

## **SUPPORT HB2054**

Expanding Consideration of Transit-Oriented Development in Comprehensive Plans  
Patron: Samirah

### **Reasons to Support HB2054**

HB2054 will promote more effective and efficient local planning for transit-oriented development (TOD), building upon legislation passed last year, by calling for consideration of easing parking requirements to advance TOD.

This will help promote economic development and efficient land use, reduce traffic congestion, make public transit a viable option for more people, and reduce transportation emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants.

### **Overview**

The General Assembly adopted legislation in the 2020 session to require larger cities, towns, and counties to consider incorporating strategies to promote TOD as they update their comprehensive plans. Encouraging TOD and better coordination of transportation and land use planning offers multiple benefits. Among other things, it helps meet the growing needs of Virginia's residents and businesses for greater travel options, reduce traffic congestion, make public transit a viable option for more people, and reduce transportation emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants.

HB2054 builds upon these benefits by augmenting the legislation adopted last session to include consideration of limiting parking requirements to the strategies localities may consider in promoting TOD and coordinated transportation, housing, and land use planning.



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