



TRANSPORTATION BOARD ADOPTS FY 2011-2016 SIX-YEAR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

VDOT and DRPT Budgets Adopted for FY 2011

RICHMOND — The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) adopted the Fiscal Years 2011-2016 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) today at its meeting in Richmond, moving forward \$7.8 billion in essential rail, transit, transportation demand management, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects. The CTB also adopted budgets for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to cover administrative, maintenance and operations costs.

The final SYIP, adopted by the CTB after four public hearings and several weeks of collecting public input, is available at www.VirginiaDOT.org and www.drpt.virginia.gov for review.

The SYIP includes \$5.7 billion for highway construction and \$2.1 billion for rail and public transportation, focusing on four main principles:

- Funding deficits on projects under way
- Maximizing the use of federal funds
- Funding projects already under way and those with new phases starting in fiscal year 2011
- Funding deficient bridges and pavements

The SYIP also programs \$103 million in federal funding held in reserve in the previously adopted program due to uncertainty in transportation funding at the federal level. Releasing this reserve:

- Provides partial funding for three stimulus contingency projects
 - I-66 paving in the Northern Virginia District
 - I-581 improvements at Elm Avenue in the Salem District
 - Route 50 Courthouse Road improvements in the Northern Virginia District
- Partially funds VDOT project development costs on the Midtown Tunnel public-private partnership project in Hampton Roads
- Provides funding for the Route 164 Median Rail project in Hampton Roads administered by the Virginia Port Authority
- Provides special program funding (enhancement, congestion mitigation and air quality, and regional surface transportation)

Rail and public transportation funding in the SYIP is similar to levels in the revised Fiscal Years 2010-2015 SYIP. However, these levels represent a 10 percent decrease from the SYIP adopted by the CTB in June 2009. The state match for eligible capital expenses is 56 percent, and 36 percent for operating expenses, the lowest in Virginia history.

Public transportation investments focus on key priorities such as the state of good repair, capacity expansion, and security and technology enhancements. Rail investments focus on priorities outlined in the Rail Resource Allocation Plan and advancement of passenger rail demonstration projects in the Interstate 95, Interstate 81 and Route 460 corridors.

VDOT Budget

VDOT's overall budget for FY 2011, also adopted by the CTB today, totals \$3.32 billion. This represents a 1.6 percent reduction from the \$3.38 billion Revised FY 2010 Budget. It reflects the impacts of transportation revenue reductions in recent years, including closing VDOT offices, reducing staffing and other streamlining efforts. The budget for FY 2011 includes \$1.7 billion for VDOT highway maintenance and operations as well as locality street maintenance payments, and \$984 million for construction.

VDOT's administration and support services program has shrunk to \$217 million (6.5 percent of the VDOT budget, an 8 percent reduction from the previous budget).

"We continue our concerted effort to become a leaner, more efficient, more focused agency," said VDOT's Acting Commissioner Greg Whirley. "This has been a challenging year for VDOT as we have reduced staffing, closed offices and scaled back on many of our administrative programs, but you can see that we are able to realize a significant cost savings through these planned activities."

DRPT Budget

DRPT continues to manage its programs in a very cost effective manner as the combined cost of project management and administration is 2.2 percent of the FY 2011 budget. The actual cost to manage the DRPT programs for FY 2011 is estimated at \$8.8 million.