

Network for Success Local Programs Workshop



September 16 - 18, 2014
at the
**Hotel Roanoke & Conference
Center**
Roanoke, VA

Registration is open in early June!! Check out <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/lpw/index.html> for registration details, schedule, and more!

The third annual Local Programs Workshop will be held at the historic Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center situated alongside downtown Roanoke in the heart of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. This two-day Workshop will focus on providing an overview of local programs and provide training for program management and project development. In addition to plenary sessions, the workshop will feature 20 breakout sessions, scheduled in four concurrent tracks, over the two-day workshop. This workshop is intended for those within local public agencies that have oversight of locally administered projects, Transportation Alternatives project sponsors, consultants and VDOT staff involved in locally administered projects.



Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center

Sponsorship opportunities...

This is an excellent learning and networking experience for both the public and private sector. We are thrilled to announce that our Platinum and Gold sponsorships are **sold out!** However, Silver Level Sponsorship is **UNLIMITED!** If you are interested in a Silver Level Sponsorship, please contact Jennifer DeBruhl at Jennifer.DeBruhl@vdot.virginia.gov

Project Showcase

As part of the Workshop we will feature a local project showcase slideshow that will be shown continuously during breaks and meals in the general session ballroom. To be included, projects must be locally administered, funded through one of our programs, or both and should be complete. To submit a project for inclusion in the showcase visit [Project Showcase](#)



Charity Golf Tournament

In conjunction with the Local Programs Workshop, Volkert, Inc. will be hosting a charity golf outing at Hanging Rock Golf Course in Salem, Virginia the day before the workshop. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation. If you are interested in a fun day of golf and networking with local partners, visit the [Charity Golf Tournament](#) webpage for details and registration. Tournament may fill up quickly, so please register ASAP.

Primary Extensions and High Volume Unpaved Roads

Mark your calendars for our Webinar—June 24, 2014 at 10 am.

The 2014 General Assembly modified Section 33.1-23.1 of the Code of Virginia so that Primary Extensions maintained by municipalities could receive a portion of the reconstruction and paving allocations that were beforehand only available to Interstates and Primary Roads with a combined condition index of less than 60. This section of the Code also modified the threshold for high volume unpaved roads. Pending action by the Commonwealth Transportation Board at their June meeting; each program will have a new application process. The webinar will review the changes to the programs and introduce the application process for each. Please register for the webinar at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FLKSMQG>

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Revenue Sharing Program

The list of project requests for the FY2015 Revenue Sharing Program is scheduled for review and approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at its June 18, 2014 action meeting. Each application has been reviewed for a determination of eligibility, and prioritized according to criteria established under Section 33.1-23.05 of the Code of Virginia and program guideline procedures. We are recommending full funding of \$180M in state matching funds for all qualified applications.

Upon approval of the FY2015 program, the list of projects and respective allocations will be posted on the Local Assistance Division [website](#).

VDOT's Local Assistance Division is also initiating the de-allocation process for the Revenue Sharing Program. Any project that has not been initiated within two years of receiving the allocation or has not incurred expenditures within the past 24 months is a candidate for the de-allocation of funds. We strongly encourage you to ensure projects are progressing and funding is being spent within the established timeline.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

This year's selections will distribute approximately \$19M in federal TAP funds. The District Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) members provided tentative selections in March and the At-Large members and the Secretary met in April to finalize CTB selections. In Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) the responsible Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is making selection for those areas and those selections have been provided. A tentative list of project selections is posted on our [website](#).

We will present the final list of TAP awards for approval by the CTB at its June 18, 2014 meeting. The current federal Transportation bill expires on September 30, 2014. At this time we plan to stay on schedule and kick off the next selection process with applicant workshops to be scheduled in July/August. Watch our website for updates!

Rural Rustic Roads Program

Since 2002, VDOT's Rural Rustic Program has allowed for the paving of an existing unpaved road with the re-establishment of associated ditches and shoulders, usually on the same horizontal and vertical alignment. A focal point of the program is paving roads at a lower cost and leaving undisturbed, to the maximum extent possible, trees, vegetation, side slopes, and open drainage abutting the roadway where additional right of way is not required. The Local Assistance Division (LAD) compiles information on the Rural Rustic Roads Program annually. In calendar year 2013, sixty hard-surfacing projects, over approximately 61 centerline miles, were completed statewide using the Rural Rustic Roads concept. Since the program's inception, 850 hard surfacing projects have been completed at a cost of approximately \$114M. This represents a savings of about \$276M if traditional reconstruction methods had been used to hard-surface a road. Additional information about VDOT's Rural Rustic Roads Program, including a list of completed projects since 2002, can be found on our [website](#).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITES

Upcoming Opportunities for Localities

The Transportation Training Academy (TTA) sponsors several courses that would be beneficial to our local government partners. Registration for June and July classes are now being accepted. You can register for classes at http://www.cts.virginia.edu/tta/uva-tta_workshops.htm

Attendees are responsible for all travel expenses. These courses are very valuable to those local governments administering transportation projects.

LOCAL SYSTEMS

Urban Maintenance Inventory—UCP Project Update

VDOT continues to work towards completion of the Urban Conversion Project (UCP). This project is part of the VDOT's merger of multiple computer programs into the Roadway Network Systems (RNS). The UCP is adding the Urban Maintenance Inventory System (the system used to calculate urban maintenance street payments) as a geospatial layer to RNS. The UCP project is almost complete and our final stages are to reconcile errors and omissions within the UMIS data. Over the next 12 months VDOT will be individually contacting municipalities to share the defects that have been found and ask for the municipalities assistance in validating the appropriate action to correct the defects. If you have questions, or for additional information, contact Todd Halacy at (804) 786-3434.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

2014 Transportation Project Management Institute (TPMI) Congratulations to Locality Graduates!

Local Assistance Division congratulates Michael Barnes, Planning Director—City of Waynesboro; Thanh Dang, Public Works Planner—City of Harrisonburg; and Brian Stilley, Engineer II—City of Newport News on their graduation from TPMI on May 15th.

These three locality project managers were joined by 25 VDOT and Industry participants to round out another successful institute. Each locality participant received a \$1,250 VDOT sponsored scholarship to help with local government costs. While still a year away, VDOT plans to offer similar scholarships for 2015 TPMI. Great job grads!

New Session

This year the TPMI included a new session on locally administered projects. This session focused on effective communication during locally administered projects and was facilitated by John Simmers of VDOT's Local Assistance Division, Mike Fulcher of VDOT's Staunton District, and Tom Hartman of Harrisonburg.

Accolades to City of Lynchburg—Rivermont Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation

The City of Lynchburg was recently recognized for rehabilitation on their Rivermont Bridge project at the National Bridge Preservation Partnership Conference in Orlando, Florida. The National Bridge Preservation Conference was comprised of bridge practitioners from state and local agencies, contractors, consultants, suppliers, academia, and federal government officials in a sharing of bridge practices throughout the nation.



We welcome Cindy Mitchell to the Local Assistance Division

Cindy began her VDOT career in September 1978 in the Fredericksburg District. She retired with 31 years of service in April 2010 as the General Administrative Coordinator in the Bowling Green Residency. After a year of working in the private sector, she returned to VDOT as an hourly in the Safety Division. She joined LAD in March as an Administrative Office Specialist. She is looking forward to new challenges and opportunities the division has to offer.

Cindy enjoys being outdoors gardening, boating, fishing, and spending time with her family and friends.



LOCALLY ADMISTERED PROJECTS

Don't Forget to Add "Value"

A reminder to local government transportation project managers to include Value Engineering (VE) on your transportation projects. Per the LAP Manual, [Chapter 12](#), Section 12.2.5.10 the Code of Virginia [Section 33.1-190.1](#) requires a VE study on all projects exceeding \$5 million in construction cost (regardless of fund source). Projects which are repetitive in nature, such as plant mix overlays, bridge painting, surface treatments, guardrail maintenance, etc., do not lend themselves to the VE process and are typically exempted. The VDOT VE Section offers their services to localities upon request. Please contact your District Project Coordinator or visit the Value Engineering [website](#)

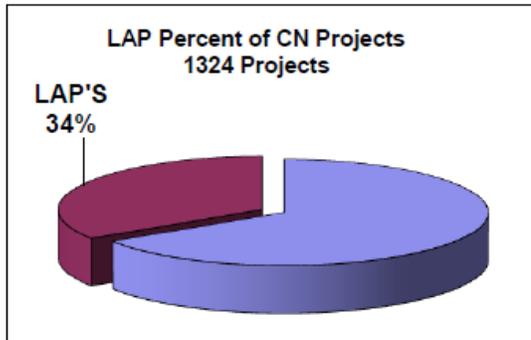
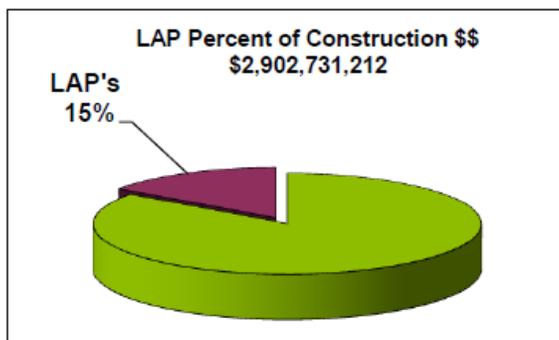
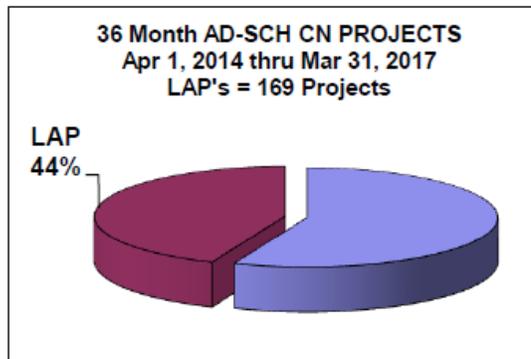
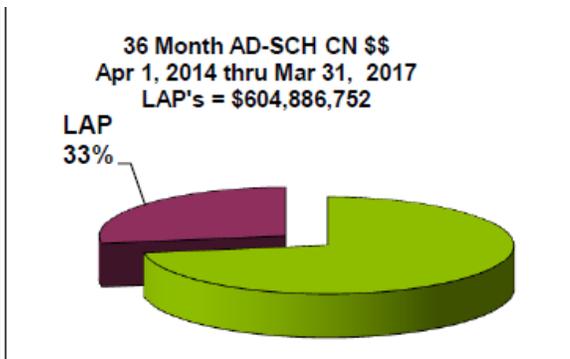
Compliance Assessments

2013 is the second year that Local Assistance Division performed Project Level Assessments under the Compliance Program. The purpose of the program is to assess local government and VDOT compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, and other requirements as outlined in [Chapter 7](#) of the Locally Administered Projects Manual. A summary of the projects reviewed can be found on the Local Assistance Division [website](#).

LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS PERFORMANCE REPORT

The charts below are a representation of the role locally administered projects have in the overall statewide construction program and the 36 month advertisement schedule. The charts indicate the percentage of active projects that are locally administered as they relate to construction dollars and construction projects. In the 36 month advertisement schedule, **33% of construction dollars** are used for locally administered projects and **44% of all projects** are locally administered.

Note: Total construction program data is from the data warehouse on active projects only. 36 month advertisement schedule is from VDOT's integrated project management system.



We're on the Web!
<http://www.virginia-dot.org/business/local-assistance.xml>

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