

**Legislative Priority # 4: The City of Norfolk strongly supports legislation to require the Commonwealth to provide any deferred and on-going roadway maintenance on all future Public-Private Transportation Projects. (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 has recently begun heavily utilizing the public-private partnership act to facilitate the financing, construction, and operation of significant transportation projects across the state. As part of contractual agreements that have been reached, the Commonwealth is requiring PPTA contractors to provide all, or nearly all, of the deferred and on-going roadway maintenance, which ultimately translates to higher toll rates being charged to citizens.

Fair and equitable treatment would require the Commonwealth to pay for the maintenance of PPTA transportation projects with funds collected for the Highway Maintenance & Operations Fund as it does for every other road project across the state. The revenue collected by the Commonwealth and paid by Virginia citizens using these PPTA transportation facilities, is intended to be used to pay for statewide roadway maintenance.

The General Assembly is requested to consider prohibiting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) from requiring toll revenue to pay for maintenance on public/private partnership projects going forward.