

Commonwealth Transportation Board Revenue Sharing/Transportation Alternatives Program Policy Committee

May 17, 2023 9:00AM – 12:00PM VDOT Culpeper District Offices Blue Room 1601 Orange Rd, Culpeper, VA 22701

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

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, Jason Robinson, Terry R. Short, Jr., Yolanda Newton, Michele Piccolomini, Jonathan Liss, Brittany Voll, Stacy Londrey, Greg Banks

Public Comment

Chairman Yates called the meeting to order, and extended the invitation to receive public comment. Comments were received by Mr. John Bishop representing Frederick County. Mr. Bishop advocated that reasonable transfers are important to maintain and advocated for additional VDOT estimate vetting at time of Revenue Sharing application. Lastly, that Revenue Sharing funding get moved back from funding in years 3-4 to years 1-2. With no further public comment, Chairman Yates closed the public comment period.

Approval of April 18, 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.

Review of Survey, Original and Modified Policy Initiatives, Committee Input

Mr. Dudley began the presentation and reviewed the outreach undertaken by staff to solicit input from internal and external stakeholders. The result of this outreach resulted in some changes to previous policy initiatives for both the Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternatives Programs. There was then a review of the original policy initiatives, suggested changes based on Committee, District and local stakeholder input. First, a review of the Revenue Sharing Program. The Committee agreed with the suggested changes except for extending the agreement timeframe from 12 months to 9 months. Instead, the Committee directed that project agreements should be executed and returned to VDOT no later than 6 months from the date VDOT transmits the agreement to the locality, or risk cancellation. This direction was provided for both programs.

Mr. Dudley then provided a review of the survey results. Ms. Hynes asked if the proposed threshold policy would affect the \$10M of the state share of the Revenue Sharing program, or total project cost. Mr. Dudley confirmed that it would be affected by the total project cost.

A consensus was reached by the Committee that VDOT develop a plan for consideration of topics related to project delivery.

Mr. Dudley then reviewed the topic of the certainty of funding and illustrated that the expected benefits of the proposed initiatives will provide more than adequate financial support for projects facing deficits as they approach the construction phase.

The Committee directed staff to amend the remaining policy initiatives as follows:

- Include in the resolution a reference to the prioritization process envisioned for the reserve accounts for both programs.
- Modify Transportation Alternative initiative #6 to state that the \$2.5M cap is established for projects *selected* by the CTB, and not by respective TMA's.
- Add Transportation Alternative initiative #5 to initiatives under the Revenue Sharing Program, to state "Eliminate allocation transfers between RS projects within a locality. Requests for additional funds will be addressed on a statewide basis using a uniform reallocation process."
- Agreements are to be executed and returned to VDOT no later than 6 months from original receipt, or risk project deallocation.

The Committee further directed staff to include in the resolution that staff will revisit and report back to the CTB on the affect of the changes, and what was accomplished after 5 years.

The Committee then deliberated on other topics related to Transportation Alternatives and Revenue Sharing policy for the duration of the meeting.

It is the intention that these policy recommendations will be presented at the June CTB workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am

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