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Bill	Summary	Patron	Status
HB1903	Local government authority; reduction of speed limits. Authorizes local governing bodies to reduce the speed limit to less than 25 miles per hour, but not less than 15 miles per hour, in a business district or residence district.	Carr	1/19/21: House - VOTE: Passage (93-Y 6-N). 2/17/21: Senate - Passed (21-Y 17-N) 3/24/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 318 (eff. 7/1/21)
HB1926	Central Virginia Transportation Authority; membership. Adds the Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority, or his designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority.	McQuinn	1/29/21: House - Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N) 2/22/21: Senate - Passed (39-Y 0-N) 3/18/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 142 (effective 7/1/21)
HB2054	Comprehensive plan; transit-oriented development. Adds reducing, modifying, or waiving local parking requirements or ratios to the strategies that may be included when certain larger localities consider incorporating strategies to promote transit-oriented development in reviews of their comprehensive plans. The bill removes from the existing strategy of increasing development density in certain areas to reduce density in others the phrase "to reduce density in others."	Samirah	1/27/21: House - Vote - Passage (76-Y 24-N) 2/17/21: Senate - Passed (22-Y 16-N) 3/30/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 412 (effective 7/1/21)
HB2071	Transportation projects; resiliency. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to determine whether a project has been designed to be or the project sponsor has committed that the design will be resilient when evaluating projects for the Six-Year Improvement Program and consider resiliency when establishing the Statewide Transportation Plan. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Highways to ensure resiliency is incorporated into the design standards for new construction projects.	Convirs-Fowler	1/29/21: House - Vote - Passage (64-Y 35-N) 2/16/21: Senate - Passed with amendment (39-Y 0-N) 2/18/21: House - Vote - Adoption (83-Y 17-N) 3/11/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 51 (effective 7/1/21)
HB2262	Traffic regulation; bicycles; report. Requires the driver of a motor vehicle to change lanes when overtaking a bicycle or certain other vehicles when the lane of travel is not wide enough for the overtaking motor vehicle to pass at least three feet to the left of the overtaken vehicle. The bill also removes the limitations on riding bicycles and certain other vehicles two abreast. The Department of State Police is directed to convene a work group to review issues related to allowing bicyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs, and to report any recommendations to the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation.	Hurst	2/2/21: House - Vote - Passage (75-Y 24-N) 2/17/21: Senate - Passed Senate with substitute (21-Y 18-N) 2/19/21: House - Agreed to Senate substitute (69-Y 30-N) 3/31/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 462 (effective 7/1/21)

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HJ542	Study; Department of Rail and Public Transportation; transit equity and modernization; report. Requests the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to conduct a two-year study of transit equity and modernization in the Commonwealth, with emphasis on transit services and engagement opportunities for underserved and underrepresented communities.	McQuinn	<p>2/2/21: House - Vote - Agree to (77-Y 19-N)</p> <p>2/18/21: Senate - Agreed to by Senate with substitute by voice vote</p> <p>2/22/21: House - Rejected Senate substitute (0-Y 99-N)</p> <p>2/25/21: House - Agreed to Conference report (75-Y 22-N)</p> <p>2/27/21: Senate - Agreed to Conference report</p>
SB1126	Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads; membership. Adds a member of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and a member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, to the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads. Such legislative members must represent districts that include certain cities in the Hampton Roads region. The bill also requires that nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission appointed by the Governor have experience in one of the following fields: transit, transportation, or land use planning; management of transit, transportation, or other public sector operations; public budgeting or finance; corporate communications; government oversight; or state or local government. The new qualifications do not affect the appointment of any current members of the Commission until the expiration of their terms.	Spruill	<p>1/27/21: Senate - Read third time and passed (39-Y 0-N)</p> <p>2/19/21: House - Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)</p> <p>3/30/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 435 (effective 7/1/21)</p>
SB1158	Port of Virginia tax credits; sunset. Extends the sunset for the international trade facility tax credit, the barge and rail usage tax credit, and the port volume increase tax credit from taxable years before January 1, 2022, to taxable years before January 1, 2025.	Spruill	<p>1/25/21: Senate - Read third time and passed (39-Y 0-N)</p> <p>2/18/21: House - Vote - Passage (95-Y 4-N 1-A)</p> <p>3/25/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 373 (eff. 7/1/21)</p>
SB1223	Transportation electrification; Virginia Energy Plan. Amends the Virginia Energy Plan to include an analysis of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other infrastructure needed to support the 2045 net-zero carbon target in the transportation sector.	Boysko	<p>1/29/21: Senate - Read third time and passed (22-Y 15-N)</p> <p>2/19/21: House - Vote - Passage (57-Y 42-N)</p> <p>3/24/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 326 (eff. 7/1/21)</p>
SB1253	Funds for access roads to economic development sites; criteria for use of funds. Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board, in consultation with the Secretaries of Transportation and Commerce and Trade, to develop criteria to be used in the award of funds for access roads to economic development sites. The criteria shall take into account job creation, capital investment, and other relevant economic development considerations.	McPike	<p>1/27/21: Senate - Read third time and passed (39-Y 0-N)</p> <p>2/19/21: House - Block Vote Passage (100-Y 0-N)</p> <p>3/25/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 378 (eff. 7/1/21)</p>

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SB1259	Virginia Highway Corporation Act; alteration of certificate of authority; powers and duties of the State Corporation Commission. Requires any application for a transfer, extension, or amendment of a certificate of authority issued under the Virginia Highway Corporation Act to include information demonstrating the financial fitness of the entity applying to operate the roadway. The bill requires an applicant for a toll increase to provide a forward-looking analysis return that will be reviewed by the Department of Transportation that demonstrates that the proposed rates will be reasonable to the user in relation to the benefit obtained, not likely to materially discourage use of the roadway, and provide the operator no more than a reasonable return. The bill also prohibits the State Corporation Commission from authorizing a toll increase if these criteria are not met or if the proposed increase is for more than one year. The bill requires an operator to receive approval from the Commission prior to refinancing any existing debt.	Bell	2/3/21: Senate - Read third time and passed (32-Y 5-N) 2/16/21: House - Vote - Passage (97-Y 1-N 1-A) 3/25/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 350 (eff. 7/1/21)
SB1260	Entry onto land for inspection. Requires that for any project wherein the power of eminent domain may be exercised, any locality or the Commissioner of Highways shall provide a landowner with a request to enter and inspect property at least 30 days in advance. The request must be on official letterhead and shall notify the landowner that even if permission is withheld, the locality or the Commissioner of Highways will be permitted to enter the property on the proposed date. Current law requires the locality or the Commissioner of Highways to send a request to enter and inspect the property and, if written permission is not received within 15 days, a subsequent notice of intent to enter with the date on which the locality or the Commissioner of Highways will be entering the property.	Bell	2/2/21: Senate - Passed (39-Y 0-N) 2/19/21: House - Vote - Passed with amendments (99-Y 0-N) 2/23/21: Senate - Agreed to House amendments (38-Y 1-N) 3/11/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 60 (effective 7/1/21)
SB1350	Transportation projects; resiliency. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to determine whether a project has been designed to be or the project sponsor has committed that the design will be resilient when evaluating projects for the Six-Year Improvement Program and consider resiliency when establishing the Statewide Transportation Plan. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Highways to ensure resiliency is incorporated into the design standards for new construction projects.	Lewis	2/5/21: Senate - Read third time and passed Senate (39-Y 0-N) 2/16/21: House - Vote - Passage (81-Y 18-N) 2/18/21: Senate - House amendment agreed to by Senate (39-Y 0-N) 3/11/21: Governor - Approved - Chapter 52 (effective 7/1/21)
Budget Amendments			
HB1800 114#6c	Restore Additional Support for Planning District Commissions. This amendment would provide an additional \$294,000 the second year from the general fund to provide each of the 21 Planning District Commissions with an increase of \$14,000 per year. The 2020 Appropriation Act provided this amount in both years of the biennium; however, the increase was unallotted due to COVID-19 impacts to the state budget.		Conference Report
HB1800 446#2c	Coastal Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Inundation Study (language only). This amendment includes language requiring VDOT to report annually on the status of what transportation infrastructure in the Coastal Shore region is at risk to inundation from sea-level rise and what is being done to address the concerns.		Conference Report
HB1100 114#5c	Virginia Removal or Rehabilitation of Derelict Structures Fund. This amendment would provide an additional \$500,000 from the GF in the second year for the Industrial Revitalization Fund and designate the increase for the removal, renovation or modernization of port-related buildings and facilities in the cities of Portsmouth, Norfolk, Newport News, Richmond, or Front Royal.		Conference Report

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HB1800 447.10#1c	2021 Transportation Funding Initiative. This amendment provides a total of \$323.4 million to establish the 2021 Transportation Funding Initiative comprised of one-time federal Coronavirus relief funding, existing program balances, and general funds. The Initiative provides funding for a variety of statewide funding programs and projects including expansion of intercity and commuter passenger rail programs, completion of the Hampton Roads Express Lanes network, capacity expansion of the Interstate 64 Corridor in Richmond, fare-free transit demonstration projects, statewide multiuse trails, and an urban connected infrastructure demonstration project.		Conference Report