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County Administrators
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RE: Transportation Enhancement Program
Proposed Policy Changes

I would like to inform you of potential revisions being considered by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for the Transportation Enhancement Program Policy that may be of interest to you. In an effort to more effectively utilize this critical source of federal funding for non-highway transportation projects, we have discussed several proposals with the CTB that we would like your feedback on.

The proposed Transportation Enhancement Program Policy revisions focus on the following goals:

- Focus resources on completing existing projects
- Apply any funding for new projects to those that promote a core transportation function thus limiting the number of eligible categories funded
- Modify policy to better enable projects to reach completion

More specific information on the proposed changes is available on our web site at: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/prehancegrants.asp>. Our goal is to discuss any comments received on these proposals with the CTB at their regular November meeting.

We welcome your feedback on these changes and ask that any comments be provided by e-mail or letter to the Local Assistance Division by October 20th. Comments can be submitted electronically to our Enhancement staff at EnhancementProgram@VDOT.virginia.gov.

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If you wish to send written correspondence, please address your comments to me at:

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If you have any questions regarding the proposals please contact me at (804) 786-2745 or by email at Michael.Estes@VDOT.Virginia.gov or contact Winky Chennault at (804) 786-2264.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Commonwealth Transportation Board
Virginia Association of Counties
Virginia Municipal League