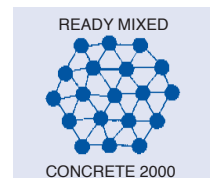


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newsletter

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VRMCA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



1. Constitutional Amendments to Lock In Transportation Funding

Senate: All constitutional amendments failed.
House: All amendments have been wrapped into Delegate Bob McDonnell's HJR 527, which has passed the House, but faces a difficult course in the Senate.

2. Studies

Senate: Senator Charles Hawkins' SJR 282 calls for a one-year study of transportation. The study, if passed, is scheduled to be completed in November 2005 and has been amended by VTCA lobbyists to include long-term, sustainable funding solutions. SJR 282 has passed the Senate and is now awaiting action by the House Rules Committee.

House: Delegate Leo Wardrup of Virginia Beach has introduced HJR 742, a two-year study of transportation that includes the VTCA amendment to include long-term, sustainable funding solutions.

Please note that by being a two-year study, the results will be released to the 2007 General Assembly session. This would delay implementation of solutions by a year, but more importantly, would have the recommendations confront the General Assembly in a pre-election year for both the House and Senate.

3. Funding Legislation

HB 1563—Sponsors: Tom Rust and Dave Albo—Would add substantial reinstatement fees to individuals with DUI and reckless driving convictions. Revenues are estimated at approximately \$100 million per year. Status: Passed the House, but facing a strong challenge in the Senate.

HB 2771—Sponsor: Vince Callahan—Would appropriate approximately \$130 million of insurance tax revenues to transportation.

Status: Passed the House and now before the Senate Finance Committee

HB 2330—Sponsor: Cliff Athey—Expands the local revenue sharing program from \$15 million to \$50 million per year beginning in 2006 and expands the eligibility to cities and towns as well as counties. Status: Passed the House and referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

HB 2793—Sponsor: Leo Wardrup—Creates a transportation partnership opportunity fund; \$40 million per year in loans and grants to help jump start public-private partnership projects. Status: Passed the House and before the Senate Transportation Committee, then to Senate Finance Committee.

HB 2736—Sponsor: Jack Reid—Dedicates \$256 million to pay off allocation deficits on projects completed as of June 30, 2004 and frees up future allocations for districts that would otherwise have limited project funding going forward. Status: This legislation has been incorporated into the above-listed HB 2771.

SB 1324—Sponsors: Richard Saslaw and John Chichester—Appropriates \$90 million in auto insurance premium taxes to transportation, includes the Governor's funding program, and incorporates legislation to protect transportation funds from borrowings to the General Fund, but also prevents General Funds from being used for transportation. Status: Passed the Senate and now before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

As of this date, it is very difficult to predict the final outcome regarding funding. The Senate package is approximately \$670 million, the Governor's package is approximately \$824 million, and the House package is just over \$1 billion. It would appear that the final outcome would be between \$670 million and \$1 billion; however, politics could influence the outcome negatively.

4. Miscellaneous Legislation

HB 2577—Sponsor: Jackie Stump—A VTCA bill to provide that if a convicted felon's rights to handle explosives have been restored by AFT, he may legally handle explosives in Virginia. Status: Passed the House and before the Senate Courts of Justice Committee.

SB 825—Sponsor: Bill Mims—To allow all cities, counties, and towns to weigh trucks and collect fees for overweight violations. This legislation was withdrawn after intensive lobbying by VRMCA and other trucking-related associations. If passed, this

legislation would have diverted highway maintenance funds to nonhighway uses.

For a comprehensive report on updated VRMCA legislation, please see page two.

VRMCA Spring Meeting May 15-17, 2005

It is time to register for the VRMCA Spring Meeting at Kingsmill on May 15-17. Included is a registration form and a tentative agenda for the meeting.

Jim Simons, our convention chair, has put together a great agenda which includes an update on our Council activities with Diggs Bishop and our field representatives.

The gubernatorial candidates have been invited to attend and give their thoughts on issues surrounding our industry and the upcoming campaign.

Commissioner Philip Shucet has been asked to give us an update on VDOT and how the 2005 General Assembly will affect its operations over the next year.

We will also have speakers discussing the LEEDS program, a roundtable discussion on the industry with questions from the audience and a motivational speaker, who will be announced shortly.

Again, please make your reservations as soon as possible. The hotels have become very strict on our room blocks.

Once the cut-off dates have arrived we must release all rooms back to the hotel or the Association will be required to pay for the unused block.

Don't Forget!

Virginia Concrete Conference

March 10-11, 2005

(See informational brochure enclosed.)

2005 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

VRMCA lobbyists are monitoring the following legislation currently before the 2005 Virginia General Assembly, which convened January 12.

HB 1508 Motor vehicle sales and use tax; exemption for limited liability companies. Adds limited liability companies to the existing motor vehicle sales and use tax exemption for certain transfers from individuals or partnerships to corporations or from corporations to individuals or partnerships. Patron: Landes. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB1526 VDOT noise abatement policies. Provides that whenever (i) there is a conflict between published noise abatement policies of the Department and those published by the federal highway administration or other federal agencies, the provisions of the federal policy shall be controlling. Patron: Frederick. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB1527 Audits of Virginia Department of Transportation. Requires that, beginning July 1, 2005, and at least once every two years thereafter, the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner must accept contract proposals from private companies for the purpose of conducting thorough, comprehensive, and independent audits of the Department of Transportation. Patron: Frederick. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB1528 HOV facilities. Bars trucks and tractor-trailer combinations from HOV facilities, except for vehicles of public utility companies operating in response to emergency calls. Patron: Frederick. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB1563, 1564 Assessment of fees by Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on certain drivers; use of fees collected. Requires the DMV Commissioner to impose and collect fees on drivers who have accumulated more than six net driver demerit points or have been convicted of reckless driving, aggressive driving, driving on a suspended or revoked license, DUI, or any other misdemeanor involving operation of a motor vehicle. Patrons: Rust, Albo, Frederick, Marshall, D.W. and Oder; Senators: Mims and O'Brien Passed House, failed in Senate Finance.

HB1602 Environmental impact reviews. Requires state natural and historic resources agencies to complete their reviews and comments on a highway or road construction project funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board within six months of the date the project is funded. Patron: Fralin Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB1609 Route 29 bypass; reimbursement of federal funds. Charlottesville bypass. Requires that, if the U.S. Route 29 bypass is not constructed and reimbursement of federal funds expended in connection with that project is required, the amount of such reimbursement shall be deducted from funds allocated or allocable to primary system projects in Charlottesville and Albemarle County,.Patron: Cole. Status: Passed House, left in Senate Transportation.

HB1610 Retail Sales and Use Tax; increases revenue to transportation trust fund. Sales and use tax; allocation of revenue. Increases the sales and use tax revenue dedicated to the transportation trust fund from an amount equivalent to the amount raised by a one-half percent tax to a three-quarters percent tax. Patron: Cole. Status: Left in House Appropriations.

HB1650 Transportation bonds; use of surplus revenues to pay debt service. Requires surplus revenue collections, after deposits are made to the Revenue Stabilization Fund and the Water Quality Improvement Fund, to be deposited in the Transportation Trust Fund and used to pay debt service on previously issued transportation bonds. Patron: Orrock. Status: Tabled in House Appropriations.

HB1714 Garnishment; increasing maximum portion of protected disposable earnings. Increases the amount of a worker's aggregate disposable earnings protected from garnishment. Patron: Kilgore. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB1744 Income tax credit; purchase of machinery and equipment for. Extends from 10 years to 20 years the carryover period for individual and corporate income tax credits allowed for the purchase of machinery and equipment for processing recyclable materials. Patrons: Putney and Byron; Senator: Newman. Status: Passed House, left in Senate Finance.

HB1784 Subdivision streets; taking into secondary highway system. Allows county boards to establish standards for subdivision streets that differ from VDOT standards. Patrons: BaCote; Senator: Locke. Status: Stricken by Patron.

HB1815 Commonwealth Transportation Expedition Fund. Dedicate one-half of all insurance license tax revenues to expedite transportation projects throughout the Commonwealth that are within two years of completion. Patron: Marshall, R.G. Status: Tabled in House Appropriations.

HB1823 Zoning ordinances; transportation requirements. Provides that in determining the transportation requirements of the community, and prior to adopting a zoning ordinance or any amendment thereto, the locality shall conduct an assessment of road improvement needs within the locality. Patron: Frederick. Status: Failed in House Counties, Cities & Towns.

HB1849 Department of General Services; light-colored roofing and other materials for state buildings. Requires the Division of Purchases and Supply to adopt regulations that require state public bodies to procure only light-colored materials for paving state parking lots heat. Patron: Eisenberg. Status: Stricken by House General Laws.

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VRMCA Staff Profile: Ruby Seal, Executive Secretary

Name
Ruby Seal.

Title?
Executive Secretary.

Where is your birthplace?
I was born in Nelson County, Virginia—about 25 miles from Charlottesville.

How long have you been with the company?
I have been with the company for 18 years.

What are your job responsibilities?

I organize and schedule the administrative responsibilities for our clients. Also, I am the administrative assistant to the chairman and president.

What brought you to Charlottesville?

Well, I actually live in Crozet, which is 20 minutes from Charlottesville. I have always lived in the area except for a period of 17 years when my husband's job took us to Royston, Georgia.

Do you have any family?

My husband, two sons and their wives, three



grandchildren and one due in July. My mother, sister and brother also live in the area.

What is the best thing about living here?

It is such a beautiful area and close to a lot of interesting things to see and do.

What is the best part of the job?

The best part is the people I work with.

What did you do before this job?

I worked as a secretary in the trust department of a bank here in

Charlottesville.

Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy knitting, sewing, and reading. I also enjoy collecting Longaberger baskets and dolls.

UVa or Tech?

UVa. Both of my sons are graduates.

What would be the perfect day off?

I would spend the whole day reading.

Successful Roanoke ACI Field Technician Testing

By Bob Nablo
Director of Industry Services, Western Region

With the increased size of the VRMCA-sponsored ACI Field Technician Grade 1 classes, the demand has also increased on regional advisory councils to provide volunteers as supplementary examiners for the practical exam.

It is not uncommon for Richard Steele to now teach two classes each month, and class size frequently reaches 35-40 students.

The required practical exam of seven stations can easily take more than an hour for each student to complete, and the need for occasional re-tests stretches even that period.

In order to complete the testing in a reasonable period, several of the more difficult tests utilize multiple stations, but this requires multiple examiners. At the recent Roanoke testing twelve volunteers helped the exam operate smoothly and finish on time.

Steele instructed the classroom portion for about 35 students in the Safety Room at

Roanoke Cement Company, but because of the size of the class and the concern about possible bad weather, the practical portion was moved to a maintenance facility at Chandler Concrete.

Here the students were able to complete the written exam in a heated, spacious conference room and then move



ACI students concentrate on the hands-on component of the examination.

next door to take the hands-on test. Chandler was generous to provide several space heaters and staff help to make the process go smoothly.

Thanks to the volunteers and their respective companies for making several hours of their time available.

These volunteers included: Dave Winn, Chip Scruggs and Larry Tate of Chandler; Robert Marek, Roy Heaps and Larry Necessary of Roanoke Cement; Don Prinzbach of Franklin Ready-Mix; Corey Brice of Marshall Concrete; Carl Graves of Boxley Materials; and Bill Carwile of Lynch-

burg Ready-Mix.

Keith Beazley and Bob Nablo participated on behalf of VRMCA. Without these volunteers and the help from Roanoke Cement and Chandler Concrete this class could not have been held.

ity; museums and cultural and arts facilities. Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$85,625,000 to fund and construct specific capital projects for museums and cultural and arts facilities in the Commonwealth. Patron: Callahan Status: Left in House Appropriations.

HB2093 Financing of transportation 'enhancement' projects. Requires that, in financing "enhancement" projects undertaken using federal grants to homeowners associations, no more than two percent of any such grant can be spent for environmental studies or other studies. Patron: Hugo. Status:Stricken by Patron.

HB2160 Income tax and sales and use tax revenue; allocation of certain growth for transportation. Allocates 20 percent of the annual growth in income tax and sales tax revenue coming from Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads back to those regions for transportation purposes. Patrons: Reese, Albo, Rust and Sickles; Senator: Cuccinelli. Status:Tabled in House Appropriations.

HB2224 Transportation construction and maintenance. Revises Virginia's transportation construction and maintenance allocation system in accordance with recommendations made by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to the 2002 Session of the General

Assembly. Patron: Rust. Status: Tabled in House Appropriations.

HB2226 Urban and secondary highway system construction allocations. Allocates urban system and secondary system highway construction funds among affected jurisdictions on the basis of (i) area, (ii) vehicle miles traveled, and (iii) population, with area being weighted 15 percent, vehicle miles traveled weighted 25 percent, and population weighted 60 percent. Patron: Rust. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB2229 Reimbursement by localities of certain transportation expenses. Provides that if the Commonwealth expends funds for the design of transportation improvements and the locality in which the improvements are located subsequently decides that it is opposed to proceeding with the improvements, the locality shall reimburse the Commonwealth for the amount expended. Patron: Rust. Status: Stricken by Patron.

HB2271, 2099 Transportation Investment Act. Provides long-term funding of transportation projects throughout the Commonwealth by dedicating all insurance license tax revenues for such purpose. Patrons: Callahan, Hugo. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2277 Oversize vehicles; use of cameras in identification. Authorizes the Virginia Department of Transportation to use cameras, instead of tape measures, to identify vehicles that exceed the overhead clearance of any tunnel, bridge, or other structure. Patron: Oder. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2278 Tunnels; oversize vehicles. Provides that any person who drives or attempts to drive any vehicle into or through any tunnel when the height of such vehicle exceeds that permitted for such tunnel is guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor (fine up to \$500) and will be assessed three driver demerit points. Patron: Oder. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2283 Virginia Public Procurement Act; contract disputes. Provides a default contract claim procedure in the event a public body has not included such a procedure in the procurement contract. The bill also provides that a failure of a public. Patron: Janis. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2292 Transportation Trust Fund. Dedicates to the Transportation Trust Fund the additional recordation tax revenue generated by the recordation tax increase enacted during the 2004 Special Session I. Patron: Lingamfelter. Status: Tabled in House Appropriations.

HB2322 Primary system highway construction allocation. Provides that funds for construction projects in the primary highway system will be distributed among the nine highway construction districts on the basis of vehicle miles traveled per lane-mile. Patron: Rust. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB2330 Special funds for highway improvements in localities. Expands the present revenue sharing fund program for counties to include cities and towns as well. Patron: Athey. Status: Passed House, failed in Senate Finance.

HB2355 Highway construction funds; primary system allocations. Allocates primary

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Demonstration of New Air Cannon Creates an Impact in Williamsburg

By Keith Beazley, Director of Industry Services, Central Virginia and Hampton Roads and Bob Nablo, Director of Industry Services, Western Region

Construction with insulating concrete forms continues to grow in popularity as builders, designers, and homeowners alike recognize the quality benefits and value of concrete homes. Homes built with ICFs look stronger and more substantial.

Now, research confirms the advantages of concrete walls over conventional framing to better withstand the impact of wind driven debris. ICF homes offer unmatched resistance to the potential damage caused by severe storms.

The Advisory Councils of Hampton Roads, Central Virginia, Southwest, and Blue Ridge formed a partnership and purchased an air cannon from Clemson University for the purpose of demonstrating the strength of ICF walls to homeowners and the building and design community.

The cannon was developed and constructed in the Engineering Department by graduate students and delivered to Virginia in January. The air cannon will simulate debris blown from all categories of hurricanes and tornados.

The cannon shoots different size and weight 2 x 4 lumber at wall sections at various air speeds for this demonstration, and its demonstration never fails to impress the crowd watching.

The first firing of the new air cannon for the Hampton Roads Advisory Council was held in Williamsburg at the Vulcan Quarry storage facility at the Lee Hall location.

A series of tests were conducted to simulate different air speeds of storms and the strength of the winds and debris. Tests were conducted for winds from hurricanes and tornados, and wind speeds up to 110 mph were developed.

The demonstration was well attended and the test was very eye opening and impressive; the first time the cannon is fired, the event gets everyone's attention.

The Advisory Councils have already scheduled a series of events to demonstrate the cannon and events are planned in Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Richmond, Roanoke and Staunton for this spring.

The television and newspaper news departments in each locality are to be contacted for publicity of the events. A series of press releases, filmstrips, pictures, and literature are being developed to accompany

the cannon for usage by the Advisory Councils.

A program is also being developed and registered to provide learning credits in Health and Safety for architects attending the demonstrations and seminars. The visual and mental impact of this demonstration is one that is not easily forgotten.



Visitors gather to watch the firing demonstration.



A close-up view of the cannon.

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system construction funds among the nine highway construction districts on the basis of the ratio of vehicle-miles traveled on the primary system in each district divided by the number of primary system lane miles in each district. Patrons: Watts, Albo, Amundson, Ebbin, Plum, Reese, Rust and Scott, J.M.; Senators: Cucinelli, Puller and Ticer. Status: Failed in House Transportation.

HB2356 Motor fuel tax; rate increase. Increases the tax on gasoline, diesel fuel, and alternative fuel by \$0.075 per gallon, increases the motor carrier road tax by an equivalent of \$0.075 per gallon of fuel used in the Commonwealth, and increases the alternative use fee for certain motor carriers from \$100 to \$150 All motor fuels taxes will be indexed every two years

Cole. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.
HB2432 Virginia Fuels Tax Act. Indexes the rate of tax on each gallon of motor fuel on July 1 of each even-numbered year by the percent change in the Consumer Price Index. Patron: Hamilton. Status: Tabled in House Finance.

HB2442 Transportation District Act of 1964; powers of district commissions. Allows district commissions established under the Transportation District Act of 1964 to act as a "responsible public entity" as provided in the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995. Patron: Saxman. Status: Incorporated into HB2666.

HB2585 Virginia Public Procurement Act; preferences for Virginia firms; road construction. Provides that in awarding contracts for road construction where the amount of the contract is in excess of \$500,000, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall give consideration to the beneficial effect of the award on Virginia's economy. Patron: Cosgrove. Status: Tabled in House General Laws.

HB2605 Use of federal "transportation enhancement" grants by CTB. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to take steps to ensure that, whenever VDOT undertakes any project qualifying as "transportation enhancement" under federal law, the project will incorporate (i) conversions of highway rest areas to welcome centers with adjacent hiking and exercise trails and (ii) other projects that will accommodate anticipated quadricentennial tourism in Virginia. Patron: Landes. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2630 Special funds for highway systems in certain counties, cites, and towns. Expands the present revenue sharing fund program for counties to include cities and towns as well; raises the annual match limit per locality and the total limit on state funds available for the program. Patron: Albo. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB2666, 2443 PPTA. Streamlines and enhances the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (PPTA) by authorizing memoranda of understanding and binding preliminary agreements among the parties to negotiate in good faith; authorizing the negotiation of developers' fees, management fees, and similar financial incentives to attract private sector investment in light of the risk profile and other investment opportunities; requiring that appropriate action be taken

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Be sure to see the Virginia Ready-Mixed Concrete Association Scholarship Program Application enclosed.

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to protect intellectual property, trade secrets, finance plans, and other confidential and proprietary information contained in proposals; and authorizes use of confidentiality agreements in connection with any comprehensive agreement, service contract, lease or, or other agreement. Patrons: McDonnell, Saxman. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2705 Motor fuels tax. Increases the motor fuels tax by \$0.07 per gallon. Patron: Sickles. Status: Tabled in House Finance.

HB2717 Virginia Public Building Authority; authorizing capital project. Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$16 million for the demolition of the "8th Street Office Building" in Richmond, and for the construction of a parking facility in its place. Patron: Morgan. Status: Left in House Appropriations.

HB2759 Relating to commercial and industrial exemptions. Sales tax exemption. Patron: Nutter. Status: Tabled in House Finance.

HB2763 Transportation projects. Repeals a list of transportation projects designated as funded from the Priority Transportation Fund. Patron: Wardrup. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2771 Commonwealth Transportation Investment Fund. Creates the Commonwealth Transportation Investment Fund and dedicates to it one-third of all insurance license tax revenues to be used for transportation projects. Patrons: Callahan and Wardrup. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2793 Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund. Creates the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund to be used by the Governor to encourage the development of design-build transportation projects, projects under the Public Private Transportation Act. Status: Passed House, Senate.

HB2812 PPTA. Establishes a schedule of deadlines for consideration of solicited or unsolicited proposals made to the Department of Transportation under the Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA). Patrons: McDonnell, Albo, Suit, Wardrup and Welch. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB2818 Local coal and gas road improvement tax; sunset date. Removes the December 31, 2007, sunset date for the local coal and gas road improvement tax. Patron: Phillips. Status: Stricken by House Finance.
HB2834 Hours of service; drivers transporting employees in the course of their employment. Requires that a contract carrier limit the hours of service by a driver transporting employees in the course of their employment on the public highways of the Commonwealth in a vehicle designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers to 12 hours of vehicle operation per day, 15 hours of on-duty service per day, and 70 hours of on-duty service in seven consecutive days. Patrons: Amundson, Brink and Stump. Status: Tabled in House Transportation.

HB2847 Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. Increases the percentage of Transportation Trust Fund revenues flowing to the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund from 14.7 percent

New Networking Opportunity for NVCAC

By Hessam Nabavi, R.A.
Director of Industry Services, Northern Virginia

DesignDC 2005

On February 6, 2005, a premier event for metro area architects, designers, engineers and contractors was held at the new Washington Convention Center.

This event, produced by the collaborative effort of the Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Potomac Valley Chapters of the AIA,

featured forty educational sessions, building tours by project architects, a trade show representing nearly 200 exhibitors, 17 product categories and ultimately many networking opportunities.

DesignDC was specifically geared toward helping architectural industry professionals fulfill continuing education requirements, while providing valuable networking opportunities with industry colleagues.

The conference opened on Sunday with a tour of the Washington Convention Center hosted by local project architectural firm, Devroux & Purnell, and was concluded on

Monday with a tour of the new Spy Museum hosted by Architect David Greenbaum, FAIA. Educational sessions were organized in 6 tracks; Practice Issues, Building Codes, Design Excellence, Green/Sustainability, Building Type and Technology.

- Practice Issues (Including: Starting and running a firm; Growing a firm; Young Architects; Skills)
- Code Issues (Including: IBC; IRC; ADA; Fair Housing Act; Local jurisdictions codes updates)
- Design Excellence (The work of local, regional and national design award winners)
- Green/Sustainability (Including: LEED certification, preparation and case studies; green building materials)
- Building Technology
- Building Types (Including: Schools; Labs; Office Buildings; Residential, etc.)

Overall, DesignDC was a well-attended event and offered a great opportunity for networking with design professionals.



DesignDC 2005 attendees at the Washington Convention Center.

to 19 percent. Patron: Scott, J.M. Status: Tabled in House Appropriations.

HB2929 Highway construction funds; primary system allocations. Allocates primary system construction funds among the nine highway construction districts on the basis of the ratio of vehicle-miles traveled on the primary system in each district divided by the number of primary system lane miles in each district. Patron: Hugo. Status: Tabled in House Appropriations.

HJ527, 541, 550, 562, 563, 585, 642, 644, 717, 771 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); highway & transportation trust funds. Provides that the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and the Transportation Trust Fund established in 1986 will be permanent and separate funds and will be funded annually by the General Assembly by appropriations equivalent to the revenues generated by the 1986 package of tax and fee increases and other revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. Patrons:

McDonnell, Lingamfelter, Albo, Bell, Callahan, Cline, Cole, Cosgrove, Cox, Dudley, Ebbin, Eisenberg, Fralin, Frederick, Griffith, Hamilton, Hargrove, Hugo, Ingram, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Landes, Louderback, Marshall, D.W., McQuigg, Nutter, Oder, Parrish, Petersen, Plum, Rapp, Rust, Saxman, Scott, J.M., Suit, Tata, Ware, R.L. and Wright; Senators: Bolling, Edwards, Mims, Wagner and Williams. Status: Passed House, left in Senate Finance.

HJ599 Department of General Services; construction contracts. Encourages the Department of General Services to recognize and incorporate the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System energy, environmental, and sustainability concepts into state and local practices for the design and procurement of construction projects. Patron: Van Yahres. Status: Failed in House Rules.

HJ 600 Local school boards and local governing bodies. Encourages local school

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Hampton Roads Concrete Advisory Council Mike Cox Memorial Tournament

Where: Deer Run, Newport News, VA
(757) 886-7925

When: Wed., April 27, 2005
11:00am Check-In
12:30pm Shotgun Start

Format: Four Man Florida Best Ball

Cost: \$100.00/ Player
\$75.00/ Hole Sponsor



Included in the Entrance Fee:

Range balls	Ribs or Chicken Dinner
Box Lunch	Goody Bag
Raffle Items	Beverages on Drink Cart
Prizes for 1 st , 2 nd 2 flights, Long Drive & Closest to Pin	

PLAYERS

1) _____	2) _____
3) _____	4) _____

Soft Spikes Only

Make checks payable to Hampton Roads Concrete Advisory Council and submit entrance fee by April 20, 2005 to:

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VIRGINIA READY-MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION *Scholarship Program*

I. POLICY PURPOSE

The scholarship program has been established to provide an educational opportunity for qualified students who desire a career in the concrete industry.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

This is a multi-year scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior who is accepted for enrollment at Middle Tennessee State University with a major in Concrete Industry Management. Preference will be given to a dependent of a VRMCA member company or an employee of a VRMCA member firm.

III. POLICY PROVISIONS

- A. The scholarship will be awarded each year, for up to four years, and will cover the cost of tuition.
- B. The Scholarship Committee will be responsible for the review and administration of all aspects of the scholarship. The committee will have three members appointed for a one-year term by the president of the VRMCA.
 - 1. Review and evaluate all aspects of the scholarship and recommend changes as appropriate.
 - 2. Establish criteria, if other than described below.
 - 3. Establish and execute a communication plan, including communication pieces.
 - 4. Receive applications.
 - 5. Select the recipient for the scholarship.
 - 6. Award the scholarship.
 - 7. Monitor the progress of the student throughout the term of the scholarship.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

Initially, the scholarship will be awarded to the eligible individual who meets the following criteria at the time of the award. The student must:

- A. Exhibit high school (and/or college) grades, courses taken, and ACT/SAT scores that would indicate the likelihood of being admitted to MTSU and being successful in the Concrete Industry Management Program. To be admitted to MTSU in the standard admission category, a student must have completed the required 14 high school units and have a minimum ACT composite score of 20 or a minimum 2.80 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Applicants who do not meet these criteria can seek admission through an alternative review process.
- B. Be active in high school or community groups.
- C. Exhibit a strong interest in pursuing a career in the concrete industry.
- D. Major in Concrete Industry Management at Middle Tennessee State University.
- E. Be willing to accept summer employment with a VRMCA producer following each of the first three years of study.
- F. Applicants must be residents of Virginia. Preference will be given to employees and dependents of employees of VRMCA member companies.
- G. For the scholarship to be renewed annually for the four-year term, the student must:
 - Maintain a 2.8 grade point average.
 - Be classified as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester) pursuing the Concrete Industry Management major.

V. APPLICATION PROCESS

- A. A completed application form must be submitted by the candidate, accompanied by at least two letters of reference and an essay by the applicant regarding his/her desire for this scholarship and interest in the concrete industry. The VRMCA staff will execute the communication plan, distribute the application forms, and provide information in a timely fashion to meet established deadlines. News releases will be sent to local media. Every effort will be made to publicize the awarding of the scholarship.
- B. Applications and accompanying materials must be submitted to the Virginia Ready-Mixed Concrete Association by May 15, 2005. The scholarship recipient will be notified by July 1, 2005.

VI. FUNDING SOURCES

VRMCA will use sponsorships and other events to fund the scholarship program.

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VIRGINIA READY-MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Concrete Industry Management Major Middle Tennessee State University

2005 Application

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Affiliation to the ready-mixed concrete industry in Virginia, if any:

VRMCA Scholarship Program Application

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

High School Attended: _____

Date of Expected Graduation: _____ High School Class Rank: _____

High School GPA: _____ ACT/SAT Score: _____

Please describe your involvement in extra-curricular activities with your high school or in your community. Please include the type of activity, your leadership role, personal involvement, specific contributions, and any significant learning opportunities.

Please describe any honors, recognitions or awards you have received:

I certify that all the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please attach the following with your completed scholarship application:

1. Name of family member and where employed (company name and location).
2. A written essay explaining your desire and need for this scholarship and your interest in the concrete industry. If you have worked in the ready-mixed concrete industry, please list company and summary of activities.
3. Two letters of reference submitted with the VRMCA scholarship application.
4. Official transcript with current GPA, documentation of class rank and ACT/SAT score.

VIRGINIA READY-MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Your evaluation of this candidate is requested by the Virginia Ready-Mixed Concrete Association for scholarship purposes. The completed form should be sent directly to the VRMCA Scholarship Committee by May 15, 2005. Please give your open and honest opinion of this applicant. Information pertaining to the individual's strengths and weaknesses will assist us in our evaluation. Please state your professional relationship (i.e. classroom instructor, guidance counselor, employer, etc.) and, if possible, the length of time you have known the applicant. Additional information such as the individual's initiative, perseverance, intellectual ability, creative skill, and resourcefulness is extremely helpful.

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

School or Company: _____

Address: _____

Please return by May 15, 2005 to: Virginia Ready-Mixed Concrete Association
Scholarship Committee
630 Country Green Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Virginia Ready-Mixed Concrete Association

GOLF SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORSHIP

Monday, May 16, 2005 — Shotgun Start — 1:30 P.M.
Woods Course — Kingsmill Resort — Williamsburg, Virginia

Sponsorships will provide a Virginia student with a scholarship to Middle Tennessee State University for a major in concrete technology.

*Sponsorships are available to VRMCA
producer and supplier members for \$150.00 each.
Every producer and supplier company is encouraged to participate.*

Sponsoring companies will receive recognition on golf holes assigned by VRMCA.

All sponsorships include:

- Company sign(s) at assigned hole(s)
- Companies with multiple sponsorships receive recognition on the same number of holes sponsored
- Recognition at closing event
- Recognition in pre/post newsletters

Contact Person's Name _____

Company _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

\$150.00 per sponsorship*

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

***PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY SPONSORSHIP(S) REGISTRATION**

Please make check payable to VRMCA and mail to: VRMCA, 630 Country Green Lane
Charlottesville, VA 22902
434-977-3716 / 434-979-2439 (f)

CONTESTS

Hole	Contest	Par	Hole	Contest	Par
1	Closest to Pin from Bunker	4	10	Straightest Drive	4
2	Shortest Drive	4	11	Longest 3rd Putt Made	4
3	Closest to Pin, 2 nd Shot	4	12	Farthest from Pin, On the Green	3
4	Closest to the Green, Tee Shot	4	13	Longest Drive, Women Only	5
5	Closest to Pin, 3 rd Shot	5	14	Longest Putt	4
6	Closest to Pin	3	15	Longest 2 nd Putt Made	4
7	Closest to Pin, 2 nd Shot	4	16	Closest to the Green, 2 nd Shot	5
8	Closest to Pin	3	17	Closest to Pin, Women Only	3
9	Closest to Pin, 3 rd Shot	5	18	Longest Drive	4

Scholarship donations are welcome from non-golfers.

Virginia Ready-Mixed Concrete Association

Spring Convention Registration

May 15-17, 2005 — Kingsmill Resort
Williamsburg, Virginia

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
NAME _____ SPOUSE _____
FIRM _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Member Fee	\$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Fee	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Member Spouse Fee	\$170.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Spouse Fee	\$325.00

Amount Enclosed for Convention Registration \$ _____

GOLF REGISTRATION

Monday, May 16th — Woods Course — Shotgun Start — 1:30 P.M.

*Golf fee includes lunch, greens fees, shared cart, continuous beverage service,
range balls, tax, gratuity and tournament prizes.*

GOLF REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MAY 10th WILL BE PLACED ON "STANDBY".

NAME _____ APPROX. SCORE _____
NAME _____ APPROX. SCORE _____

Golf Fee: \$165.00 per person
Amount Enclosed for Golf Registration \$ _____

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Use of the Tennis Courts is included in your lodging rate, and since there has been little interest in a Tennis Tournament at the last several meetings, there will be no organized Tournament at this time. If sufficient interest is shown, we will be happy to organize one, with a fee to cover prizes and lunch.

I would be interested in participating in a Tennis Tournament _____ Yes

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING REGISTRATION

Monday, May 16th — Old Forge Sporting Clays — 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Shooting fee includes lunch, 50 shot round sporting clays, ammunition, tax, gratuity and prizes.

NAME _____ NAME _____

Shooting Fee: \$85.00 per person
Amount Enclosed for Shooting Registration \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
Telephone: 434-977-3716

*Full payment must accompany registration form. Cancellations must be received in the
VRMCA office by close of business Tuesday, May 3, 2005 to qualify for a refund.
Company representative substitutions accepted.*



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VRMCA Spring Convention

May 15-17, 2005

Kingsmill Resort
Williamsburg, Virginia

Tentative Program

Sunday, May 15

Noon-3:00 p.m.	VRMCA Advisory Council Board Meeting and Luncheon
3:00-5:30 p.m.	VRMCA Board of Directors' Meeting
3:30 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
6:30-7:30 p.m.	VRMCA Reception
7:30 -9:30 p.m.	Dinner On Your Own, Bray Dining Room (Bistro); Eagles (Steakhouse); Regattas (Family-oriented) – Reservations required for groups of 8 or more, suggested for less than 8, 757-253-1703, ext. 3900

Monday, May 16

7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open
8:00-8:10 a.m.	Introductions
8:10-9:00 a.m.	VRMCA Advisory Council Update
9:00-9:45 a.m.	LEEDS Program <i>To be announced</i>
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Update from the General Assembly Philip Shucet, Commissioner of VDOT
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Driver Training in our Community Colleges <i>To be announced</i>
11:30 a.m.	Adjourn for Golf, Sporting Clays, Sightseeing, Shopping, and Relaxation
1:30 p.m.	Golf, Shotgun Start, Woods Course Box lunch, range balls, and continuous beverages included in golf registration fee

Monday, May 16, Continued

- 1:30 p.m. Sporting Clays, Old Forge Sporting Clays, Providence Forge, VA
Box lunch included in shooting registration fee
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. **VRMCA Reception**
- 7:30 -9:30 p.m. Dinner On Your Own, Bray Dining Room (Bistro); Eagles (Steakhouse); Regattas (Family-oriented) – Reservations required for groups of 8 or more, suggested for less than 8, 757-253-1703, ext. 3900

Tuesday, May 17

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Open
- 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Industry Forum**
To Be Announced
- 9:00–10:00 a.m. **Guest Speaker** (*motivational speaker*)
To Be Announced
- 10:00–10:30 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 10:30–11:00 a.m. Annual Business Meeting
Presentation of Safety Awards
Election of Officers and Directors
- 11:00 a.m. Adjourn

For more information, contact:

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Not Rain, Sleet Nor Snow Stops ACI Examination in Hampton Roads

By J. Keith Beazley
Director of Industry Services, Central Virginia and Hampton Roads

The practical exams for the ACI Field Technician classes were completed on the first Friday in February despite a surprise snowstorm that swept the Hampton Roads area from the South and delayed school openings in the area.

The testing stations were moved indoors at the Titan America plant in Hampton and the large heated area provided ideal conditions for the large class of 35 students taught by Richard Steele.

The success of this practical portion of the class was due to the dedication of individuals and their companies who volunteered their time and effort for the VRMCA and the certification process.

One of the students in this class was from Iceland, a country of 300,00 people,

and was very impressed with the process of certification. Currently, his company is working in the Hampton Roads area and the test provided an opportunity for his certification. The student took pictures to send home to his company and family.

An ACI examination is an opportunity for many individuals to seek education for a greater opportunity in their companies and the knowledge to test and examine our product in the workplace for our benefit as well.

Thank you to the volunteers and companies who made the time for this examination to be successful: Jim Simons, Capital Concrete; Jim Holland, Titan America; Kathy Carpenter, Titan America; Frank MacConochie, Schnabel Engineering; David Russell, VDOT; Bob Nablo and Keith Beazley, VRMCA.

Free Market Ideas in Transportation Commission to study a list of issues associated with promoting a more efficient transportation system for the Commonwealth. Patron: McDonnell, Wardrup, Marrs. Status: Passed House (96-0) Referred to Senate Rules.

HJ 798 Green Globes environmental assessment tool; to recognize & incorporate into state & local practices. Encourages the Commonwealth to recognize and incorporate the Green Globes environmental assessment tool into state and local practices for the design and procurement of building construction projects. Patrons: Sherwood, Athey, Hogan and May Status: Passed House, left in Senate Rules.

SB738 Fund to expedite construction of I-73 in Henry County. The Fund consists of the first \$3 million of annual collections of state taxes on motor fuels, fees and charges on motor vehicle registrations, road taxes or any other state revenue allocated for highway purposes. Patron: Reynolds Status: Failed in Senate Transportation (10-4).

SB778 Interstate Route 81 Corridor Multistate Transportation Planning Compact. Establishes an interstate compact to improve transportation and transportation planning in the Interstate Route 81 corridor. Patron: Potts. Status: Passed Senate, House.

SB794 Fuels taxes; refunds. Provides a refund equal to 55 percent of the state fuels tax paid for vehicles designed or adapted exclusively for bulk spreading or spraying of agricultural liming materials, chemicals, or fertilizer. Patron: Watkins. Status: Passed Senate, House.

SB797 Allocation of construction funds within secondary system. Provides that secondary road construction funds shall be dis-

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boards and local governing bodies, in cooperation with the Department of General Services, to recognize and incorporate the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System into state and local practices for the design and procurement of construction projects. Patron: Van Yahres. Status: Failed in House Rules.

HJ 601 Boards of Visitors at Virginia's public institutions. Encourages the Boards of Visitors at Virginia's public institutions of higher education, in cooperation with the Department of General Services, to recognize and incorporate the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System into state and local practices for the design and procurement of construction projects. Patron: Van Yahres. Status: Failed in House Rules.

HJ 653 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); limits on state expenditures, taxes and revenues. Limits the amount of state expenditures from state tax revenues to 6.50 percent of personal income in the Commonwealth. Patrons: Lingamfelter and Janis Status: Tabled in House Privileges & Elections.

HJ 709 I-81 corridor multi-state transportation planning initiative. Urges Congress to encourage the primary states served by the Interstate Route I-81 corridor to adopt a multi-state transportation planning initiative to study, develop, and promote a plan for the design, construction, financing, and operation of optimal freight and passenger transportation facilities in the I-81 corridor. Patron: Cline Status: Passed House, Senate.

HJ 742, 662, 663, 791 Study; Free Market Ideas in Transportation Commission; report. Study; Free Market Ideas in Transportation Commission; report. Establishes a 13-member

Preventing Future Problems Via Education Contractor's Forum—NVCAC

By Gary Downy, Titan Virginia Concrete,
Council Chairman, NVCAC

On February 10, the newly formed education committee of the Northern Virginia Concrete Advisory Council hosted the Contractor's Forum at the Tyson's Corner Marriott.

The theme of the forum was "Preventing Problems that Cost You Money" and was presented by our guest speaker Rodney A. Meyers of Degussa Admixtures.

Much of the presentation focused on molding, curing and handling concrete

compressive test specimens, the importance of maintaining the correct temperature in the curing box, and who is responsible for insuring that samples are maintained according to applicable specifications.

Other areas of Meyers' presentation covered surface defects and how to avoid them

and proper jointing to control cracking. A lengthy question and answer segment followed the presentation.

The forum was well received by over forty guests. The unanimous response from the attending contractors was "when is the next contractor's round table and we also need to invite general contractors."

The NVCAC education committee is already working on the next forum to take place in the fall and yes, with the popular demand, there will be emphasis placed on attendance by general contractors.



Meyers delivering his "Preventing Problems that Cost You Money" presentation.

Upcoming Event

Mike Cox Memorial Tournament

Sponsored by:
Hampton Roads Concrete Advisory Council

Wednesday, April 27, 2005
Deer Run, Newport News

(see registration form enclosed)

Legislation

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bursed directly to the county, if so requested by resolution of the governing body. Patron: Watkins Status: Left in Senate Transportation.

SB802 Fund to expedite improvements to U.S. Route 58 in Carroll, Grayson and Patrick Counties. Establishes a special fund to expedite construction of improvements to U.S. Route 58 in Carroll, Grayson, and Patrick Counties. Patron: Reynolds Status: Failed in Senate Transportation (10-4).

SB825 Overweight truck penalties. Allows all counties, cities, and towns to adopt truck weight limit ordinances, parallel to state law, and to assess and collect penalties for violations of such ordinances and use the proceeds to support either local highway construction and maintenance or local vehicle safety inspection programs. Patrons: Mims; Delegates: Marshall, R.G. and May Status: Left in Senate Transportation.

SB985 Highway construction; advance of funds by counties. Allows advancement of county funds for highway construction, with reimbursement by VDOT from identified funding sources pursuant to an agreement between VDOT and the county. Patron: Watkins Status: Passed Senate, House.

SB993 Special funds for highway improvements in localities. Expands the present revenue sharing fund program for counties to include cities and towns as well. Patron: Devolites Davis Status: Left in Senate Finance.

SB709, 1010 Sales and use tax payments. Eliminates the additional June payment for sales and use taxes required of dealers with taxable sales and purchases of \$1.3 million or greater. Patron: Chichester, Hanger Status: passed Senate, left in House Appropriations.

SB1099 Sales tax on motor fuels. Increases from two to four percent the sales tax on fuels in every county or city situated in the Northern Virginia Transportation District. Patrons: Whipple and Ticer; Delegates: Brink, Ebbin and Eisenberg Status: Passed Senate. tabled in House Finance.

SB1108 Public-Private Transportation Act. Requires responsible public entities (RPEs) to adopt procedures establishing an accelerated review mechanism for high priority projects under the Public-Private Transportation Act (PPTA). Patron: Stosch Status: Passed Senate, House.

SB1129 Virginia Public Building Authority; museums and cultural and arts facilities. Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$85,625,000 to fund and construct specific capital projects for museums and cultural and arts facilities in the Commonwealth. Patron: Lambert Status: Left in Senate Finance.

SB1142 Recordation taxes; transfer to Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. Provides that \$20 million of recordation taxes collected each year shall be transferred to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. Patrons: Hanger and Rerras; Delegate: Cosgrove Status: Left in Senate Finance.

SB1198 Commercial vehicle driver's licenses. Amends various Virginia Code sections in order to comply with the final rule promulgated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to implement the commercial driver licensing requirements of Section 201(b) of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999. Patron: Williams Status: Passed Senate, House.

SB1245 Transportation funding. Provides that moneys in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, and the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund shall be used for (i) administering, plan-

ning, constructing, improving, or maintaining the roads embraced in the systems of highways for the Commonwealth and its localities, or furthering the interests of the Commonwealth. Patron: Williams Status: Left in Senate Finance.

SB1264 HOV lanes. Extends the ability of vehicles bearing clean fuel vehicle license plates to use HOV facilities, regardless of the number of their passengers, for two more years. Patron: O'Brien Status: Stricken by Patron.

SB1324, 1325 Dedication, distribution, and management of transportation maintenance and construction funds. Renames the Commonwealth Transit Capital Fund the Transit Partnership Fund and extends the present matching requirements for at least 20 percent of the nonfederal share of the total project cost to cover both project and program costs. Patrons: Saslaw, Stolle, Chichester, Deeds, Edwards, Houck, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsh, Miller, Norment, Puckett, Puller, Quayle, Reynolds, Stosch, Ticer, Wagner, Wampler, Watkins, Whipple and Williams Status: Passed Senate, House.

SJ282 Study; issues relating to transportation. Establishes a joint subcommittee to develop recommendations directed at placing the Commonwealth in the best position for addressing future transportation issues and challenges. Patron: Hawkins Status: Passed Senate on Voice Vote Referred to House Rules.

SJ310, 342, 399, 409 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); Transportation Trust Fund. Provides that the Transportation Trust Fund established in 1986 will be a permanent fund and be funded annually by the General Assembly by appropriations equivalent to the revenues generated by the 1986 package of tax and fee increases or the appropriation for the fiscal year. Patron: Cuccinelli Status: Left in Senate Finance.

SJ316, 381 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); establishment of special funds. Authorizes the General Assembly to establish a special fund for specified purposes and to dedicate a revenue stream to the fund. Patron: Norment Status: Left in Senate Finance.

SJ 408 Constitutional amendment (first resolution); limit on appropriations. Limits total appropriations in any fiscal year to the preceding year's total appropriations plus a percentage increase equal to the rate of inflation plus a factor for population increases. Patrons: Cuccinelli and O'Brien Status: Left in Senate Finance.

SAFETY CORNER

For safety related links,
please visit the safety committee section
of the VRMCA website:

www.vrmca.com/about/safety.aspx



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IN THE RIGHT PLACE
AT THE RIGHT TIME**

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