

**Legislative Priority # 5: The City of Norfolk supports legislative efforts to align the local Commonwealth Transportation Board appointments based upon established congressional districts as opposed to construction districts. (Council Priorities: *Accessibility, Mobility, and Connectivity; Economic Vitality and Workforce Development; Safe, Healthy, and Inclusive Community; and Well-Managed Government*).**

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The Commonwealth Transportation Board is primarily comprised of members appointed from “construction districts” that were established in the 1920’s based on their geographic location. As presently designated, these construction districts reflect areas where VDOT once had centralized operations. However since the time of being established, the Commonwealth’s population has greatly shifted and coalesced primarily along I-95/I-64 corridor and the I-66/I-81 corridor. Currently, these construction districts and the representation on the Commonwealth Transportation Board do not correlate or even come close to the current population distribution across the Commonwealth—not counting economic activity considerations.

Virginia has a long held tradition of insisting upon representational democracy and the same should be true for how the Commonwealth determines its allocation of CTB appointments. Having the CTB representation aligned with congressional districts is the most equitable and fair methodology for determining CTB representation.

The General Assembly is therefore requested to amend the Code of Virginia so that each CTB member is selected from each congressional district while maintaining at-large members. For example, under the proposed scenario, Hampton Roads would include four CTB members representing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts plus at-large members residing within Hampton Roads.