



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Rail Industrial Access Policy Update

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Overview

- The last Rail Industrial Access (RIA) CTB Policy Resolution was from 1995
- Code Section 33.2-1600 states “...The Board shall adopt procedures to encourage widespread use of the funds...”
- With guidance from the CTB Rail Committee the Policy was updated



Rail Industrial Access Program – Background



- Fund for construction of industrial access railroad tracks
- DRPT is appropriated up to \$3M of a \$5.5M pot of funds shared with VDOT
- Each project can apply for up to \$300,000 unmatched or up to \$450,000 matched dollar for dollar over \$300,000
- 3-year performance period and can request an additional 3-year performance extension
- 15-year Commonwealth interest period in materials
- The program generally receives 3 to 4 applications per year

RIA Current Policy

Current Policy

- Maximum grant amount is 15% of total Capital Expenditure up to \$450,000
- Mainline switch and support facilities are not eligible expenses
- 3 year performance period with minimum carload requirement
- 15 year Commonwealth Interest Period



RIA Proposed Policy

Proposed Policy

- Remove capital expenditure requirement and convert to 30% grantee match
- Allow mainline switches as an eligible expense
- Retain 2015 Performance Policy
 - 3 year reporting period of minimum carload threshold
 - 15 year interest period in the capital improvements



RIA Proposed Policy

Additional Changes

- CTB will review grant applications for relocation of business within the Commonwealth on a case by case basis
- Updated Code references
- Included 2015 Performance Policy in new resolution





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Questions?