSBs statewide will collect.

*House: Item 322 #8h (Samirah)*

Provides \$3.1 million GF in each year to address the aforementioned reduction specific to the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB.

#### Developmental Disability Waiver Slots

*House: Item 313 #8h (Sickles)*

*Senate: Item 313 #19s (Barker)*

Provides \$21.7 million GF in FY 2021 and \$43.5 million GF in FY 2022 and federal Medicaid matching funds in each year to increase the number of Medicaid Community Living waiver slots by 414 and the number of Medicaid Family and Individual Supports waiver slots by 1,654 over the biennium. The additional slots would serve those on the Priority One waiting list.

#### Stormwater

*House: Item C-70 #1h (Lopez)*

Provides an additional \$9 million in bond proceeds in each year for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF), which is utilized to assist localities in meeting stormwater best management practices required to reduce water quality pollutant loads and meet the water quality requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan.

Virginia Housing Trust Fund

*House: Item 113 #1h (Lopez)*

Provides \$20 million GF in FY 2021 and \$10 million GF in FY 2022 for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

Communications Sales and Use Tax (CSUT) Trust Fund

*House: Item 3-1.01 #1h (Plum)*

*Senate: Item 3-1.01 #3s (Ebbin)*

The budget passed in 2018 directed that \$2 million per year be diverted from the CSUT Trust Fund into the state General Fund. Localities strongly objected to this action, as the Trust Fund represents revenues held in trust for localities. This amendment provides \$2 million each year in additional money from the CSUT to localities. (*Amendment requested by VACo.*)

Libraries

*House: Item 247 #1h (Sickles)*

Provides an additional \$2.75 million GF in FY 2021 and \$5.5 million GF in FY 2022 to increase state aid to local libraries.

Mason Neck State Park

*House: Item 374 #4h, 5h, 6h (Tran)*

Provides approximately \$400,000 GF in each year for more staff, \$1.8 million GF in FY 2021 for connection to the public water supply, and \$200,000 GF in FY 2021 and \$50,000 GF in FY 2022 to provide broadband internet connectivity for Mason Neck State Park.

*Senate: Item 374 #8s, 5s, 9s (Surovell)*

Provides approximately \$522,000 GF in each year for more staff (7 positions), \$2.8 million GF in FY 2021 for connection to the public water supply, and \$200,000 GF in FY 2021 and \$50,000 GF in FY 2022 to provide broadband internet connectivity for Mason Neck State Park.

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

*House: Item 385 #16h (Tran)*

*Senate: Item 385 #6s (Ebbin)*

Provides \$250,000 GF in FY 2021 for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial to be built on the historic prison grounds at Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton, Virginia. The Senate amendment directs that this funding be provided to NOVA Parks for the construction of the memorial.

**Oppose**

Regional Funding

*House: Item 430 #3h (LaRock)*

Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board to transfer management of the commuter choice program (revenues generated on I-395 and I-66 Inside the Beltway Express Lanes) from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission/ Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission

(NVTC/PRTC) to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) following the development of the FY 2020 program of projects.

#### I-66 Tolling

*House: Item 450 #2h (LaRock)*

Directs the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to implement "reverse commuter" tolling on I-66 "Inside the Beltway" coincident with the completion of the I-66 widening project, which will add an additional travel lane on eastbound I-66 from the Dulles Connector Road to Fairfax Drive (Exit 71).

#### Time Limitations on Highway Construction

*House Item: 447 #3h (Cole, J.)*

Directs \$292 million in each year from the General Fund to effectuate the provisions of HB 283 (2020), which limits construction and maintenance on highways between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

### **Monitor**

#### Workgroup on Body Worn Cameras

*Senate: Item 391 #1s (Dunnivant)*

Continues the expanded workgroup conducted under the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security in FY 2020, in order to continue to evaluate workload, fiscal, and policy impacts of body worn cameras within public safety and judicial agencies. The budget amendment requires that the workgroup include representatives of the Supreme Court, the Compensation Board, staff of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Commonwealth's Attorneys, and local governments.

#### COCA for K-12 Support Positions

*Senate: Item 145 #1s (Deeds)*

Provides \$4 million GF in FY 2021 and \$4.3 million GF in FY 2022 to fund the addition of Charlottesville and Albemarle to the 100 percent COCA program.

### **FYI**

#### Review of Drainage Outfalls from Roads

*House: Item 430 #2h (Tyler)*

*Senate: Item 430 #1s (Lucas)*

Requires the Secretaries of Transportation and Natural Resources to evaluate the scope of drainage outfalls originating from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) maintained roads and make recommendations to address the issue.

#### Transportation Project Funding

As has been the case in recent years, numerous budget amendments have been introduced to provide funding for projects, service, or studies outside of existing formulas and prioritization processes, including (but not limited to):

- Providing \$2 million from the General Fund in FY 2020 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. *House: Item 442 #3h (Guzman)/Senate: Item 442 #1s (Surovell)*

- Requiring the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to evaluate the feasibility and fiscal impact of increased off-peak service for the Virginia Railway Express. *House: Item 442 #4h (Carter)*
- Providing \$2 million from the General Fund in FY 2020 to conduct an evaluation of the need for enhanced public transportation services along Columbia Pike (running southwest from the Pentagon Metrorail Station to Annandale, connecting to the Silver Line through Route 7 and connecting with the West Falls Church Metrorail Station). *House: Item 442 #7h (Hope)*
- Providing \$200,000 for VDOT to study traffic congestion on US Route 50 between I-66 in Fairfax County and U.S. Route 15 in Loudoun County and to develop options for improvements. *House: Item 447 #9h (Subramanyam)*
- Providing \$4.4 million in each year to reduce VRE passenger fares by ten percent. *House: Item 443 #1h (Carter)*
- Providing \$10.9 million in each year to reduce VRE passenger fares by 25 percent. *House: Item 443 #2h (Carter)*
- Requiring DRPT to evaluate the cost of extending VRE service to Gainesville. *House: Item 443 #6h (Roem)*
- Providing \$70 million over the biennium from the General Fund to replace the Kings Highway Bridge, which was closed in 2005. *House: Item 447 #6h (Jenkins)*
- Dedicating \$80 million in the first year for replacement of the Robert O. Norris Bridge from any new revenues generated for the Commonwealth Transportation Fund pursuant to SB 890 / HB 1414 (2020) prior to any allocation of revenues for other transportation purposes or formula distributions. *Senate: Item 449 #1s (McDougle)*

#### Toll Facility-Related Provisions

Several budget amendments have been introduced to reduce impacts of various toll facilities, including:

- Providing \$2.3 million in each year from the General Fund to effectuate the provisions of HB 1245 (2020), which prohibits the Department of Motor Vehicles from charging individuals an additional fee to register their vehicle due to outstanding toll violations if those violations occurred in the Midtown or Downtown tunnels connecting Norfolk and Portsmouth. *House: Item 436 #1h (Jenkins)*
- Providing \$2.5 billion in FY 2020 from the General Fund to buy out the contract for the Elizabeth River Toll pursuant to pending legislation. *House: Item 452 #3h (Scott)*
- Providing \$2 million in each year from the General Fund to enact the provisions of HB 429 (2020), which exempts public school teachers, firefighters, or emergency medical services personnel from paying tolls when traveling between home and work. *House: Item 452 #4h (Scott)*

#### Local Maintenance Payments

*House: Item 451 #2h (McQuinn)/ Item 451 #3h (Bulova)/ Item 451 #4g (Governor Northam)*

*Senate: Items 451 #1s (Marsden)/ Item 451 #2s (McClellan)/ Item #451 #3s (Hanger)/ Item 451 #7g (Governor Northam)*

Provides additional funding for local street maintenance payments to localities that maintain their own roadways.