



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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COMMISSIONER

November 25, 2019

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam  
Members of the General Assembly

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Chapters 83 and 349 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly established the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Statewide Special Structure Fund, now set forth in Va. Code § 33.2-1532. Pursuant to § 33.2-1532, the Commissioner of Highways is directed to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the use of moneys in the Fund no later than November 30 of each year.

Chapters 83 and 349 also require the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to undertake a comprehensive review of the current and future condition of pavements and bridges in the Commonwealth and report those findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2019. However, pursuant to the legislation, the CTB is required, only after July 1, 2020, and based on the comprehensive review, to dedicate a portion of funding from the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and the State of Good Repair Fund to the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Statewide Special Structure Fund.

Accordingly, in order to satisfy the reporting requirement set forth in Va. Code § 33.2-1532 relating to use of the funds in the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Statewide Special Structure Fund, I am offering this report to advise that, at this point, no allocations have been made and there are no funds in the Fund. I anticipate that the CTB's comprehensive review of the current and future condition of pavements and bridges in the Commonwealth will be available in December 2019, and will provide a basis for future allocations to the Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stephen C. Brich'.

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.  
Commissioner of Highways