

Commonwealth Transportation Board Revenue Sharing/Transportation Alternatives Program Policy Committee

Remote Virtual Meeting April 11, 2023

The meeting was held by electronic communication means, specifically using the WebEx virtual meeting platform in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Policy Adopted on March 29, 2023. The request for a remote virtual meeting was made by the Chair of the Subcommittee on March 29, 2023 and was approved by the Chair of the CTB on March 29, 2023. Public access was made available via a live stream with call-in access.

The meeting was called to order at 10:14am.

Members of the Subcommittee in attendance: Greg Yates (Chair), Mary Hynes, Fred Stant III, and Randy Laird Members of the Board in attendance: Ty Lawson

VDOT Staff in attendance: Angel Deem, Russ Dudley, Kim Pryor, Terry R. Short, Jr., Yolanda Newton, Michele Piccolomini, Jonathan Liss, and Brittany Voll

Public Comment

Chairman Yates called the meeting to order, and extended the invitation to receive public comment. No members of the public requested to participate. Chairman Yates closed the public comment period.

Approval of March 29, 2023 Committee Minutes

Chairman Yates called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, with Ms. Hynes making the motion, seconded by Mr. Laird, the minutes were approved.

Brief review of the March 29 meeting/Revenue Sharing

Russ Dudley, VDOT Local Assistance Division Director and Angel Deem, VDOT Chief of Policy, welcomed everyone and introduced support staff on the call. Mr. Dudley provided a review of the March 29, 2023 meeting, with an emphasis on the review of the proposed policy initiatives offered for the Revenue Sharing program and overall purpose of the proposals. A conversation regarding local feedback ensued which culminated with an interest of the Committee to obtain local government feedback through a survey.

Mr. Dudley reviewed each of the proposed Revenue Sharing policy initiatives, and it was the consensus of the Committee that staff investigate a deeper review of the motivation of transfers between revenue sharing to revenue sharing projects, and the duration of time that the transfer remained in the receiving balance before it was utilized for construction activities. Committee members also expressed an interest in understanding how many Revenue Sharing projects have been cancelled over the last five years. Regarding the retention of \$5M annually to a centralized balance entry account in support of supporting ongoing project deficits, the Committee expressed an interest in additional supporting information as to the adequacy of a \$5M baseline.

Mr. Lawson expressed an interest in having the upcoming survey ask localities if they would like to return the Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternatives Program to an annual program. Subcommittee members did note that localities do seem to appreciate the biennial process in that if alternates with the Smart Scale application cycle and allows them to focus on separate funding programs each year. Staff shared that the Transportation Alternatives and Revenue Sharing application cycles have already moved to a biennial application process and the intent of this recommendation is to adjust policy to reflect actual practice.

Ms. Hynes expressed support for eliminating transfers of excess allocations from Revenue Sharing to non-Revenue Sharing projects, with a consensus of the Committee agreeing. Lastly, the Committee opined on whether there are additional "guardrails" that could be applied to existing policy, which would accomplish the desired goals of the subcommittee, particularly related to the re-distribution of excess project allocations.

Tasks for the next meeting to include the creation of a draft survey, a review of the Transportation Alternatives Program policy initiatives, and options for future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am

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