

# Virginians for Better Transportation



*Moving the Commonwealth Forward*

In 2015, the Commonwealth began to see the positive impact of several transportation bills - HB2313, HB2 and HB1887. These bills helped breathe new life into Virginia's transportation funding process. With more money available and an improved project selection process, Virginians can expect to see more thoughtful construction and less waste. These bills also help to expand the availability of infrastructure improvement beyond Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. **Any project, in any region, now has a fair opportunity to receive funding.**

## MAJOR MILESTONES

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) awarded \$827.3 million to 47 large projects throughout Virginia in 2015 which included widening I-64 near Newport News, improving Route 29 around Charlottesville and revitalizing many stretches of I-95.

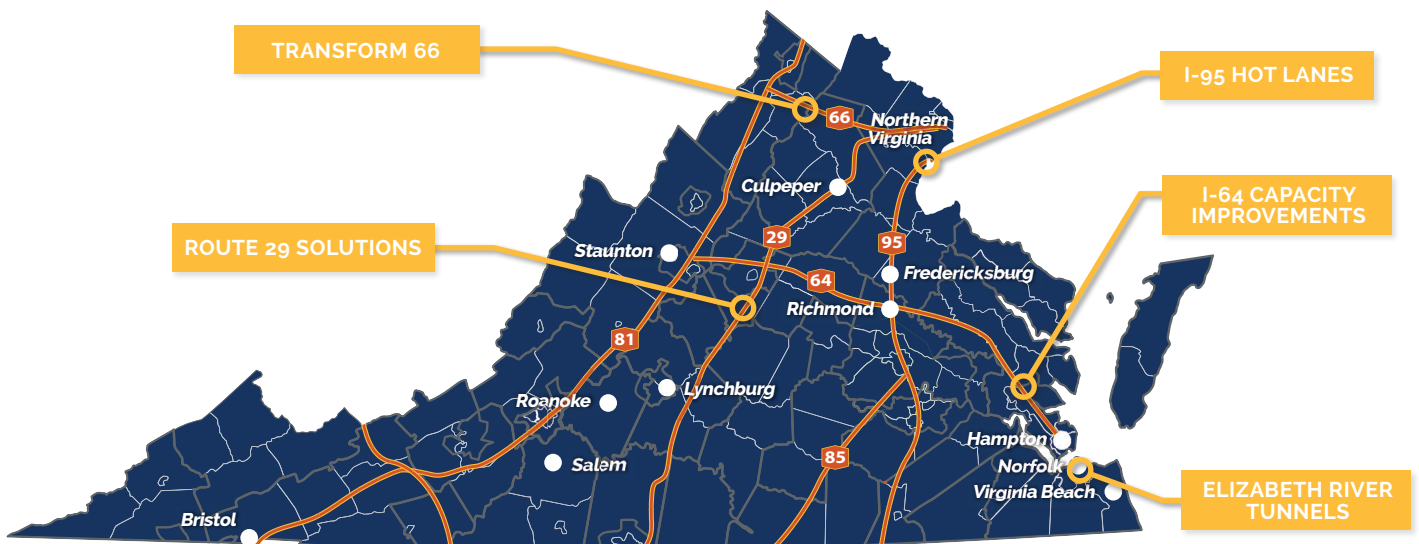
The first wave of HB2 applications was submitted in 2015 allowing communities across Virginia to apply for transportation construction funding. The new process is based on weighted scores that account for regional needs. **Applications for the first year alone requested a combined \$6.95 billion in funding, but only a total of \$1.2 billion is available between 2017 - 2021. While the passing of HB2 represents progress over previous legislation, it is very apparent that we still find ourselves in a critical situation where funding needed is much greater than funding available. In fact, the difference is in the billions! More transportation funding must be allocated to meet our infrastructure needs.**

The CTB approved Governor McAuliffe's proposal for the "Transform I-66 Inside and Outside the Beltway" project. Stretches of I-66 around the Washington, D.C., metro area will be widened with dynamic toll roads added to decrease traffic and increase revenue.

In September, construction began in Hampton Roads on phase one of the massive three-phase I-64 widening. The project promises to greatly reduce traffic and improve capacity between Williamsburg and Newport News. In Portsmouth, tunnel construction on the Elizabeth River New Midtown Tunnel has been completed, a significant step in the \$2 billion project. The tunnel is part of a multi-segment effort to reduce traffic on the busiest two-lane road east of the Mississippi River.

Another piece of legislation, House Bill 1887, was passed in 2015. This bill will create a system for deciding HB2 funding allocation. Combined with HB2, HB1887 should help grant greater control to the nine transportation districts in Virginia.

## WHERE CHANGE IS HAPPENING



# Projects Impacted by HB2313

## I-95 HOT LANES

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**Status:** Complete

**Impact:** : New express toll lanes create a smoother, more predictable trip for drivers in the most congested area of the country

**Cost:** \$922.6 million

## ROUTE 29 SOLUTIONS

CHARLOTTESVILLE

**Status:** Entire project package expected to be complete by Oct. 30, 2017

**Impact:** Numerous projects will help increase mobility and decrease traffic in the busiest north-south corridor in the Charlottesville area

**Cost:** \$230 million

## ELIZABETH RIVER TUNNELS PROJECT

HAMPTON ROADS

**Status:** Estimated Completion - 2018

**Impact:** A new tunnel and renovations on the existing roads are expected to greatly relieve traffic congestion crossing the Elizabeth River

**Cost:** \$2 billion

## I-64 CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS

HAMPTON ROADS

**Status:** Estimated Completion - 2021

**Impact:** Added lanes will increase vehicle capacity, resulting in immediate congestion relief for the peninsula

**Cost:** \$625.4 million

## TRANSFORM 66

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**Status:** Construction will begin in 2017 and be complete by 2021.

**Impact:** An ambitious two-part project is expected to dramatically improve I-66 both inside and outside the beltway

**Cost:** TBD

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