



### Legislative Committee

With six individual jurisdictions coming together to speak as one voice under the name of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, it is critical to outline key policy-level priorities and preferences for federal, state, and local initiatives.

The legislative committee will receive detailed information about proposals, bills, resolutions, etc. coming before the government bodies along with dates and times of opportunities to get involved.

#### Potential Topics/Issues:

- Critical issue: Watchful analysis of DRPT Performance Measurement program recommendations to Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB):
  - Current performance measurement will result in a \$435K annual revenue loss
  - Strategy of “do no harm” to the operating assistance and also set performance criteria that allows OmniRide services to perform, grow and expand
- Appreciation from state for restoration of the fuel tax revenues via the fuel tax floor, stressing the limits of impact on that revenue for on-street services.
- Prince William County Transportation Bond options: project eligibility and use of funds
- Virginia DOT capital bond expiration and the state’s limitation on funds for future capital replacement
- Support transit-eligible funding for Internet sales tax revenues (operating or capital)
- Support transit-eligible program funding from any restoration of NVTA projects (as law allows)
- Other items, as suggested/identified by committee

#### Committee involvement may include:

- Support or opposition for specific proposals through letters, in-person testimony or directed involvement at the respective legislative or executive bodies
- Meeting at least quarterly, to provide guidance and advice to the Executive Director and Chair on legislative issues. This may also include special on-call or telephone committee meetings to discuss key issues that emerge during critical sessions
- Update and seek consensus from the diverse Board of Commissioners and jurisdictional membership
- Public speaking in the community for support of key initiatives and engaging fellow commissioners, local leaders, or elected officials in support of Commission positions on policy or programs
- Active participation with the Virginia Transit Association (VTA) to include key events such as Transit Day in Richmond or the VTA annual meeting
- Participation in a Speaker/Leader corps, that actively seeks out speaking engagements for the Executive Director or willing Commissioners among civic groups, community programs, or associations to support the organization