

**BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE  
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD (HB2)**

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# HB2 BACKGROUND

*“The General Assembly declares it to be in the public interest that a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board be developed and implemented to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's transportation system, transportation safety, transportation accessibility for people and freight, and economic development in the Commonwealth.”*

- A statewide prioritization process is proposed to be developed by the CTB, in cooperation with MPOs wholly within the Commonwealth and with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, for use of CTB funds.
- The prioritization process shall be used for the development of the Six-Year Improvement Program and shall consider highway, transit, rail, roadway, technology operational improvements, and transportation demand management strategies.

# PROPOSED PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

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- **Weighting Factors:**
  - Based on an objective, quantifiable analysis that considers at a minimum the following factors relative to the cost of the project or strategy:
    - Congestion Mitigation
    - Economic Development
    - Accessibility
    - Safety
    - Environmental Quality
  - CTB shall weigh factors listed above for each of the state's construction districts. The Commonwealth Transportation Board may assign different weights to the factors based on geographic location and other factors.
  - The CTB shall cooperate with the applicable planning organization when developing the weighting of factors for a metropolitan planning area with a population over 200,000.
- **Prior to the analysis of projects, candidate projects shall be screened to determine whether they help address a need in the assessment of the Statewide Transportation Plan for corridors of statewide significance, regional networks, or improvements to promote urban development areas.**
- **The prioritization process developed shall not apply to the following:**
  - Maintenance projects and asset management practices
  - CMAQ projects
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program
  - Transportation Alternatives
  - Projects funded by local
  - Revenue-sharing projects program

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- CTB shall select projects for funding pursuant to the provisions of this act beginning July 1, 2016.
- At the discretion of the CTB, a project fully funded in the SYIP that has completed the state environmental review process or the review process required by NEPA may be exempt from the provisions of this act.
- The prioritization process developed shall not apply to funds allocated to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority or the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund.
- For Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads construction districts, the CTB shall ensure that congestion mitigation is weighted highest among the factors in the prioritization process.
  - For metropolitan planning areas with a population over 200,000, the prioritization process shall include a factor based on the quantifiable and achievable goals pursuant to the Statewide Transportation Plan.