

Meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board Subcommittee – At-Large Members

Subject: The Evaluation of Local Maintenance Payments

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Location: 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia
VDOT Central Office Conference Room

CTB Members Present: Mr. Keen – Chairman, Mr. Garczynski, Mr. Louderback, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Ellis

CTB Members Absent: None

Others Present: Richard L. Walton, Jr, Jennifer DeBruhl, Todd Halacy, Jeff Price, and Eric Stringfield – VDOT

Purpose of Meeting: At their July 20th, 2011 meeting, the CTB passed a resolution forming a subcommittee of At-Large Members of the board to evaluate the issues surrounding equalization of maintenance fund allocations between those allocated to localities and those budgeted to VDOT and to consider options which could be addressed administratively and legislatively. The purpose of this meeting was to continue discussions for developing recommendations for the effective and equitable distribution of maintenance funds in preparation of presenting those recommendations to the Board on or before December 31, 2011.

Meeting Synopsis: The At-large members of the CTB met to continue developing recommendations for presentation to the full board on the effective and equitable distribution of maintenance funds. Ms. Jennifer DeBruhl – VDOT presented brief overview of the August, September and October meetings and recommendations to be considered by the Subcommittee for general consensus. The recommendations were vetted and the final language is noted below:

- *An analysis and comparison of needs across systems is desired before recommending legislative changes. However, lack of available data on local system condition and performance limits further analysis at this point.*
- *The most equitable approach to distribution of scarce maintenance funding may be a formula that incorporates a prioritized needs-based factor along with a commitment to maintain our statewide assets, regardless of maintenance responsibility.*
- *Reconvene the local government working group (in partnership with the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia First Cities Coalition) to advance the collection and analysis of system condition and performance data on the locally maintained system.*

The group discussed in detail, “prioritization” concerns and “return on investment” concerns, however “return on investment” was struck from the recommendations and the captioned recommendations were adopted by the Subcommittee unanimously. Based on this discussion, VDOT staff presented the Subcommittee recommendations to the October 19, 2011 full CTB for discussion and will develop a resolution for presentation at the December CTB meeting.

No additional meetings of the subcommittee were scheduled at this time.