

**Central Virginia Transportation  
Authority - Va Code 33.2-3700, et seq.  
2020**

## Chapter 37. Central Virginia Transportation Authority.

### § 33.2-3700. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Authority" means the Central Virginia Transportation Authority.

"Fund" means the Central Virginia Transportation Fund.

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### § 33.2-3701. Central Virginia Transportation Fund.

A. There is hereby created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund for Planning District 15 to be known as the Central Virginia Transportation Fund. The Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller. All revenues dedicated to the Fund pursuant to § 58.1-638 and Chapter 22.1 (§ 58.1-2291 et seq.) of Title 58.1 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Fund. Interest earned on moneys in the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. The moneys deposited in the Fund shall be used solely for (i) transportation purposes benefiting the localities comprising Planning District 15 and (ii) administrative and operating expenses as specified in subsection B of § 33.2-3706.

B. The amounts dedicated to the Fund shall be deposited monthly by the Comptroller into the Fund and thereafter distributed to the Authority as soon as practicable for use in accordance with this chapter. If the Authority determines that such moneys distributed to it exceed the amount required to meet the current needs and demands to fund transportation purposes pursuant to this chapter, the Authority may invest such excess moneys to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in subsection A of § 33.2-1525 for excess funds in the Transportation Trust Fund.

C. The amounts deposited into the Fund and the distribution and expenditure of such amounts shall not be used to calculate or reduce the share of federal, state, or local revenues otherwise available to participating localities. Further, such revenues and moneys shall not be included in any computation of, or formula for, a locality's ability to pay for public education, upon which appropriations of state revenues to local governments for public education are determined.

D. After provision for the payment of administrative and operating expenses as specified in subsection B of § 33.2-3706, the revenues in the Fund shall be allocated as follows:

1. Thirty-five percent shall be retained by the Authority to be used for transportation-related purposes benefiting the localities comprising Planning District 15;
2. Fifteen percent shall be distributed to the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC), or its successor, to provide transit and mobility services in Planning District 15; and
3. Fifty percent shall be returned, proportionally, to each locality located in Planning District 15 to be used to improve local mobility, which may include construction, maintenance, or expansion of roads, sidewalks, trails, mobility services, or transit located in the locality.

E. Each locality's share of the revenues returned pursuant to subdivision D 3 shall be the total of the taxes dedicated to the Fund that are generated or attributable to the locality divided by the total of such taxes dedicated to the Fund. Each locality shall create a separate, special fund in which all revenues received pursuant to subdivision D 3 shall be deposited. Each locality shall annually provide to the Authority sufficient documentation, as required by the Authority, showing that the revenues distributed under subdivision D 3 were used for the purposes set forth therein.

F. The projects and other transportation purposes supported by the revenues allocated under subdivisions D 1 and 2 shall be approved by the Authority.

G. The GRTC shall create a separate, special fund in which all revenues received pursuant to subdivision D 2 shall be deposited. The GRTC shall develop a plan for regional public transportation within Planning District 15 in collaboration with the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization in conformance with the guidelines required by § 33.2-286 . The GRTC shall annually provide to the Authority sufficient documentation, as required by the Authority, showing that the revenues distributed under subdivision D 2 were applied in accordance with Authority approval and the guidelines required by § 33.2-286.

H. The Authority shall develop a prioritization process based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that considers the benefits of projects relative to their cost. Only projects evaluated using such process may be funded pursuant to subdivision D 1.

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### **§ 33.2-3702. Central Virginia Transportation Authority created.**

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority is hereby created as a body politic and as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. The Authority shall embrace each county, city, and town located in Planning District 15, which is established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2.

2020, c. 1235.

### **§ 33.2-3703. Composition of Authority.**

The Authority shall consist of 16 members as follows:

1. The chief elected officer, or his designee, of the governing body of each of the counties embraced by the Authority;
2. The chief elected officer, or his designee, of the City of Richmond and the Town of Ashland;
3. One member of the House of Delegates who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member of the Senate who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules;
4. A member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a locality embraced by the Authority and is appointed by the Governor; and
5. The following four persons serving ex officio as nonvoting members of the Authority: the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his designee; the Commissioner of Highways, or his designee; the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC); and the Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation

Authority.

All members of the Authority shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. If a member of the Authority who represents a locality as provided in subdivision 1 or 2 is unable to attend a meeting of the Authority, he may designate another current elected official of such governing body to attend such meeting of the Authority. Such designation shall be for the purposes of one meeting and shall be submitted in writing or electronically to the Chairman of the Authority at least 48 hours prior to the affected meeting.

The Authority shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its voting membership.

The Auditor of Public Accounts, or his legally authorized representatives, shall annually audit the financial accounts of the Authority, and the cost of such audit shall be borne by the Authority.

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**§ 33.2-3704. Staff.**

The Authority may employ a chief executive officer and such staff as it shall determine to be necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this chapter. No such person shall contemporaneously serve as a member of the Authority. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall make their employees available to assist the Authority, upon request.

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**§ 33.2-3705. Decisions of the Authority.**

A majority of voting members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies shall not be considered in the establishment of a quorum. Votes of the chief elected officers of localities, or their designees, appointed to the Authority shall be weighted, based upon population of the locality, as follows: (i) the chief elected officers, or their designees, from the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico and the City of Richmond shall each receive four votes; (ii) the chief elected officer, or his designee, from the County of Hanover shall receive three votes; (iii) the chief elected officers, or their designees, from the Counties of Goochland, New Kent, and Powhatan shall each receive two votes; and (iv) the chief elected officers, or their designees, from the Town of Ashland and the County of Charles City shall each receive one vote. The Delegate and Senator appointed to the Authority and the member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board appointed by the Governor shall each receive one vote. Decisions of the Authority shall require an affirmative vote of those present and voting whose votes represent at least four-fifths of the population embraced by the Authority; however, no motion to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if such facility or service is not located or to be located or provided or to be provided within the county or city whose chief elected officer's or elected official's, or its respective designee's, sole negative vote caused the facility or service to fail to meet the population criterion. The population of counties and cities embraced by the Authority shall be the population as determined by the most recently preceding decennial census, except that on July 1 of the fifth year following such census, the population of each county and city shall be adjusted, based on population estimates made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia.

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**§ 33.2-3706. Annual budget and allocation of expenses.**

A. The Authority shall adopt an annual budget and develop a funding plan to be supported by the revenues allocated under subdivision D 1 of § 33.2-3701 and shall provide for such development and adoption in its bylaws. The funding plan shall provide for the expenditure of funds for transportation purposes over a four-to-six-year period and shall align with the Statewide Transportation Plan established pursuant to § 33.2-353, the long-range transportation plan of Planning District 15, or the long-range transportation plans of participating localities as much as possible. The Authority shall solicit public comment on its budget and funding plan by posting a summary of such budget and funding plan on its website and holding a public hearing. Such public hearing shall be advertised on the Authority's website and in a newspaper of general circulation in Planning District 15.

B. The administrative and operating expenses of the Authority shall be provided in an annual budget adopted by the Authority and to the extent funds for such expenses are not provided from other sources shall be paid from the Fund. Such budget shall be limited solely to the administrative and operating expenses of the Authority and shall not include any funds for construction or acquisition of transportation facilities or the maintenance or performance of any transportation service.

C. Members may be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825, if approved by the Authority. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Authority.

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**§ 33.2-3707. Authority to issue bonds.**

The Authority may issue bonds and other evidences of debt as may be authorized by this section or other law. The provisions of Article 5 (§ 33.2-1920 et seq.) of Chapter 19 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the issuance of such bonds or other debt. The Authority may issue bonds or other debt in such amounts as it deems appropriate. The bonds may be supported by any funds available.

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**§ 33.2-3708. Powers of the Authority.**

A. The Authority shall have the following powers together with all powers incidental thereto or necessary for the performance of those hereinafter stated:

1. To sue and be sued and to prosecute and defend, at law or in equity, in any court having jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties;
2. To adopt and use a corporate seal and to alter the same at its pleasure;
3. To procure insurance, participate in insurance plans, and provide self-insurance; however, the purchase of insurance, participation in an insurance plan, or the creation of a self-insurance plan by the Authority shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any sovereign immunity to which the Authority or its officers, directors, employees, or agents are otherwise entitled;
4. To establish bylaws and make all rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, deemed expedient for the management of the Authority's affairs;

5. To apply for and accept money, materials, contributions, grants, or other financial assistance from the United States and agencies or instrumentalities thereof, the Commonwealth and any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Commonwealth, and any legitimate private source;
6. To acquire real and personal property or any interest therein by purchase, lease, gift, or otherwise for purposes consistent with this chapter and to hold, encumber, sell, or otherwise dispose of such land or interest for purposes consistent with this chapter;
7. To acquire by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise, highways, bridges, or tunnels and to construct the same by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise;
8. In consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board for projects that encompass a state highway, and with each city or county in which the facility or any part thereof is or is to be located, to repair, expand, enlarge, construct, reconstruct, or renovate any or all highways, bridges, and tunnels within Planning District 15 and to acquire any real or personal property needed for any such purpose;
9. To enter into agreements or leases with public or private entities for the operation and maintenance of bridges, transit and rail facilities, and highways;
10. To make and execute contracts, deeds, mortgages, leases, and all other instruments and agreements necessary or convenient for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers and functions under this chapter;
11. To the extent funds are made or become available to the Authority to do so, to employ employees, agents, advisors, and consultants, including without limitation attorneys, financial advisers, engineers, and other technical advisers and, the provisions of any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, to determine their duties and compensation;
12. To exercise the powers of a locality pursuant to § 33.2-269; and
13. To the extent not inconsistent with the other provisions of this chapter, and without limiting or restricting the powers otherwise given the Authority, to exercise all of the powers given to transportation district commissions by § 33.2-1919.

B. The Authority shall comply with the provisions governing localities contained in § 15.2-2108.23.

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### **§ 33.2-3709. Additional Powers of the Authority.**

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this title and in accordance with all applicable federal statutes and requirements, the Authority shall control and operate and may impose and collect tolls in amounts established by the Authority for the use of any new or improved highway, bridge, or tunnel, to increase capacity on such facility or to address congestion within Planning District 15, constructed by the Commission (i) with federal, state, or local funds, (ii) solely with revenues of the Authority, or (iii) with revenues under the control of the Authority. The amount of any such toll may be varied from facility to facility, by lane, by congestion levels, by day of the week, by time of day, by type or size of vehicle, by number of axles, or by any similar combination thereof or any other factor the Authority may deem proper, and a reduced rate may be established for commuters as defined by the Authority. All such tolls shall be used for programs

and projects that are reasonably related to or benefit the users of the new or improved highway, bridge, or tunnel, including, but not limited to, for the debt service and other costs of bonds whose proceeds are used for construction or improvement of such highway, bridge, or tunnel.

Any tolls imposed by the Authority shall be collected by an electronic toll system that, to the extent possible, shall not impede the traffic flow of the facility or prohibit a toll facility from retaining means of nonautomated toll collection in some lanes of the facility. For all facilities tolled by the Authority, there shall be signs erected prior to the point of toll collection that clearly state how the majority of the toll revenue is being spent by the Authority to benefit the users of the facility.

2020, c. [1235](#).

**§ 33.2-3710. Authority a responsible public entity under Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.**

The Authority is a responsible public entity as defined in § [33.2-1800](#) and shall be regulated in accordance with the terms of the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ [33.2-1800](#) et seq.) and regulations and guidelines adopted pursuant thereto.

2020, c. [1235](#).

**§ 33.2-3711. Continuing responsibilities of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Department of Transportation.**

Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this chapter, until such time as the Authority and the Department of Transportation, or the Authority and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, agree otherwise in writing, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate funding to and the Department of Transportation shall perform or cause to be performed all maintenance and operation of the bridges and roadways and shall perform such other required services and activities with respect to such bridges and roadways as were being performed on July 1, 2020.

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**§ 33.2-3712. Continued responsibilities for local transit funding.**

No locality embraced by the Authority shall reduce its local funding for public transit by more than 50 percent of what it appropriated for public transit as of July 1, 2019. Starting in fiscal year 2023, the amount required to be provided by a locality pursuant to this section shall be adjusted annually based on the greater of (i) the change in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the U.S. Department of Labor for the previous year, or (ii) zero.

2020, c. [1235](#).

**§ 33.2-3713. Use of revenues by the Authority.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all moneys received by the Authority shall be used by the Authority solely for the benefit of those counties, cities, and towns that are embraced by the Authority, and such moneys shall be used by the Authority in a manner that is consistent with the purposes stated in this chapter.

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**Central Virginia Transportation  
Authority – Acts of Assembly Chap. 1235  
2020**



# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 RECONVENED SESSION

## CHAPTER 1235

*An Act to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-638, 58.1-2295, as it is currently effective, and 58.1-2299.20, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 33.2 a chapter numbered 37, consisting of sections numbered 33.2-3700 through 33.2-3713, relating to creation of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority; funding.*

[H 1541]

Approved April 22, 2020

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-638, 58.1-2295, as it is currently effective, and 58.1-2299.20, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 33.2 a chapter numbered 37, consisting of sections numbered 33.2-3700 through 33.2-3713, as follows:**

### CHAPTER 37.

#### CENTRAL VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

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##### **§ 33.2-3701. Central Virginia Transportation Fund.**

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*B. The amounts dedicated to the Fund shall be deposited monthly by the Comptroller into the Fund and thereafter distributed to the Authority as soon as practicable for use in accordance with this chapter. If the Authority determines that such moneys distributed to it exceed the amount required to meet the current needs and demands to fund transportation purposes pursuant to this chapter, the Authority may invest such excess moneys to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in subsection A of § 33.2-1525 for excess funds in the Transportation Trust Fund.*

*C. The amounts deposited into the Fund and the distribution and expenditure of such amounts shall not be used to calculate or reduce the share of federal, state, or local revenues otherwise available to participating localities. Further, such revenues and moneys shall not be included in any computation of, or formula for, a locality's ability to pay for public education, upon which appropriations of state revenues to local governments for public education are determined.*

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*E. Each locality's share of the revenues returned pursuant to subdivision D 3 shall be the total of the taxes dedicated to the Fund that are generated or attributable to the locality divided by the total of such taxes dedicated to the Fund. Each locality shall create a separate, special fund in which all revenues received pursuant to subdivision D 3 shall be deposited. Each locality shall annually provide to the Authority sufficient documentation, as required by the Authority, showing that the revenues distributed under subdivision D 3 were used for the purposes set forth therein.*

*F. The projects and other transportation purposes supported by the revenues allocated under subdivisions D 1 and 2 shall be approved by the Authority.*

*G. The GRTC shall create a separate, special fund in which all revenues received pursuant to*

subdivision D 2 shall be deposited. The GRTC shall develop a plan for regional public transportation within Planning District 15 in collaboration with the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization in conformance with the guidelines required by § 33.2-286. The GRTC shall annually provide to the Authority sufficient documentation, as required by the Authority, showing that the revenues distributed under subdivision D 2 were applied in accordance with Authority approval and the guidelines required by § 33.2-286.

H. The Authority shall develop a prioritization process based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that considers the benefits of projects relative to their cost. Only projects evaluated using such process may be funded pursuant to subdivision D 1.

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3. One member of the House of Delegates who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member of the Senate who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules;
4. A member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a locality embraced by the Authority and is appointed by the Governor; and
5. The following four persons serving *ex officio* as nonvoting members of the Authority: the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his designee; the Commissioner of Highways, or his designee; the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC); and the Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

All members of the Authority shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. If a member of the Authority who represents a locality as provided in subdivision 1 or 2 is unable to attend a meeting of the Authority, he may designate another current elected official of such governing body to attend such meeting of the Authority. Such designation shall be for the purposes of one meeting and shall be submitted in writing or electronically to the Chairman of the Authority at least 48 hours prior to the affected meeting.

The Authority shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its voting membership.

The Auditor of Public Accounts, or his legally authorized representatives, shall annually audit the financial accounts of the Authority, and the cost of such audit shall be borne by the Authority.

**§ 33.2-3704. Staff.**

The Authority may employ a chief executive officer and such staff as it shall determine to be necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this chapter. No such person shall contemporaneously serve as a member of the Authority. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall make their employees available to assist the Authority, upon request.

**§ 33.2-3705. Decisions of the Authority.**

A majority of voting members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies shall not be considered in the establishment of a quorum. Votes of the chief elected officers of localities, or their designees, appointed to the Authority shall be weighted, based upon population of the locality, as follows: (i) the chief elected officers, or their designees, from the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico and the City of Richmond shall each receive four votes; (ii) the chief elected officer, or his designee, from the County of Hanover shall receive three votes; (iii) the chief elected officers, or their designees, from the Counties of Goochland, New Kent, and Powhatan shall each receive two votes; and (iv) the chief elected officers, or their designees, from the Town of Ashland and the County of Charles City shall each receive one vote. The Delegate and Senator appointed to the Authority and the member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board appointed by the Governor shall each receive one vote. Decisions of the Authority shall require an affirmative vote of those present and voting whose votes represent at least four-fifths of the population embraced by the Authority; however, no motion to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if such facility or service is not located or to be located or provided or to be provided within the county or city whose chief elected officer's or elected official's, or its respective designee's, sole negative vote caused the facility or service to fail to meet the population criterion. The population of counties and cities embraced by the Authority shall be the population as determined by the most recently preceding decennial census, except that on July 1 of the fifth year following such census, the population of each county and city shall be adjusted, based on population estimates made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia.

**§ 33.2-3706. Annual budget and allocation of expenses.**

A. The Authority shall adopt an annual budget and develop a funding plan to be supported by the revenues allocated under subdivision D 1 of § 33.2-3701 and shall provide for such development and adoption in its bylaws. The funding plan shall provide for the expenditure of funds for transportation purposes over a four-to-six-year period and shall align with the Statewide Transportation Plan established pursuant to § 33.2-353, the long-range transportation plan of Planning District 15, or the long-range transportation plans of participating localities as much as possible. The Authority shall solicit public comment on its budget and funding plan by posting a summary of such budget and funding plan on its website and holding a public hearing. Such public hearing shall be advertised on the Authority's website and in a newspaper of general circulation in Planning District 15.

B. The administrative and operating expenses of the Authority shall be provided in an annual budget adopted by the Authority and to the extent funds for such expenses are not provided from other sources shall be paid from the Fund. Such budget shall be limited solely to the administrative and operating expenses of the Authority and shall not include any funds for construction or acquisition of transportation facilities or the maintenance or performance of any transportation service.

C. Members may be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825, if approved by the Authority. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Authority.

**§ 33.2-3707. Authority to issue bonds.**

The Authority may issue bonds and other evidences of debt as may be authorized by this section or other law. The provisions of Article 5 (§ 33.2-1920 et seq.) of Chapter 19 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the issuance of such bonds or other debt. The Authority may issue bonds or other debt in such amounts as it deems appropriate. The bonds may be supported by any funds available.

**§ 33.2-3708. Powers of the Authority.**

A. The Authority shall have the following powers together with all powers incidental thereto or necessary for the performance of those hereinafter stated:

1. To sue and be sued and to prosecute and defend, at law or in equity, in any court having jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties;

2. To adopt and use a corporate seal and to alter the same at its pleasure;

3. To procure insurance, participate in insurance plans, and provide self-insurance; however, the purchase of insurance, participation in an insurance plan, or the creation of a self-insurance plan by the Authority shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any sovereign immunity to which the Authority or its officers, directors, employees, or agents are otherwise entitled;

4. To establish bylaws and make all rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, deemed expedient for the management of the Authority's affairs;

5. To apply for and accept money, materials, contributions, grants, or other financial assistance from the United States and agencies or instrumentalities thereof, the Commonwealth and any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the Commonwealth, and any legitimate private source;

6. To acquire real and personal property or any interest therein by purchase, lease, gift, or otherwise for purposes consistent with this chapter and to hold, encumber, sell, or otherwise dispose of such land or interest for purposes consistent with this chapter;

7. To acquire by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise, highways, bridges, or tunnels and to construct the same by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise;

8. In consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board for projects that encompass a state highway, and with each city or county in which the facility or any part thereof is or is to be located, to repair, expand, enlarge, construct, reconstruct, or renovate any or all highways, bridges, and tunnels within Planning District 15 and to acquire any real or personal property needed for any such purpose;

9. To enter into agreements or leases with public or private entities for the operation and maintenance of bridges, transit and rail facilities, and highways;

10. To make and execute contracts, deeds, mortgages, leases, and all other instruments and agreements necessary or convenient for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers and functions under this chapter;

11. To the extent funds are made or become available to the Authority to do so, to employ employees, agents, advisors, and consultants, including without limitation attorneys, financial advisers, engineers, and other technical advisers and, the provisions of any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, to determine their duties and compensation;

12. To exercise the powers of a locality pursuant to § 33.2-269; and

13. To the extent not inconsistent with the other provisions of this chapter, and without limiting or restricting the powers otherwise given the Authority, to exercise all of the powers given to transportation district commissions by § 33.2-1919.

B. The Authority shall comply with the provisions governing localities contained in § 15.2-2108.23.

**§ 33.2-3709. Additional Powers of the Authority.**

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this title and in accordance with all applicable federal statutes and requirements, the Authority shall control and operate and may impose and collect tolls in amounts established by the Authority for the use of any new or improved highway, bridge, or tunnel, to

increase capacity on such facility or to address congestion within Planning District 15, constructed by the Commission (i) with federal, state, or local funds, (ii) solely with revenues of the Authority, or (iii) with revenues under the control of the Authority. The amount of any such toll may be varied from facility to facility, by lane, by congestion levels, by day of the week, by time of day, by type or size of vehicle, by number of axles, or by any similar combination thereof or any other factor the Authority may deem proper, and a reduced rate may be established for commuters as defined by the Authority. All such tolls shall be used for programs and projects that are reasonably related to or benefit the users of the new or improved highway, bridge, or tunnel, including, but not limited to, for the debt service and other costs of bonds whose proceeds are used for construction or improvement of such highway, bridge, or tunnel.

Any tolls imposed by the Authority shall be collected by an electronic toll system that, to the extent possible, shall not impede the traffic flow of the facility or prohibit a toll facility from retaining means of nonautomated toll collection in some lanes of the facility. For all facilities tolled by the Authority, there shall be signs erected prior to the point of toll collection that clearly state how the majority of the toll revenue is being spent by the Authority to benefit the users of the facility.

**§ 33.2-3710. Authority a responsible public entity under Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.**

The Authority is a responsible public entity as defined in § 33.2-1800 and shall be regulated in accordance with the terms of the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (§ 33.2-1800 et seq.) and regulations and guidelines adopted pursuant thereto.

**§ 33.2-3711. Continuing responsibilities of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Department of Transportation.**

Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this chapter, until such time as the Authority and the Department of Transportation, or the Authority and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, agree otherwise in writing, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate funding to and the Department of Transportation shall perform or cause to be performed all maintenance and operation of the bridges and roadways and shall perform such other required services and activities with respect to such bridges and roadways as were being performed on July 1, 2020.

**§ 33.2-3712. Continued responsibilities for local transit funding.**

No locality embraced by the Authority shall reduce its local funding for public transit by more than 50 percent of what it appropriated for public transit as of July 1, 2019. Starting in fiscal year 2023, the amount required to be provided by a locality pursuant to this section shall be adjusted annually based on the greater of (i) the change in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the U.S. Department of Labor for the previous year, or (ii) zero.

**§ 33.2-3713. Use of revenues by the Authority.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all moneys received by the Authority shall be used by the Authority solely for the benefit of those counties, cities, and towns that are embraced by the Authority, and such moneys shall be used by the Authority in a manner that is consistent with the purposes stated in this chapter.

**§ 58.1-603.1. (For contingent expiration date, see Acts 2013, c. 766) Additional state sales tax in certain counties and cities.**

A. In addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in a Planning District established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 that (i) as of January 1, 2013, has a population of 1.5 million or more as shown by the most recent United States Census, has not less than 1.2 million motor vehicles registered therein, and has a total transit ridership of not less than 15 million riders per year across all transit systems within the Planning District or (ii) as shown by the most recent United States Census meets the population criteria set forth in clause (i) and also meets the vehicle registration and ridership criteria set forth in clause (i), a retail sales tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In any case in which the tax is imposed pursuant to clause (ii) such tax shall be effective beginning on the July 1 immediately following the calendar year in which all of the criteria have been met.

B. In addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in Planning District 15 established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 a retail sales tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In no case shall an additional sales tax be imposed pursuant to both clause (ii) of subsection A and this subsection.

~~Such~~ C. The tax imposed pursuant to subsections A and B shall not be levied upon food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products, as such terms are defined in § 58.1-611.1. Such tax shall be added to the rate of the state sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603 in each such county and city and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed for the tax imposed under this section. Such tax shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as provided for the state sales tax under § 58.1-603.

D. The revenue generated and collected pursuant to the tax authorized under this section, less the applicable portion of any refunds to taxpayers, shall be deposited by the Comptroller into special funds

established by law. In the case of Planning District 8, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2509. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. *In the case of Planning District 15, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-3701.* For additional ~~Planning Districts~~ *planning districts* that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

**§ 58.1-604.01. (For contingent expiration date, see Acts 2013, c. 766) Additional state use tax in certain counties and cities.**

A. In addition to the use tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-604, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in a Planning District established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 that (i) as of January 1, 2013, has a population of 1.5 million or more, as shown by the most recent United States Census, has not less than 1.2 million motor vehicles registered therein, and has a total transit ridership of not less than 15 million riders per year across all transit systems within the Planning District or (ii) as shown by the most recent United States Census meets the population criteria set forth in clause (i) and also meets the vehicle registration and ridership criteria set forth in clause (i), a retail use tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In any case in which the tax is imposed pursuant to clause (ii) such tax shall be effective beginning on the July 1 immediately following the calendar year in which all of the criteria have been met.

B. *In addition to the sales tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-603, there is hereby levied and imposed in each county and city located in Planning District 15 established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 a retail use tax at the rate of 0.70 percent. In no case shall an additional use tax be imposed pursuant to both clause (ii) of subsection A and this subsection.*

~~Such~~ C. The tax imposed pursuant to subsections A and B shall not be levied upon food purchased for human consumption and essential personal hygiene products, as such terms are defined in § 58.1-611.1. Such tax shall be added to the rate of the state use tax imposed pursuant to § 58.1-604 in such county and city and shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations published with respect thereto. No discount under § 58.1-622 shall be allowed for the tax described under this section. Such tax shall be administered and collected by the Tax Commissioner in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as provided for the state use tax under § 58.1-604.

D. The revenue generated and collected pursuant to the tax authorized under this section, less the applicable portion of any refunds to taxpayers, shall be deposited by the Comptroller into special funds established by law. In the case of Planning District 8, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2509. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. *In the case of Planning District 15, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-3701.* For any additional ~~Planning Districts~~ *planning districts* that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

**§ 58.1-638. Disposition of state sales and use tax revenue.**

A. The Comptroller shall designate a specific revenue code number for all the state sales and use tax revenue collected under the preceding sections of this chapter.

1. The sales and use tax revenue generated by the one-half percent sales and use tax increase enacted by the 1986 Special Session of the General Assembly shall be paid, in the manner hereinafter provided in this section, to the Transportation Trust Fund as defined in § 33.2-1524. Of the funds paid to the Transportation Trust Fund, an aggregate of 4.2 percent shall be set aside as the Commonwealth Port Fund as provided in this section; an aggregate of 2.4 percent shall be set aside as the Commonwealth Airport Fund as provided in this section; and an aggregate of 14.7 percent shall be set aside as the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund as provided in this section. The Fund's share of such net revenue shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenue to be received into the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the Fund on the last day of each month.

2. There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special nonreverting fund which shall be a part of the Transportation Trust Fund and which shall be known as the Commonwealth Port Fund.

a. The Commonwealth Port Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and the funds remaining in such Fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Funds may be paid to any authority, locality or commission for the purposes hereinafter specified.

b. The amounts allocated pursuant to this section shall be allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority to be used to support port capital needs and the preservation of existing capital needs of all ocean, river, or tributary ports within the Commonwealth. Expenditures for such capital needs are restricted to those capital projects specified in subsection B of § 62.1-132.1.

c. Commonwealth Port Fund revenue shall be allocated by the Board of Commissioners to the Virginia Port Authority in order to foster and stimulate the flow of maritime commerce through the ports of Virginia, including but not limited to the ports of Richmond, Hopewell, and Alexandria.

3. There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special nonreverting fund which shall be part of the Transportation Trust Fund and which shall be known as the Commonwealth Airport Fund. The Commonwealth Airport Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and any funds remaining in such Fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on the funds shall be credited to the Fund. The funds so allocated shall be allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to the Virginia Aviation Board. The funds shall be allocated by the Virginia Aviation Board to any Virginia airport which is owned by the Commonwealth, a governmental subdivision thereof, or a private entity to which the public has access for the purposes enumerated in § 5.1-2.16, or is owned or leased by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), as follows:

Any new funds in excess of \$12.1 million which are available for allocation by the Virginia Aviation Board from the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, shall be allocated as follows: 60 percent to MWAA, up to a maximum annual amount of \$2 million, and 40 percent to air carrier airports as provided in subdivision A 3 a. Except for adjustments due to changes in enplaned passengers, no air carrier airport sponsor, excluding MWAA, shall receive less funds identified under subdivision A 3 a than it received in fiscal year 1994-1995.

Of the remaining amount:

a. Forty percent of the funds shall be allocated to air carrier airports, except airports owned or leased by MWAA, based upon the percentage of enplanements for each airport to total enplanements at all air carrier airports, except airports owned or leased by MWAA. No air carrier airport sponsor, however, shall receive less than \$50,000 nor more than \$2 million per year from this provision.

b. Sixty percent of the funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) For the first six months of each fiscal year, the funds shall be allocated as follows:

(a) Forty percent of the funds shall be allocated by the Aviation Board for air carrier and reliever airports on a discretionary basis, except airports owned or leased by MWAA; and

(b) Twenty percent of the funds shall be allocated by the Aviation Board for general aviation airports on a discretionary basis; and

(2) For the second six months of each fiscal year, all remaining funds shall be allocated by the Aviation Board for all eligible airports on a discretionary basis, except airports owned or leased by MWAA.

3a. There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special nonreverting fund that shall be a part of the Transportation Trust Fund and that shall be known as the Commonwealth Space Flight Fund. The Commonwealth Space Flight Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and the funds remaining in such Fund at the end of a biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it.

a. The amounts allocated to the Commonwealth Space Flight Fund pursuant to § 33.2-1526 shall be allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority to be used to support the capital needs, maintenance, and operating costs of any and all facilities owned and operated by the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority.

b. Commonwealth Space Flight Fund revenue shall be allocated by the Board of Directors to the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority in order to foster and stimulate the growth of the commercial space flight industry in Virginia.

4. There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special nonreverting fund which shall be a part of the Transportation Trust Fund and which shall be known as the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund.

a. The Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and any funds remaining in such Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the Fund. Interest earned on such funds shall be credited to the Fund.

b. The amounts allocated pursuant to § 33.2-1526.1 shall be used to support the operating, capital, and administrative costs of public transportation at a state share determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and these amounts may be used to support the capital project costs of public transportation and ridesharing equipment, facilities, and associated costs at a state share determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Capital costs may include debt service payments on local or agency transit bonds.

c. There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special nonreverting fund known as the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund. The Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund shall be part of the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. The Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund subaccount shall be established on the books of the Comptroller and consist of such moneys as are appropriated to it by the General Assembly and of all donations, gifts, bequests, grants, endowments, and other moneys given, bequeathed, granted, or otherwise made available to the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund. Any funds remaining in the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the general fund, but shall remain in the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund. Interest earned on funds within the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund shall remain in and be credited to the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund. Proceeds of the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund may be paid to any political

subdivision, another public entity created by an act of the General Assembly, or a private entity as defined in § 33.2-1800 and for purposes as enumerated in subdivision 7 of § 33.2-1701 or expended by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the purposes specified in this subdivision. Revenues of the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund shall be used to support capital expenditures involving the establishment, improvement, or expansion of public transportation services through specific projects approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund shall not be allocated without requiring a local match from the recipient.

B. The sales and use tax revenue generated by a one percent sales and use tax shall be distributed among the counties and cities of the Commonwealth in the manner provided in subsections C and D.

C. The localities' share of the net revenue distributable under this section among the counties and cities shall be apportioned by the Comptroller and distributed among them by warrants of the Comptroller drawn on the Treasurer of Virginia as soon as practicable after the close of each month during which the net revenue was received into the state treasury. The distribution of the localities' share of such net revenue shall be computed with respect to the net revenue received into the state treasury during each month, and such distribution shall be made as soon as practicable after the close of each such month.

D. The net revenue so distributable among the counties and cities shall be apportioned and distributed upon the basis of the latest yearly estimate of the population of cities and counties ages five to 19, provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for persons who are domiciled in orphanages or charitable institutions or who are dependents living on any federal military or naval reservation or other federal property within the school division in which the institutions or federal military or naval reservation or other federal property is located. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for members of the military services who are under 20 years of age within the school division in which the parents or guardians of such persons legally reside. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for individuals receiving services in state hospitals, state training centers, or mental health facilities, persons who are confined in state or federal correctional institutions, or persons who attend the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind within the school division in which the parents or guardians of such persons legally reside. Such population estimate produced by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia shall account for persons who attend institutions of higher education within the school division in which the student's parents or guardians legally reside. To such estimate, the Department of Education shall add the population of students with disabilities, ages two through four and 20 through 21, as provided to the Department of Education by school divisions. The revenue so apportionable and distributable is hereby appropriated to the several counties and cities for maintenance, operation, capital outlays, debt and interest payments, or other expenses incurred in the operation of the public schools, which shall be considered as funds raised from local resources. In any county, however, wherein is situated any incorporated town constituting a school division, the county treasurer shall pay into the town treasury for maintenance, operation, capital outlays, debt and interest payments, or other expenses incurred in the operation of the public schools, the proper proportionate amount received by him in the ratio that the school population of such town bears to the school population of the entire county. If the school population of any city or of any town constituting a school division is increased by the annexation of territory since the last estimate of school population provided by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, such increase shall, for the purposes of this section, be added to the school population of such city or town as shown by the last such estimate and a proper reduction made in the school population of the county or counties from which the annexed territory was acquired.

E. Beginning July 1, 2000, of the remaining sales and use tax revenue, the revenue generated by a two percent sales and use tax, up to an annual amount of \$13 million, collected from the sales of hunting equipment, auxiliary hunting equipment, fishing equipment, auxiliary fishing equipment, wildlife-watching equipment, and auxiliary wildlife-watching equipment in Virginia, as estimated by the most recent U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, shall be paid into the Game Protection Fund established under § 29.1-101 and shall be used, in part, to defray the cost of law enforcement. Not later than 30 days after the close of each quarter, the Comptroller shall transfer to the Game Protection Fund the appropriate amount of collections to be dedicated to such Fund. At any time that the balance in the Capital Improvement Fund, established under § 29.1-101.01, is equal to or in excess of \$35 million, any portion of sales and use tax revenues that would have been transferred to the Game Protection Fund, established under § 29.1-101, in excess of the net operating expenses of the Board, after deduction of other amounts which accrue to the Board and are set aside for the Game Protection Fund, shall remain in the general fund until such time as the balance in the Capital Improvement Fund is less than \$35 million.

F. 1. Of the net revenue generated from the one-half percent increase in the rate of the state sales

and use tax effective August 1, 2004, pursuant to enactments of the 2004 Special Session I of the General Assembly, the Comptroller shall transfer from the general fund of the state treasury to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund established under § 58.1-638.1 an amount equivalent to one-half of the net revenue generated from such one-half percent increase as provided in this subdivision. The transfers to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund under this subdivision shall be for one-half of the net revenue generated (and collected in the succeeding month) from such one-half percent increase for the month of August 2004 and for each month thereafter.

2. Beginning July 1, 2013, of the remaining sales and use tax revenue, an amount equal to the revenue generated by a 0.125 percent sales and use tax shall be distributed to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund established under § 58.1-638.1, and be used for the state's share of Standards of Quality basic aid payments.

3. For the purposes of the Comptroller making the required transfers under subdivision 1 and 2, the Tax Commissioner shall make a written certification to the Comptroller no later than the twenty-fifth of each month certifying the sales and use tax revenues generated in the preceding month. Within three calendar days of receiving such certification, the Comptroller shall make the required transfers to the Public Education Standards of Quality/Local Real Estate Property Tax Relief Fund.

G. (Contingent expiration date) Beginning July 1, 2013, of the remaining sales and use tax revenue, an amount equal to the following percentages of the revenue generated by a one-half percent sales and use tax, such as that paid to the Transportation Trust Fund as provided in subdivision A 1, shall be paid to the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-1530:

1. For fiscal year 2014, an amount equal to 10 percent;
2. For fiscal year 2015, an amount equal to 20 percent;
3. For fiscal year 2016, an amount equal to 30 percent; and
4. For fiscal year 2017 and thereafter, an amount equal to 35 percent.

The Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund's share of the net revenue distributable under this subsection shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenue to be received into the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the Fund on the last day of each month.

H. (Contingent expiration date) 1. The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from Planning District 8 pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited by the Comptroller in the fund established under § 33.2-2509.

2. The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from Planning District 23 pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited by the Comptroller in the fund established under § 33.2-2600.

3. *The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from Planning District 15 pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited by the Comptroller in the fund established under § 33.2-3701.*

4. The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax in any other Planning District pursuant to §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, 58.1-604.1, and 58.1-614 shall be deposited into special funds that shall be established by appropriate legislation.

4. 5. The net revenues distributable under this subsection shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenue to be received by the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the appropriate funds on the last day of each month.

I. (For contingent expiration date, see Acts 2018, c. 850) The additional revenue generated by increases in the state sales and use tax from the Historic Triangle pursuant to § 58.1-603.2 shall be deposited by the Comptroller as follows: (i) 50 percent shall be deposited into the Historic Triangle Marketing Fund established pursuant to subsection E of § 58.1-603.2; and (ii) 50 percent shall be deposited in the special fund created pursuant to subdivision D 2 of § 58.1-603.2 and distributed to the localities in which the revenues were collected. The net revenues distributable under this subsection shall be computed as an estimate of the net revenues to be received by the state treasury each month, and such estimated payment shall be adjusted for the actual net revenue received in the preceding month. All payments shall be made to the appropriate funds on the last day of each month.

J. Beginning July 1, 2020, the first \$40 million of sales and use taxes remitted by online retailers with a physical nexus established pursuant to subsection D of § 58.1-612 shall be deposited into the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund established pursuant to § 59.1-284.31.

K. If errors are made in any distribution, or adjustments are otherwise necessary, the errors shall be corrected and adjustments made in the distribution for the next quarter or for subsequent quarters.

L. The term "net revenue," as used in this section, means the gross revenue received into the general fund or the Transportation Trust Fund of the state treasury under the preceding sections of this chapter, less refunds to taxpayers.

**§ 58.1-2295. (Contingent expiration date) Levy; payment of tax.**

A. 1. In addition to all other taxes now imposed by law, there is hereby imposed a tax upon every



distributor who engages in the business of selling fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city that is a member of (i) any transportation district in which a rapid heavy rail commuter mass transportation system operating on an exclusive right-of-way and a bus commuter mass transportation system are owned, operated, or controlled by an agency or commission as defined in § 33.2-1901 or (ii) any transportation district that is subject to subsection C of § 33.2-1915 and that is contiguous to the Northern Virginia Transportation District.

2. In addition to all other taxes now imposed by law, there is hereby imposed a tax upon every distributor who engages in the business of selling fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city that is located in a Planning District established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200 et seq.) of Title 15.2 that (i) as of January 1, 2013, has a population of not less than 1.5 million but fewer than two million, as shown by the most recent United States Census, has not less than 1.2 million but fewer than 1.7 million motor vehicles registered therein, and has a total transit ridership of not less than 15 million but fewer than 50 million riders per year across all transit systems within the Planning District or (ii) as shown by the most recent United States Census meets the population criteria set forth in clause (i) and also meets the vehicle registration and ridership criteria set forth in clause (i). In any case in which the tax is imposed pursuant to clause (ii), such tax shall be effective beginning on the July 1 immediately following the calendar year in which all of the criteria have been met.

3. *In addition to all other taxes now imposed by law, there is hereby imposed a tax upon every distributor who engages in the business of selling fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city located in Planning District 15, as established pursuant to Chapter 42 (§ 15.2-4200) of Title 15.2, in which a tax is not otherwise imposed pursuant to this section.*

B. 1. The tax shall be imposed on each gallon of fuel, other than diesel fuel, sold by a distributor to a retail dealer for retail sale in any such county or city described in subsection A at a rate of ~~2.1 percent of the statewide average distributor price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline as determined by the Commissioner pursuant to subdivision C 1~~ *7.6 cents per gallon on gasoline and gasohol. Beginning July 1, 2021, the tax rate shall be adjusted annually based on the greater of (i) the change in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the U.S. Department of Labor for the previous year, or (ii) zero.* For alternative fuels other than liquid alternative fuels, the Commissioner shall determine an equivalent tax rate based on gasoline gallon equivalency.

2. The tax shall be imposed on each gallon of diesel fuel sold by a distributor to a retail dealer for retail sale in any such county or city at a rate of ~~2.1 percent of the statewide average distributor price of a gallon of diesel fuel as determined by the Commissioner pursuant to subdivision C 2~~ *7.7 cents per gallon on diesel fuel. Beginning July 1, 2021, the tax rate shall be adjusted annually based on the greater of (i) the change in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the U.S. Department of Labor for the previous year, or (ii) zero.*

C. ~~1. To determine the statewide average distributor price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline, the Commissioner shall use the period from June 1 to November 30, inclusive, as the base period for the determination of the rate of the tax for the immediately following applied period beginning January 1 and ending June 30, inclusive. The Commissioner shall use the period from December 1 to May 31, inclusive, as the base period for the determination of the rate of the tax for the immediately following applied period beginning July 1 and ending December 31, inclusive. In no case shall the statewide average distributor price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline determined for the purposes of this section be less than the statewide average wholesale price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline on February 20, 2013, plus a distributor charge calculated by the Commissioner for that date.~~

2. ~~To determine the statewide average distributor price of a gallon of diesel fuel, the Commissioner shall use the period from June 1 to November 30, inclusive, as the base period for the determination of the rate of the tax for the immediately following applied period beginning January 1 and ending June 30, inclusive. The Commissioner shall use the period from December 1 to May 31, inclusive, as the base period for the determination of the rate of the tax for the immediately following applied period beginning July 1 and ending December 31, inclusive. In no case shall the statewide average distributor price of a gallon of diesel fuel determined for the purposes of this section be less than the statewide average wholesale price of a gallon of diesel fuel on February 20, 2013, plus a distributor charge calculated by the Commissioner for that date.~~

D. The tax levied under this section shall be imposed at the time of sale by the distributor to the retail dealer.

E. ~~D.~~ The tax imposed by this section shall be paid by the distributor, but the distributor shall separately state the amount of the tax and add such tax to the price or charge. Thereafter, such tax shall be a debt from the retail dealer to the distributor until paid and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as other debts. No action at law or suit in equity under this chapter shall be maintained in the Commonwealth by any distributor who is not registered under § 58.1-2299.2 or is delinquent in the payment of taxes imposed under this chapter.

F. ~~E.~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt the imposition and remittance of tax

pursuant to this section in a sale to a retail dealer in which the distributor and the retail dealer are the same person.

**§ 58.1-2299.20. (Contingent expiration dates) Disposition of tax revenues.**

A. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in clause (i) of subdivision A 1 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited each month as follows:

1. One-twelfth of an amount determined by multiplying \$15 million by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be such transportation district's share of funding for the commuter rail service jointly operated by the two transportation districts and the denominator of which shall be the total funding share for such commuter rail service, shall be deposited in the Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3500;

2. a. Until June 30, 2019, an amount equal to the increase in taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner each month, compared with the same month for fiscal year 2018, minus any amounts deposited pursuant to subdivision 1, shall be deposited into the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3401; and

b. Beginning on July 1, 2019, an amount equal to one-twelfth of the increase in taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner in fiscal year 2019 compared to fiscal year 2018, minus any amounts deposited pursuant to subdivision A 1, shall be deposited in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3401; and

3. All remaining funds shall be deposited in a special fund entitled the "Special Fund Account of the Transportation District of \_\_\_\_\_." The amounts deposited in the special fund shall be distributed monthly to the applicable transportation district commission of which the county or city is a member to be applied to the operating deficit, capital, and debt service of the mass transit system of such district or, in the case of a transportation district subject to the provisions of subsection C of § 33.2-1915, to be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such district. In the case of a jurisdiction which, after July 1, 1989, joins a transportation district which was established on or before January 1, 1986, and is also subject to subsection C of § 33.2-1915, the funds collected from that jurisdiction shall be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such jurisdiction.

B. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in clause (ii) of subdivision A 1 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited each month as follows:

1. One-twelfth of an amount determined by multiplying \$15 million by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be such transportation district's share of funding for the commuter rail service jointly operated by the two transportation districts and the denominator of which shall be the total funding share for such commuter rail service, shall be deposited in the Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3500; and

2. All remaining funds shall be deposited in a special fund entitled the "Special Fund Account of the Transportation District of \_\_\_\_\_." The amounts deposited in the special fund shall be distributed monthly to the applicable transportation district commission of which the county or city is a member to be applied to the operating deficit, capital, and debt service of the mass transit system of such district or, in the case of a transportation district subject to the provisions of subsection C of § 33.2-1915, to be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such district. In the case of a jurisdiction which, after July 1, 1989, joins a transportation district that was established on or before January 1, 1986, and is also subject to subsection C of § 33.2-1915, the funds collected from that jurisdiction shall be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such jurisdiction.

C. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in subdivision A 2 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited into special funds established by law. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. For additional Planning Districts that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

D. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in § 58.1-2295.1, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited into the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Fund established pursuant to Chapter 36 (§ 33.2-3600) of Title 33.2.

E. *All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commonwealth pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in subdivision A 3 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited into the fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3701.*

F. The direct cost of administration of this section shall be credited to the funds appropriated to the Department.

**§ 58.1-2299.20. (For contingent effective date, see Acts 2019, cc. 837 and 846) Disposition of tax revenues.**

A. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in clause (i) of subdivision A 1 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited each month as follows:

1. One-twelfth of an amount determined by multiplying \$15 million by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be such transportation district's share of funding for the commuter rail service jointly operated by the two transportation districts and the denominator of which shall be the total funding share for such commuter rail service, shall be deposited in the Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3500;

2. a. Until June 30, 2019, an amount equal to the increase in taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner each month, compared with the same month for fiscal year 2018, minus any amounts deposited pursuant to subdivision 1, shall be deposited into the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3401; and

b. Beginning on July 1, 2019, an amount equal to one-twelfth of the increase in taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner in fiscal year 2019 compared to fiscal year 2018, minus any amounts deposited pursuant to subdivision A 1, shall be deposited in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3401; and

3. All remaining funds shall be deposited in a special fund entitled the "Special Fund Account of the Transportation District of \_\_\_\_\_." The amounts deposited in the special fund shall be distributed monthly to the applicable transportation district commission of which the county or city is a member to be applied to the operating deficit, capital, and debt service of the mass transit system of such district or, in the case of a transportation district subject to the provisions of subsection C of § 33.2-1915, to be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such district. In the case of a jurisdiction which, after July 1, 1989, joins a transportation district which was established on or before January 1, 1986, and is also subject to subsection C of § 33.2-1915, the funds collected from that jurisdiction shall be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such jurisdiction.

B. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in clause (ii) of subdivision A 1 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited each month as follows:

1. One-twelfth of an amount determined by multiplying \$15 million by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be such transportation district's share of funding for the commuter rail service jointly operated by the two transportation districts and the denominator of which shall be the total funding share for such commuter rail service, shall be deposited in the Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3500; and

2. All remaining funds shall be deposited in a special fund entitled the "Special Fund Account of the Transportation District of \_\_\_\_\_." The amounts deposited in the special fund shall be distributed monthly to the applicable transportation district commission of which the county or city is a member to be applied to the operating deficit, capital, and debt service of the mass transit system of such district or, in the case of a transportation district subject to the provisions of subsection C of § 33.2-1915, to be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such district. In the case of a jurisdiction which, after July 1, 1989, joins a transportation district that was established on or before January 1, 1986, and is also subject to subsection C of § 33.2-1915, the funds collected from that jurisdiction shall be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such jurisdiction.

C. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in subdivision A 2 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited into special funds established by law. In the case of Planning District 23, the revenue generated and collected therein shall be deposited into the fund established in § 33.2-2600. For additional Planning Districts that may become subject to this section, funds shall be established by appropriate legislation.

D. *All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commonwealth pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in subdivision A 3 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited into the fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3701.*

E. The direct cost of administration of this section shall be credited to the funds appropriated to the Department.

**§ 58.1-2299.20. (For contingent effective date, see Acts 2013, c. 766) Disposition of tax revenues.**

A. Except as provided in subsection B, all taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited in a special fund entitled the "Special Fund Account of the Transportation District of \_\_\_\_\_." The amounts deposited in the special fund shall be distributed

monthly to the applicable transportation district commission of which the county or city is a member to be applied to the operating deficit, capital, and debt service of the mass transit system of such district or, in the case of a transportation district subject to the provisions of subsection C of § 33.2-1915, to be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such district. In the case of a jurisdiction which, after July 1, 1989, joins a transportation district which was established on or before January 1, 1986, and is also subject to subsection C of § 33.2-1915, the funds collected from that jurisdiction shall be applied to and expended for any transportation purpose of such jurisdiction. The direct costs of administration shall be credited to the funds appropriated to the Department.

B. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in § 58.1-2295.1, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited into the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Fund established pursuant to Chapter 36 (§ 33.2-3600) of Title 33.2.

*C. All taxes, interest, and civil penalties paid to the Commonwealth pursuant to this chapter for the sale of fuels at wholesale to retail dealers for retail sale in any county or city set forth in subdivision A 3 of § 58.1-2295, after subtraction of the direct costs of administration by the Department, shall be deposited into the fund established pursuant to § 33.2-3701.*

**2. That the provisions of this act that generate additional revenues for transportation shall expire on December 31 of any year in which the General Assembly, a locality located in Planning District 15, or the Central Virginia Transportation Authority, as created by this act, appropriates or transfers any of such additional revenue for any non-transportation-related purpose.**

**3. That the Central Virginia Transportation Authority, as created by Chapter 37 (§ 33.2-3700 et seq.) of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, shall evaluate the governance structure of transit service in the Richmond region, including the evaluation of establishing a transportation district pursuant to Chapter 19 (§ 33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia, and report the results of such evaluation to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2020.**

**4. That the provisions of this act amending §§ 58.1-603.1, 58.1-604.01, and 58.1-638 of the Code of Virginia shall become effective on October 1, 2020.**

**5. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation cannot be determined for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities; therefore, Chapter 854 of the Acts of Assembly of 2019 requires the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission to assign a minimum fiscal impact of \$50,000. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4 of the Code of Virginia, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

# **Agenda Item A.1.**

*CVTA Governance Documents*

**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Approved:

**ARTICLE I**  
**POWERS AND DUTIES**

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (the “Authority”) shall have all of the authority, powers and duties, and shall be subject to the limitations and restrictions, set forth in Chapter 37 of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Virginia Code”), as such may be amended from time to time (the “Act”).

**ARTICLE II**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**A. Authority Members.** The Authority consists of sixteen (16) members (“Members” or “Member”) as follows:

1. The chief elected officer, or his/her designee, of the governing body of each of the seven (7) counties embraced by the Authority.
2. The chief elected officer, or his/her designee, of the City of Richmond and the Town of Ashland.
3. One member of the House of Delegates who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority and appointed by the Speaker of the House.
4. One member of the Senate who resides in a county or city embraced by the Authority and appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.
5. One member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who resides in a locality embraced by the Authority and is appointed by the Governor.
6. The following shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Authority:
  - a. The Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, or his/her designee,

- b. The Commissioner of Highways, or his/her designee,
- c. The Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC), and
- d. The Chief Executive Officer of the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA).

**B. Designees.** If a Member of the Authority described in Article II, section A, subsection (1) or (2) is unable to attend a meeting of the Authority, the Member may designate another current elected official of such governing body to attend the meeting of the Authority. Such designation shall be for the purposes of the one meeting that the Member is unable to attend and shall be submitted in writing or electronically to the Chair of the Authority at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the affected meeting.

**C. Terms of Membership.** All Members of the Authority shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**A. Officers.** The Authority shall annually elect from its voting Members a Chair and Vice Chair. The Authority may further elect such other subordinate officers from among its Members as it may from time to time deem appropriate. The election of officers shall be conducted in accordance with the voting procedures set forth in Article IV, section K.

**B. Terms of Office.** Officers of the Authority shall be elected at the annual organizational meeting of the Authority, to serve for a term of one (1) year or until a successor is elected, unless sooner removed by the Authority or the person ceases to be a Member of the Authority. All officers shall be eligible for reelection; provided, however, no officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms. Any officer who serves a partial term shall not be considered as serving a full term for purposes of this limitation. Any vacancy occurring in an office will be filled for the unexpired term by the Authority at the next regular meeting (or at an earlier special meeting called for that purpose) following the occurrence of such vacancy.

**C. Nominating Committee.** At a regular meeting held preceding the annual organizational meeting at which the election of officers will be held, the Chair shall appoint a nominating committee. At the annual organizational meeting, the nominating committee shall submit the name or names of one or more persons for each office to be filled. Additional nominations may be made by any Member at the annual meeting.

**D. Chair.** The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Authority at which he or she is present and shall vote and make motions as any other Member. The Chair shall be responsible for the implementation of the actions taken, and policies established by the Authority, shall have all of the powers and duties customarily pertaining to the office of Chair, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be established by the Authority.

**E. Vice Chair.** In the event of the absence of the Chair, or the inability of the Chair to

perform any of the duties of the office or to exercise any of the powers thereof, the Vice Chair shall perform such duties and possess such powers as are conferred on the Chair, and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Vice Chair by the Chair or be established by the Authority.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MEETINGS**

- A. Annual Organizational Meeting.** The regular meeting for the month of July shall serve as the annual organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.
- B. Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Authority shall be held on a periodic basis as determined by resolution of the Authority, but not less frequently than once per quarter, at a place to be determined by the Chair, or at such time and place as the Authority may determine.
- C. Special Meetings.** Special meetings shall be held when requested by two (2) or more Authority Members. Such request shall be in writing, addressed to the Chair, and shall specify the matter(s) to be considered at the meeting. Upon receipt of such request, the Chair shall immediately ensure the necessary coordination for a meeting site and time and cause notice to be provided to each Member of the Authority to attend the special meeting at the time and place specified. Such notice shall specify the matter(s) to be considered at the meeting, and shall be sent by electronic (e.g., email) or telephonic means. No matter not specified in the notice shall be considered at such special meeting unless all Members of the Authority are present.
- D. Adjourned Meetings.** Any regular or special meeting may be adjourned to a date and time certain.
- E. Public Notice.** All meetings of the Authority shall be preceded by public notice given in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3707, et seq. of the Virginia Code. Notice of all meetings shall be published on the Authority's website and available in the offices of the Authority.
- F. Public Hearing.** Public hearings may be held at the direction of the Authority and shall, unless otherwise specified by the Authority or these Bylaws, be upon notice published on the Authority's website and in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the geographic area encompassed by the Authority, if required by applicable law.
- G. Open Meetings.** All Authority meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Virginia Code §2.2-3700 et seq.), provided that the Authority may meet in closed session for those purposes authorized by, and held in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
- H. Quorum.** A majority of voting Members of the Authority, or their designees pursuant to Article II, section B, shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies shall not be considered in the



establishment of a quorum.

**I. Temporary Absence.** No action shall be voted upon by the Authority unless a quorum is present or achieved by members participating by electronic communication means; provided, however, that the temporary absence from the meeting room of Members (or designees attending pursuant to Article II, section B) required to constitute a quorum shall not be deemed to prevent presentations or deliberations regarding any matter that may be submitted to a vote. The Chair or any other Member may note the absence of a quorum during presentations or deliberations, but a failure to note the absence of a quorum during that period shall not affect the requirement that a quorum exist when any vote is taken.

**J. Decisions of the Authority.** The Authority shall act in one of the following ways:

1. Resolution – The Authority may act upon adoption of a resolution. Resolutions shall be in writing and a copy of any proposed resolution shall be provided to all Members of the Authority before the resolution is proposed for adoption.
2. Motion – The Authority may act on oral motion made by any voting Member of the Authority (or a designee attending pursuant to Article II, section B).

**K. Voting.** Votes shall be taken only upon motions made and seconded. All voting shall be taken by voice or by roll call if requested by any voting Member (or any designee attending pursuant to Article II, section B).

1. Votes – Votes of the chief elected officers of localities or their designees, appointed to the Authority shall be weighed, based upon the population of the locality, as follows:
  - a. A vote cast by each member representing the Counties of Chesterfield and Henrico and the City of Richmond shall each constitute four (4) votes.
  - b. A vote cast by the member representing the County of Hanover shall constitute three (3) votes.
  - c. A vote cast by each member representing the Counties of Goochland, New Kent and Powhatan shall each constitute two (2) votes.
  - d. A vote cast by each member representing the Town of Ashland and the County of Charles City shall each constitute one (1) vote.
2. The Delegate, the Senator, and the member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board appointed to the Authority shall each receive one (1) vote.
3. For the purposes of this section, each voting Member of the Authority refers to the Member or if a Member has a designee attending pursuant to Article II, section B, then that Member's designee. Each voting Member of the Authority shall be entitled to one (1) vote in all matters requiring action by the Authority and those votes shall be weighted as described in K.1. Decisions of the Authority shall require an affirmative vote of those present and voting whose votes represent at least four-fifths of the population embraced by the Authority; however, no motion

to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if such facility or service is not located or to be located or provided or to be provided within the county or city whose chief elected officer's or elected official's, or its respective designee's, sole negative vote caused the facility or service to fail to meet the population criterion. The population of the counties and cities embraced by the Authority shall be the population as determined by the most recently preceding decennial census, except that on July 1 of the fifth year following such census, the population of each county and city shall be adjusted, based on population estimates made by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia, and such adjusted population shall be utilized for the following years until the next decennial census.

**L. Commencement of Meetings.** At the times specified for the commencement of regular meetings, and at the hour specified for adjourned or special meetings, the Chair shall call the meeting to order, and shall ensure that the presence of Members (or their designees) or absence is noted. A quorum shall be required for the commencement of any meeting.

**M. Agenda.** The Chair shall prepare an agenda for each meeting. Any Member having matters to be considered by the Authority shall submit them to the Chair for inclusion on an appropriate agenda. The agenda for an upcoming meeting shall be sent to the Members prior to the meeting date (for regular meetings, the Chair should endeavor to provide the agenda at least ten (10) days in advance).

**N. Minutes.** Minutes of the meetings of the Authority, except closed sessions, shall be kept and be a public record. Copies of the minutes shall be provided to each Member prior to the meeting at which the minutes are to be presented for approval by the Authority.

**O. Closed Sessions.** If a closed session is required at a meeting, consistent with purposes permitted by Virginia law, the agenda shall specify a time or position on the agenda, generally after all public business has concluded, for such a closed session properly called and conducted in accordance with Virginia law. When so requested, the Chair may permit a closed session at any other time prior to consideration of any agenda item provided that the purpose of the closed session and the procedure used to go into closed session are in accordance with Virginia law.

**P. Member participation and meetings conducted by electronic communication means.**

1. The Authority may authorize members to participate in a meeting by electronic communication means pursuant to policies adopted by the Authority in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and other applicable laws.
2. The Authority may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency and in compliance with applicable law, or when otherwise authorized by applicable law. Meetings conducted by electronic communication means shall comply with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, other applicable laws, and Authority policies.

**Q. Order in Conduct of Business.**

1. Persons Addressing the Authority. Prior to public comment and public hearings, the Authority will provide guidelines for length of presentation by individuals and group representatives. Persons speaking at a meeting or public hearing shall confine their remarks to the subject of the meeting or public hearing. Persons addressing the Authority may furnish the Chair and Members with a written copy of their remarks, at or before the meeting.
2. Reorder by Chair. At the discretion of the Chair, the conduct of business by the Authority may be reordered to allow earlier consideration of matters about which a substantial number of persons desire to address the Authority or for any other legitimate reason.
3. Recognition. Recognition shall be given only by the Chair. No person shall address the Authority without first having been recognized.
4. Questions. Questions by Members (or their designees) shall be reserved insofar as possible for the end of a presentation to avoid interrupting the speaker, disrupting the time-keeping process, and duplicating ground the speaker may cover.
5. Authority Discussion. – Discussion and debate by the Authority shall be conducted following the presentation of the item of business pending. No Member (or designee) shall speak to the item until recognized by the Chair.

**R. Decorum.**

1. Authority Members. Decorum of Members (and designees) shall be maintained in order to expedite disposition of the business before the Authority. Questions and remarks shall be limited to those relevant to the pending business. Members (and designees) shall address all remarks to the Chair.
2. Others. Decorum of persons other than Members shall be maintained by the Chair. Persons addressing the Authority shall first be recognized by the Chair and shall audibly state their name and address, and, if applicable, who they represent. Speakers shall limit their remarks to those relevant to the pending items and to answering questions. They shall address the Authority as a whole unless answering a question of an individual Member (or designee). Persons whose allotted time to speak has expired shall be advised by the Chair to conclude after which such person shall leave, unless he or she is asked to remain to answer questions from the Authority. The Chair shall call the speaker to order if out-of-order remarks are made or other indecorous conduct occurs. If such persists, the Chair shall rule the speaker out-of-order and direct the speaker to leave. Groups or a person in the audience creating an atmosphere detrimental or disturbing to the conduct of the meeting will be asked to leave by the Chair.

## ARTICLE V

### COMMITTEES

**A. Open Meeting Requirement.** Authority appointed committees and subcommittees shall comply with the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

**B. Finance Committee.**

1. Charge. This committee shall be responsible for advising the Authority on all financial matters and overseeing financial activities undertaken by the Authority, including:
  - a. Reviewing, commenting on, and recommending the annual budget and adjustments to the budget,
  - b. Reviewing annual revenue estimates,
  - c. Recommending the Authority's financial policies (e.g., bond, investment, procurement, risk management and small purchases) and making recommendations,
  - d. Monitoring the Authority's compliance with fiscal policies and procedures,
  - e. Reviewing GRTC's, or its successor's, expenditure of funds received through the Authority on a quarterly basis,
  - f. Reviewing each locality's expenditure of funds received through the Authority on a quarterly basis,
  - g. Reviewing financial statements, and
  - h. Working with the Auditor of Public Accounts or its legally authorized representatives in performing the annual audit of financial accounts of the Authority.
2. Membership. The Committee shall consist of five (5) Members of the Authority; three (3) shall be from the jurisdictions with the highest populations and two (2) shall be appointed by the Chair.
3. Chair. The Chair and the Vice Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Authority.
4. Staff Support. Staff support may be requested by the Committee Chair from CVTA personnel, jurisdictional or other agency staff.

5. Quorum and Voting. A quorum shall consist of a majority (3) of the Committee members. Approval of recommendations shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present.

**C. Technical Advisory Committee.**

1. Charge. This committee shall be responsible for advising the Authority on all planning, project and program prioritization, selection, and programming matters, including:
  - a. Developing and recommending adjustments to the project and program eligibility, prioritization, and selection process for the regional allocations of funds received through the Authority,
  - b. Reviewing recommended projects and programs for funding identified through the prioritization process,
  - c. Reviewing, commenting on, and recommending GRTC's, or its successor's, annual plan for expenditure of regional public transportation funds received through the Authority, and
  - d. Reviewing to confirm project and program eligibility and recommending each locality's plan for expenditure of funds received through the Authority.
2. Membership. The Committee shall consist of fourteen (14) members. Each of the nine (9) localities embraced by the Authority shall appoint one (1) technical representative employed by the locality to the Committee. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT); the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC); the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA), and the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) shall each appoint one (1) representative to serve as a nonvoting member of the Committee. Each member locality, agency, and organization may appoint an alternate to the Committee.
3. Chair. The Chair and the Vice Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Authority.
4. Staff Support. Staff support may be requested by the Committee Chair from CVTA personnel.
5. Quorum and Voting. A quorum shall consist of five (5) of the voting Committee members. Approval of recommendations or actions shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present. Either Committee members or alternates will be considered in determining meeting quorums and voting on actions of the Committee.

6 The Committee shall meet as required in the performance of its duties.

**D. Additional Committees.** The Authority may, in its discretion, form such additional advisory committees as it may deem appropriate.

**E. Ad Hoc Committees.** As needed, the Chair of the Authority may appoint ad hoc committees to pursue specific tasks (e.g., nominating committee; personnel committee, transit committee). In the absence of an appointed personnel committee, the Finance Committee shall be responsible for conducting the Executive Director's annual review, reviewing employee compensation and recommending adjustments thereto.

## ARTICLE VI

### ADMINISTRATION

**A. Executive Director.** The Authority shall employ or contract with an Executive Director who shall have direct authority for the employment, retention and supervision of all other employees of the Authority. The Executive Director shall have direct control, subject to the oversight and authority of the Authority, of the management of the day-to-day administrative affairs of the Authority. The Executive Director shall propose activities to the Authority and shall carry out policies, programs and projects approved by the Authority, and shall be responsible for preparing and presenting the annual budget. The Executive Director may not contemporaneously serve as a Member of the Authority.

**B. Staff.** The Authority may employ or contract for such staff of qualified professional and other persons as the Authority determines to be necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Staff of the Authority may not contemporaneously serve as a Member of Authority.

**C. Execution of Instruments.** The Executive Director, on specific authorization by the Authority, shall have the power to sign or countersign in its behalf any agreement or other instrument to be executed by the Authority including checks and vouchers in payment of obligations of the Authority.

## ARTICLE VII

### FINANCES

**A. Allocation of Funds.** The funds received through the Authority shall be allocated as follows: 35% shall be retained by the Authority to be used for transportation-related purposes benefitting the localities comprising Planning District 15; 15% shall be distributed to GRTC or its successor, to provide transit and mobility services in Planning District 15; and 50% shall be distributed, proportionally, to each locality located in Planning District 15 to be used to improve local mobility, which may include construction, maintenance, or expansion of roads, sidewalks, trails, mobility services, or transit located in the locality.

**B. Finances and Payments.** The monies of the Authority shall be deposited in a separate bank account or accounts in such banks or trust companies as the Authority designates, and all payments (with the exception of those from petty cash) shall be made in the most practicable manner as determined by the Authority. Checks and drafts shall be signed and countersigned by the Chair (or, in the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair), and the Executive Director (or, in the Executive Director's absence, those authorized from time-to-time by vote of the Authority or, where the Vice Chair is acting solely as a countersigning party, the Vice Chair).

**C. Audits.** The Commonwealth's Auditor of Public Accounts, or his legally authorized representatives, shall annually audit the financial accounts of the Authority, and the cost of such audit shall be borne by the Authority.

**D. Budget and Fiscal Year.** After a duly convened public hearing held in accordance with the requirements of Virginia Code § 33.2-3706(A), the Authority shall adopt an annual budget for each fiscal year, which budget shall provide for all of the revenues and the operating, capital, and administrative expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Authority will commence on July 1st each year and will terminate on the following June 30th. The annual budget for a fiscal year shall, except in the case of the Authority's first fiscal year, be adopted before such fiscal year begins. The Executive Director is authorized to administer the administrative budget approved by the Authority and may, in the exercise of that authority, but subject to the advice and consent of the chair of the Finance Committee, implement adjustments to the amounts allocated to line items within the administrative budget, provided that, after giving effect to those adjustments, the aggregate amount of the administrative budget is equal to or less than the then applicable Authority-approved administrative budget.

**E. Per Diem Payments.** The Authority may pay its Members for their services to the Authority a per diem in either: (1) the amount provided in the general appropriations act for members of the General Assembly engaged in legislative business between sessions, or (2) a lesser amount determined by the Authority.

**F. Bond of Officers and Others.** The officers of the Authority and such employees as the Authority so designates, may, prior to taking office or starting contract or employment, respectively, be required by the Authority to give bond payable to the Authority conditioned upon the faithful discharge of that officer's, contract employee's, or employee's duties, in such amount as the Authority may require. The premium for each such bond shall be paid by the Authority and the bond(s) shall be filed with the Authority.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be adopted upon presentation at the inaugural organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting of the Authority. After initial adoption, any proposed amendment, repeal or alteration, in whole or in part, of these Bylaws shall be presented in writing and read for a first time at a regular meeting of the Authority. Such proposal may be considered and amended at such meeting, but shall not be acted on by the Authority until a subsequent regular meeting or a