

HOUSE BILL NO. 883
MENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules
on _____)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Sullivan)

A BILL to direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a review of the Department of Transportation's approval process for projects involving buildings, road development, and other construction; report.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

9 1. *That the Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a review of the Department of Transportation's*
10 *(the Department's) approval process for projects involving buildings, road development, and other*
11 *construction and, in doing so, identify methods for reducing the number of steps needed for such projects'*
12 *approval while maintaining safety standards for such projects. Such review shall assess whether the*
13 *Department's reviews of such projects can meet local review times required by §§ 15.2-2259 and 15.2-2260.*
14 *Such review shall also include an assessment of whether the Department can improve internal and external*
15 *communication regarding project and regulatory deadlines in order to reduce duplicative comments*
16 *provided by the Department both before and after such deadlines. Additionally, such review shall include an*
17 *assessment of whether the Department can develop a method to allow applicants to track the status of*
18 *submitted plans in the Department's review process and make public any comments provided by its staff to*
19 *enhance transparency and accountability. The Secretary of Transportation shall submit a summary of his*
20 *review and a report of his findings to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation no*
21 *later than December 1, 2026.*