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Commonwealth considers revisions to Six-Year Improvement plan

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 1, to solicit public comments about essential rail, transit, transportation demand management, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects in the Working Draft of the Revised Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) to be approved by the CTB in December 2009.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Central Office Auditorium, 1221 E. Broad St. in Richmond (Individuals attending the meeting will need to enter at 1401 E. Broad St.)

For the second year in a row, the commonwealth is completing a mid-year revision of the SYIP in response to the latest official revenue estimates that reduced available transportation funding by nearly \$900 million over the next six years. Revising the program allows the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and other transportation agencies to plan appropriate spending cuts and project impacts for the coming six years.

All projects in the SYIP that are eligible for federal funding will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which documents how Virginia will obligate its share of federal funds. Lists of specific projects and changes from the current program will be available at the public hearing and on VDOT's Web site at www.VirginiaDOT.org prior to the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted via mail or e-mail until Dec. 11, 2009.

Written comments can be submitted to:

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