

## CTB Decision Brief

### **Addition of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects Identified by Metropolitan Planning Organizations to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010 - 2015**

**Issue:** Each year the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) must adopt a Six-Year Improvement Program and allocations in accordance with the statutory formula.

**Facts:** The CTB must adopt a Six-Year Improvement Program of anticipated projects and programs by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in accordance with Section 33.1-12 (9)(b). The Commonwealth received \$694,460,823 pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), including \$117,803,558 which was sub-allocated to the state's metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) that are eligible to receive Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

The Virginia Department of Transportation has worked with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, Tri-Cities MPO, Richmond MPO, and the Transportation Planning Board, in consultation with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, to identify projects to be considered for their sub-allocation of ARRA funding. On September 17, 2009, these projects were added to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2015 adopted by the CTB on June 18, 2009. The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization has identified six additional projects to complete allocation of their ARRA funds.

**Recommendations:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends the addition of the attached list of projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2015.

**Action Required by CTB:** The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to add the attached list of projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2015 to meet the Board's statutory requirements.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** Given that these projects are intended to create jobs and stimulate the economy while improving the transportation system, the public expects the CTB to fulfill its statutory duty by approving adding the project to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010 – 2015.