



Transportation Enhancement Program Proposed Policy Changes

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Program Overview

- Mandatory 10% STP Program Set-Aside
- 12 eligibility categories
- Current CTB Policy
 - Annual allocation (~\$15M-\$20M) divided equally among members
 - Consider all eligible projects
 - Applications scored annually (scoring criteria based on 2006 CTB resolution)
 - Funding requests limited to \$1M annually per project
 - Must fund a minimum of 25% of requested amount
 - Receive ~ 150-200 project applications annually
 - CTB allocates funds to ~ 100 projects annually

Program Status

- Due to funding limitations and large number of requests - large pool of projects not yet completed:
 - 817 projects have received funding since 1993 (through FY10)
 - 389 projects completed
 - 120 under construction (may have multiple phases)
 - 308 in project development
- Only 56% of allocated funds have been expended
- Virginia lags behind other states in reimbursement rates (as reported by FHWA)

Proposal

Program Goals summarized in June workshop

- Focus resources on completing existing projects
- Apply any funding for new projects to those that promote core transportation function:
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education
 - Landscaping and Scenic Beautification along Corridors
 - Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors for Conversion to Trails
- Modify policy to better enable projects to reach completion

Survey Responses

- Response from all CTB members
- Some provided responses related to only one area or general thoughts
- Several proposals had strong support
- Recommendations developed based on responses

Recommendations presented in Sept

Proposals that can be implemented in FY2011

(for applications due December 1st)

- Increase minimum allocation from 25% to 50%
- Fully fund any project selected estimated to cost \$200,000 or less

Proposals that can be implemented in FY12

- Limit applications to existing projects only for one year (proposed for applications due Dec 1, 2010)

Recommendations presented in Sept

Proposals that can be implemented in FY2013

- Apply any funding for new projects to those that promote core transportation function:
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education
 - Landscaping and Scenic Beautification along Corridors
 - Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors and Conversion to Trails

Timeline Overview

June

CTB Workshop

August

Survey

September

CTB Workshop

Sept/Oct

Outreach

» Website

» E-mails sent out to Localities, VACO, VML
and Special Interest Groups

» Enhancement Workshops

November

CTB Workshop/Action

Outreach Results

- 14 written comments received
 - Localities 5
 - State Agencies 4
 - Planning District Commissions 2
 - Citizens 2
 - Special Interest Groups 1
- Majority (9) supportive with no additional recommendations
- 5 comments included recommendations regarding proposal to limit categories

Recommendations Today

Revise CTB policy for Project Selection as presented in Sept with one modification as follows:

Proposals to be implemented in FY2011 (for applications due Dec 1, 2009)

- *Increase minimum allocation for selected projects from 25% to 50%*
- *Fully fund any project selected that is estimated to cost \$200,000 or less*

***All comments regarding these proposals were supportive
(Recommend change in policy as presented)***

Proposals to be implemented in FY2012 (for applications due Dec 1, 2010)

- *Limit applications to existing projects only for one year (Fund only those projects currently in the program and not add additional new projects)*

***All comments regarding these proposals were supportive
(Recommend change in policy as presented)***

Recommendations Today

Proposals that can be implemented in FY2013

•Apply any funding for new projects to those that promote core transportation function:

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education
- Landscaping and Scenic Beautification along Corridors
- Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors for Conversion to Trails
- [Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities](#)

Nine comments supported all aspects of the proposed changes

Five comments requested retaining one or more other categories

(Therefore, recommend adding one highlighted category to original proposal)

New projects no longer eligible (examples)

- Acquisition of Historic Properties or Battlefields
- Construction of Visitor's Centers
- Participation in Historic Highway Programs (ex. VA Civil War Trails)
- Restoration of Historic Inns and Taverns
- Restoration of any historic structure that does not qualify under Category 7
- Transportation Museums

Next Steps

November

CTB Action on Revised Policy

Nov/Dec

Communicate Policy Changes

December 1st

Application Deadline for FY11

Spring

Make selections for FY 11 based on revised policy



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