



**URBAN CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE
TRI-ANNUAL MEETING**

VDOT ITEMS OF INTEREST

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **General Assembly 2011 Legislative Update**
 - **Legislative items of interest:**
 - Bridge Clearance Signage (HB 1726)
 - Local Roads Notice (HB 1758)
 - Transportation Agency Efficiencies & Cost Recovery (SB 1004)
 - Powers and Duties of the CTB (SB 1135)
 - **Governor's Transportation Package Summary**
- **Revenue Sharing Program Update**
 - **Legislative changes**
 - **Recommended guidelines for funding**
 - **Outreach/Tentative timeline**

VDOT 2011 Legislation

- **VDOT legislative package includes:**
 - **16 pieces of legislation: Six Code clean-up bills**
 - **Five promote government efficiency and streamline processes**
 - **Five are Omnibus bills**
- **Legislation developed based on ideas from the Governor's Commission on Government Reform**



2011 Legislative Update

- **BRIDGE VERTICAL CLEARANCE – HB 1726**
 - Amends §46.2-1110
 - The governing body is responsible for providing vertical clearance signage in accordance with the Code for any locally maintained highway over which a bridge or structure has a vertical clearance of less than 14 feet,
 - Clarifies that localities that maintain their roadways are also responsible for assuring that bridges and structures are properly signed.
- **LOCAL ROADS NOTICE – HB 1758**
 - Amends §10.1-603.8 B. 8. , §33.1-23.3 and 33.1-70.2,
 - Provides that any city or town that decides to take over the responsibility for its construction program shall notify the CTB by December 31st for implementation the following fiscal year (July 1).

2011 Legislative Update (Continued)

- **TRANSPORTATION AGENCY EFFICIENCIES & COST RECOVERY
(OMNIBUS BILL) – HB 2233/SB 1004**

- **Amends §17.1-276, 33.1-41.1, 33.1-70.01**

Maintenance Payments:

- **The proposal amends the *Code* section so that it is consistent with the Appropriation Act since 2003 and the practice of the CTB.**
- **VDOT will recommend to the CTB an annual rate**
- **Deletes references to the statewide maintenance cost index.**
- **Amendment: “. . . payments shall be computed using the base rate of growth planned for the Department’s Highway Maintenance and Operations Program”.**

2011 Legislative Update (Continued)

- **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CTB – SB 1135**

- **Amends §33.1-12, §33.1-23 and §33.1-23.03. Repeals §33.1-21, and**

Location Approvals:

- **CTB Location approval is no longer required for those roads located within any local system of roads.**

Contracts:

- **Increases threshold on contract value that the Commissioner may let from \$2M to \$5M**
- **A locality entity may let contracts of any value without prior concurrence of the Commissioner or the CTB within their jurisdictions in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Virginia.**

State Transportation Plan:

- **Provides for the updating of the Statewide Transportation Plan every four years (instead of five).**

Governor's Transportation Package Summary

Components of the Governor's Transportation Funding Package

- ***GARVEE Bonds:***
 - Issuance of Direct Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (\$1.1billion)
 - Project financing that uses debt financing involving the payment of future Federal-aid Highway funds to retire the debt
- ***Creation of a Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB):***
 - Low interest loans and grants to qualifying transportation projects throughout the Commonwealth to help better leverage the dollars available for transportation
 - Initial capitalization at \$400 million, to go to \$1 billion
- ***Accelerated sale of \$1.8 billion in Previously Authorized Capital Project Revenue (CPR) Bonds (HB 3202):***
 - Previously committed projects with CPR bonds as match, TPOF supported by bonds, or bonds as direct project allocations in FY2009-2011
 - Project phases that could be accelerated using CPR bonds as new allocations

Governor's Transportation Package Summary (Continued)

- **The illustrative project list:**
 - includes more projects than can be funded by the Governor's proposed transportation funding package.
 - Allows for contingency projects that could be funded in the event another project on the list can not advance, that bids come in below project estimates, or if changes need to be made to individual projects.
 - Draws from projects already in the FY 2011-2016 Approved Six- Year Improvement Program that could not advance without additional funding.
- **Selection Criteria:**
 - Projects included in the approved FY 2011-2016 SYIP but lack sufficient funding to complete
 - Critical to improving bridge safety by improving structurally deficient bridges
 - Local and regional priorities
 - Expected to start construction within three years
 - Eligible for a loan and/or grant through the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, primarily small secondary and urban projects unable to move to construction without additional funding
 - Not likely to adversely impact Federal Strategy

Highway Program Development Schedule

- **April 2011 Present draft SYIP to CTB**
 - **Financial information for Final SYIP available**
- **May 2011 Complete public hearings**
 - **Adjust SYIP as necessary for final financial information and public hearing comments**
- **June 2011 CTB adopts the FY12-17 SYIP**
- **Public Hearings on the draft FY2012-2017 SYIP are scheduled for:**
 - **Northern Virginia – May 4th 7:00 PM**
(Includes Culpeper and Fredericksburg District areas)
 - **Hampton Roads – April 27th 6:00 PM**
 - **Richmond – May 18th 6:00 PM**
 - **Salem – May 12th 6 PM**
(includes Bristol, Lynchburg, and Staunton District areas)

Tentative FY12 Revenue Sharing Program (Based on Letters of Intent)

Locality	VDOT Match Requested
Blacksburg	\$1,000,000
Bridgewater	\$500,000
Chesapeake	\$0
Charlottesville	\$1,000,000
Colonial Heights	\$0
Danville	\$1,000,000
Dumfries	\$1,000,000
Harrisonburg	\$1,000,000
Hampton	\$0
Lynchburg	\$1,000,000
Newport News	\$900,000
Purcellville	\$350,000
Richmond	\$1,000,000
Virginia Beach	\$1,000,000
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TOTALS	\$9,750,000

FY12 Revenue Sharing Program Update

Legislative Changes (HB2527/SB1446)

- **CTB may provide a matching allocation up to \$200M**
 - Prior maximum was \$50M
 - Anticipate FY 2012 allocation of \$50M
- **Locality may request up to \$10M**
 - Prior maximum was \$1M
- **Priority tiers eliminated**
 - Priority is given to projects that accelerate projects in the Six-Year Improvement Program or the locality's capital plan
- **Guidelines to be established by the CTB**
 - Guidelines will indicate how funds will be distributed and administered in light of new legislation

FY12 Revenue Sharing Program Update

Recommended guidelines for funding:

- **For requests up to \$1M**
 - Applications for up to \$1M will be evaluated and funded first
 - If applications for requests up to \$1 million exceed available allocation, requests will be reviewed against priority criteria (acceleration of projects)
- **For requests over \$1M up to \$10M**
 - First \$1M of each request is considered under the first evaluation above
 - Review criteria for additional funds above \$1M
 - Requests that accelerate projects in the Six-Year Improvement Program or the locality's capital plan; and
 - projects that demonstrate funding will be utilized within 24 months
 - If there is insufficient funding to cover the requests over \$1M that meet above criteria, remaining funds will be pro-rated or allocated as otherwise directed by the Commonwealth Transportation Board

FY12 Revenue Sharing Program Update

Tentative Timeline

- **Board direction on recommendation for high level program guidelines**
 - **March CTB meeting**
- **Formal solicitation to localities for FY 2012 applications**
 - **Shortly after March CTB meeting**
 - **Tentative Application deadline – April 29, 2011**
- **Revenue Sharing Guidelines updated**
 - **April 1 – E-mail to Board with Draft Revenue Sharing Program Guidelines**
 - **Present Guidelines at April CTB meeting for approval**
- **FY 2012 Program approval**
 - **May CTB Meeting - Review of application responses**
 - **June CTB Meeting - Revenue Sharing selections approved**

VDOT Items of Interest

- Questions???
- Link to bill specifics can be found on the General Assembly's Legislative Information System:
 - <http://lis.virginia.gov>
- Link to Revenue Sharing Program Information Website:
 - http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance-access-programs.asp#Revenue_Sharing