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# Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

## Policy Recommendations

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# Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program

## Discussion Items

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### Recap

- ✓ Provided Overview of Existing HSIP Program
- ✓ Provided Recommendations for Policy Development
  - Initial Implementation Plan Development
  - Approach to Policy Implementation
  - Future Funding Distribution
  - Annual Reporting Requirements

### Outstanding Items

- Additional discussion on Funding Distribution
- Selection of Local Projects and Spot Improvement

### Next Steps

# HSIP Policy Development: Funding Distribution/Approach - Recommendations

Include funding distribution approach/formula

- **Funds to be distributed based on proportion of fatalities between VDOT and Locality maintained roads**
  - Proportion is approximately 80/20 on a statewide basis
  - Funds for systemic improvements available for Local roads in FY24/FY25
- **Funds to be allocated based on the risk-based locations of systemic safety treatments included in the Implementation Plan**
  - Do not recommend a floor/cap approach – hinders our ability to provide the greatest safety benefits
- **Return project savings to Statewide Account**
  - Cover cost increases, if needed
  - Further advance systemic treatments, especially pedestrian crossings, or
  - Fund spot improvement projects

# HSIP Policy Development: Spot Improvement Project Selection - Recommendations

Include approach to selection of spot improvement projects

- **Restrict funding new spot improvement projects until FY2026 SYIP**
- **Provide VDOT Commissioner with flexibility to address more immediate spot improvement projects with CTB concurrence**
- **Minimum threshold for Commissioner to recommend a spot project (prior to FY2026) – applies to VDOT/Local roads**
  - **B/C ratio > 15**
  - **Can be implemented or under construction in less than 12 months**
  - **Number of targeted crashes**
- **Future recommendations for project selection process for FY2026 to be provided in an HSIP annual report to the CTB**

# HSIP Policy Development: Locality Project Selection - Recommendations

## Include approach to selection of local projects

- **Limit available funding to systemic treatments only**
- **Beginning in FY23 receive local applications for funding**
  - **Funds available for FY24 and FY25**
  - **Applications must be for eligible systemic treatments**
  - **VDOT guidelines to establish process for screening, scoring and selection of projects**
  - **CTB to review and approve projects for funding**
- **Include recommendations for changes in HSIP annual report, as needed**

# HSIP Policy Development: Annual Reporting Requirements - Recommendations

Include annual reporting requirements to provide progress updates and possible course corrections

- **Report should include**

- **Progress on advancement of systemic treatments**
- **Funding distribution information**
- **Anticipated benefits of investments**
- **Performance of investments**
- **Recommendations for changes to Implementation Plans**
- **Recommendations for changes to HSIP Policy**



# HSIP Policy Development: Schedule and Next Steps

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- **Fall Transportation Meetings**
  - Obtain public comment on proposed policy
- **November/December CTB Meeting**
  - CTB adopt new policy







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Thank you.

