

Street Maintenance Study

This study makes sense but funding it at the expense of local maintenance does not. These amendments correct the payment source.

Amendments

- HB29 McQuinn <u>446#1h 451#1h</u>; Simon <u>446#2h 456#2h</u>
- HB30 McQuinn: <u>451 #1h 451#3h</u>; Simon <u>456 #2h 456#4h</u>
- SB29 Lucas <u>451 #1s</u> <u>446#1s</u>; Saslaw <u>446#2s</u> <u>451#2s</u>
- SB30 Lucas <u>451#4s</u> <u>456#3s</u>; Marsden <u>451#3s</u> <u>456#2s</u>; Saslaw <u>456#1s</u> <u>451#2s</u>

Background

The introduced budgets (HB/SB 29 and HB/SB 30) included language directing a study to assess the condition of locally maintained roads. This information is not currently available or collected by VDOT or any other state agency.

What these amendments would accomplish

These budget amendments move the study language from the Financial Assistance for Localities section to the Ground Transportation Planning and Research section where it more appropriately belongs. This action clarifies the funding for this study should not come at the expense of local maintenance payments.

Why VML supports these amendments

- Studying locally maintained urban pavements is in line with recommendations from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission's (JLARC) <u>Transportation and Infrastructure Report</u> released in November 2021.
- It is important that the study should not be paid for out of the funds that are already insufficient to cover street maintenance needs.

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