



# *Transportation Enhancement Program Overview and Proposed Policy Changes*

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# Program Overview

- Mandatory 10% STP Program Set-Aside
  - Receive ~ 150-200 project applications annually
  - CTB allocates funds to ~ 100 projects annually
- 12 eligibility categories
- Current CTB Policy (November 2009)
  - Annual allocation (~\$15M-\$20M) divided equally among members
  - Consider all eligible projects thru FY2013
  - Applications scored annually (2006 CTB resolution)
  - Funding requests limited to \$1M annually per project
  - Must fund a minimum of 50% of requested amount
  - Must fully fund projects requesting < \$200,000
  - Projects must be complete within 4 yrs. of CTB allocation

# Eligible Categories

1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
2. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education
3. Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites
4. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs, including Tourist and Welcome Centers
5. Landscaping and Scenic Beautification along Corridors
6. Historic Preservation
7. Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities
8. Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors for Conversion to Trails
9. Inventory Control, and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
10. Archeological Planning and Research
11. Environmental Mitigation and Runoff Pollution and Provision of Wildlife Connectivity
12. Establishment of Transportation Museums

# 2009 Policy Discussion

Program Status (as of June 2009)

- 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)

# 2009 Policy Discussion

## Policy Revision Goals (June 2009)

- Focus resources on completing existing projects
- Apply any funding for new projects to those that promote core transportation function
- Modify policy to better enable projects to reach completion

# 2009 Policy Discussion

Adopted Recommendations (November 2009)

## ***Changes implemented in FY2011 (in effect)***

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

## ***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)*

# 2009 Policy Discussion

## Adopted Recommendations (November 2009)

### Proposals to 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***
  - ***Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites***

#### **Notes:**

- ***Nine comments supported all aspects of the proposed changes***
- ***Five comments requested retaining one or more other categories***
- ***Staff recommended addition – blue font***
- ***CTB member recommended addition – red font***

# FY11 Application Summary

- 136 Applications received
- \$59 million requested
- 42 of the applications were for new projects
- 72 projects selected
- 16 new projects selected
- 53 projects fully funded
- 74% of requests fully funded



# Program Overview-History

Year	Allocations	Applications Received	# Projects Selected	# Requests Fully Funded	% Requests Fully Funded	# New Projects Selected	% New Projects Selected
2000	\$19,424,000	219	118	25	21%	66	56%
2001	\$20,288,000	204	117	38	32%	43	37%
2002	\$19,406,000	210	130	29	22%	48	37%
2003	\$18,859,000	219	107	44	41%	26	24%
2004	\$14,855,000	243	107	36	34%	28	26%
2005	\$21,850,000	170	108	61	56%	40	37%
2006	\$17,278,000	173	89	46	52%	28	31%
2007	\$17,212,000	151	85	40	47%	27	32%
2008	\$22,279,130	155	102	57	56%	36	35%
2009	\$19,221,038	148	92	42	46%	22	24%
Totals	\$190,672,168	1892	1055	418		364	
10 Year Average	\$19,067,217	189	106	42	41%	36	34%
<b>2010</b>	<b>21,968,332</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22%</b>

# FY 12 Application Cycle

- Seeking applications from existing project sponsors only
- Letters sent to all project sponsors with active unfinished projects
- Emphasizing quarterly status report and keeping VDOT updated on project status
- No application workshops
- Applications due December 1<sup>st</sup>

# Continued Policy Refinement. . .

## **FY2010-2011 Statewide Tourism Initiative:**

Focus a portion of allocations on an assortment of activities centered around the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, job creation and tourism as follows:

- ***Promotion of Virginia's Scenic Road Program***
  - Multi-media solution to communicate historic and scenic tourism around the Commonwealth
    - Available at Virginia's Welcome Centers (with goal to make available at certain rest areas as well)
  - Tourism categories currently included in Virginia's Scenic Road Program:
    - Virginia byways
    - Scenic roads
    - Wineries/Vineyards
    - Historical/cultural attractions
    - National historic sites, monuments and cemeteries
    - Civil War Battlefield parks and sites
    - Recreational trails
    - Etc.
  
- ***Acquisition of Historic Battlefields***
  
- ***Virginia Civil War Trails***
  - Updating Virginia Civil War Trails Maps
  - Installing interpretive markers at welcome centers/rest areas, etc.
  
- ***Battlefield Interpretation***
  - GPS-Aided Civil War SmartTours



# Potential Modifications to CTB Policy

## Distribution of Allocations

	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012 (Applications due – 12/1/10)
Allocation distribution among Board members	Split into 15 equal shares	Split into 15 equal shares	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4 M set aside for high priority statewide initiatives (tourism based initiatives, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Of remaining funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% provided to District members – split equally between 9 members</li> <li>Remaining 25% used by at large CTB members to support projects of regional significance and to complete funding of projects selected by District CTB members</li> </ul>
Hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District members make selections</li> <li>Staff provide recommendations for ~ 1/2 of at-large allocation pool</li> <li>At-Large members provide selections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District members make selections</li> <li>Chairman sets aside ~1/2 of At-Large allocation pool</li> <li>Staff provide recommendations for ~1/2 of At-Large allocation pool</li> <li>At-Large members provide selections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairman establishes priorities for high priority statewide initiatives (these projects will not necessarily go through application process)</li> <li>District members make selections with their share of funds</li> <li>Staff provide recommendations to Chairman and at large members for allocation of remaining funds for projects of regional significance and to complete funding of projects</li> </ul>
Eligible projects	All	All	Only existing projects may submit applications

# Potential Modifications to CTB Policy

## Eligible Categories

Proposals to be implemented in FY2013 (as adopted, November 2009)

- *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*
  - *Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites*

### ***For consideration:***

- **Return to accepting applications for all 12 eligible categories**



# Next Steps

(2010)

September

CTB Workshop Presentation

October

CTB Workshop – Review of Member Feedback

November

Action on Revised Policy

December 1<sup>st</sup>

Application Deadline FY12



Questions?