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# **Update of Urban Program Policy**

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- Existing Urban Manual is part of Virginia Administrative Code and outdated (last updated in 1994)
- Urban Programs have changed significantly since 1994
- VDOT has been working on transitioning from Urban Manual to Urban Program Policy Guidance
- Intent of proposed policy:
  - Formalize policies relative to the Urban Program
  - Replace the Urban Manual as the program regulation
  - Direct the Department to promulgate program guidance

- Urban Program
  - 81 cities and towns maintaining their own systems
  - Population over 3,500

## CTB Policy Guidance covers:

- Construction Program
  - 30% of Systems Construction Allocation
  - FY 07 Allocation - \$100M formula
- Maintenance Program
  - FY07 Allocation \$271M
  - Quarterly payments based on lane mileage and classification

- Code of Virginia establishes basic program criteria and guidance:
  - Eligible municipalities – over 3,500
  - Eligible routes – pavement & R/W width
  - Payment Criteria – lane miles and classification
  - General uses of construction funding
  - Ability to use allocations for debt reimbursement

## Adoption of the Draft Urban Program Policy would:

- Clarify eligibility requirements for maintenance payments
- Stress the importance of bridge inspections and provide ability to withhold payments if inspections are not completed
- Clarify policy related to use of construction funds for debt reimbursement
- Clarify the eligibility of aesthetic enhancements and landscaping for construction program funding

- Action of the CTB will rescind the existing Urban Manual and establish Urban Policy
- “Exempt” Regulation – not subject to the full regulatory process
- Upon approval of the CTB, policy will be published in the Virginia Register and DPB Town Hall
- Policy takes effect upon publication

- Dec 2006 – Approval of Urban Policy
- Jan 2007 – Release of new Urban Program Guidance

**Urban Construction and Maintenance Program  
(Urban Manual)**

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- Previously two mechanisms:
  - Overall Maintenance Expenditures to VDOT
  - Expenditures to Weldon Cooper for FHWA reporting
- Combined both into an Enhanced Weldon Cooper – Local Finance Survey
  - Reporting form approved by the CTB in Sept 2005
  - Categories include: pavements, drainage, structures, and traffic control
- Implementation:
  - Parallel processes for FY05
  - Full implementation for FY06 reporting cycle (Spring 2007)

- Focus on pavements and bridges
- Utilize existing data sources and national methodology
- Performance Targets established
  - Utilize VDOT's performance targets
  - Bridge Data is now available on VDOT's Dashboard
  - Pavement Data has been sampled and summarized



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