

Legislative Priority # 6: The City of Norfolk supports the General Assembly requesting the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to conduct an update to the JLARC Study # 64—*Equity of the Current Provisions for Allocating Highway and Transportation Funds in Virginia (Dec 1984)*. (Council Priorities: *Accessibility, Mobility, and Connectivity; Economic Vitality and Workforce Development; Safe, Healthy, and Inclusive Community; and Well-Managed Government*).

Currently, the General Assembly authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to allocate transportation trust funds (TTF) for construction after maintenance and other “off of the top subtractions” (i.e. unpaved roads) are taken from the total transportation revenues available for a given year.

Of the remainder of transportation TTF dollars available, current law (COV Section 33.1-23) requires state highway construction funds to be allocated: 40% to the primary road system; 30% to the secondary system (funding determined 80% by population, 20% by land area); and 30% to the urban system (100% distributed by population). This allocation methodology was based upon the [JLARC Study # 64—*The Equity of Current Provisions for Allocating Highway and Transportation Funds in Virginia \(Dec 1984\)*](#).

At the time of the 1984 JLARC Study, rigorous investigation was accomplished to determine the current and forecasted needs of various Virginia transportation systems. JLARC recommended that the General Assembly distribute an equally divided 1/3 allocation of available transportation trust fund dollars to each transportation system. However, ultimately, the General Assembly opted to impose the 40-30-30 distribution that is currently employed to this day.

Considering the amount of time that has elapsed since the General Assembly last thoroughly reviewed its transportation funding allocation (30 years) and considering the new HB 2313 transportation funds available, the General Assembly is requested to undertake a similar JLARC Study as was completed in 1984.