





Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

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## **HB2 Update**

Nick Donohue Deputy Secretary of Transportation December 8, 2015







## **Validation & Screening Process Summary**

Validation and Screening Outcomes	Applications
Validated Applications Meeting VTrans Need	288 (90%)
Screened Out Applications	33 (10%)
Application Withdrawn	1
Does Not Meet VTrans Need	9
Project Eligibility – Insufficient project development	11
Project Eligibility – Not a capital improvement, TDM, or safety project	6
Project Eligibility – Study	5
Project Eligibility – Technical (scope combined with other project)	1

## **Validation & Screening Process Summary**

District	Validated Applications Meeting VTrans Need	Screened Out Applications
Total	288 (90%)	33 (10%)
Bristol	22	10
Culpeper	17	0
Fredericksburg	22	0
Hampton Roads	41	5
Lynchburg	36	1
Northern Virginia	45	1
Richmond	40	14
Salem	36	2
Staunton	29	0

# Validation & Screening Process Summary Primary Reasons for Screening Decisions

#### **Insufficient Project Development (11 Applications)**

Project not sufficiently developed such that the benefits cannot be calculated

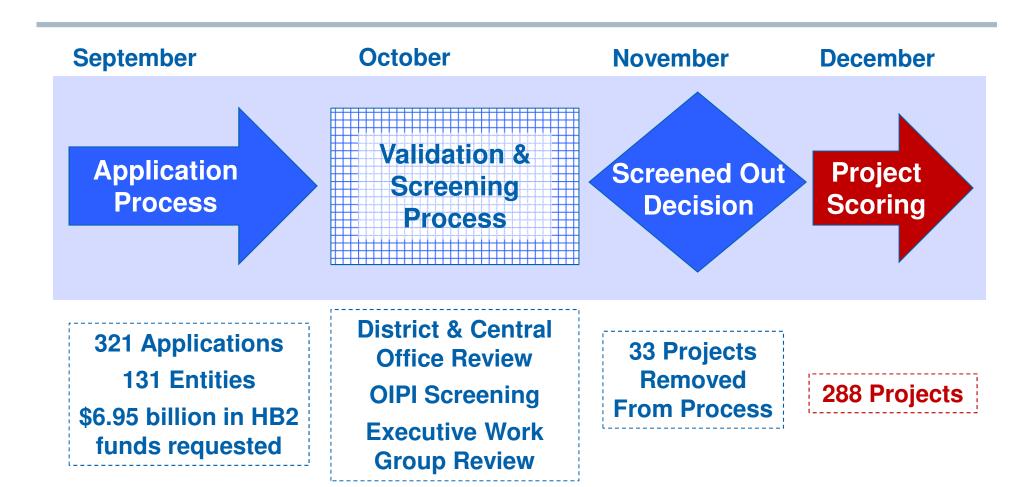
#### **Project Does Not Meet a VTrans Need (9 Applications)**

• Project does not address a VTrans need or current safety issue (District Grant only)

#### **Project Not a Capital, TDM, or Safety Improvement (6 Applications)**

• Project more appropriate as a state of good repair or technology project

## **Validation & Screening Process Summary**



# **Next Steps**

- Work with applicants to further develop projects so they can be re-submitted for the next round
- Work with applicants to identify more appropriate funding sources for screened out projects (safety, SGR, etc)
- Calculate scores for screened in projects for release in January 2016

## Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V)

- An independent review of the HB2 validation and screening process has been completed
  - No findings were identified
  - Numerous best practices in our process were noted
  - Some lessons learned/recommendations were noted to include:
    - the need to run comparison reports on a regular basis to ensure change to applications are accurately captured
    - the need to document additional details related to testing and bug/fix issues in the on-line application tool

## **Lessons Learned**

- As a result of the initial application submission, validation and screening there are several key observations:
  - Early coordination with VDOT/DRPT resulted in good quality applications and very few screened out decisions
  - Alignment of various grant application processes will aid in application submission and easier review of funding requests
  - Many applications required some level of change, suggesting additional clarification may be needed regarding some aspects of policy and process