

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

Subject: The Evaluation of Local Maintenance Payments

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

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

CTB Members Absent: Mr. Miller

Staff Present: Richard Walton, Connie Sorrell, Jennifer DeBruhl, and Todd Halacy – 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 discussions for developing recommendations for the full board on the effective and equitable distribution of maintenance funds.

Mr. Keen provided the Subcommittee with a proposal to combine lane mileage calculations with needs-based budgeting. Mr. Keen asked that VDOT staff prepare scenarios based on this proposal. As there is limited condition and performance data available for the local system, an analysis of the proposal is not possible at this time.

Ms. Sorrell provided the Subcommittee with a briefing on VDOT's Asset Management approach to maintenance and operations budgeting.

VDOT presented data and analysis of the following three areas:

- 1) Provided scenarios for the distribution of local maintenance funds based on:
 - a. Lane Miles – Inventory
 - b. Vehicle Miles Traveled – Density of travel
 - c. Truck Traffic – Commerce
 - d. Combinations
- 2) Discussed other potential factors (data not available to perform analysis)
 - a. Snow/Ice/Emergency Operations
 - b. Sales/Gasoline Tax Receipts

- 3) Provided financial breakdown by locality of the scenario presented at the September 22nd CTB Strategic Planning Retreat

The group deliberated on the various scenarios and discussed potential recommendations for the distributing local maintenance dollars. Based on this discussion, the Subcommittee reached general agreement on the following points:

- An analysis and comparison of needs across systems is desired before recommending legislative changes
 - Availability of data on local system condition and performance that can be compared to VDOT system data limits further analysis
- The most equitable approach to distribution of scarce maintenance funding may be a formula that incorporates a needs-based factor along with baseline funding that could be applied across all systems, 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 Subcommittee will reconvene at 9:00AM on October 19th to confirm the consensus and recommendations.

Ms. DeBruhl will brief the full CTB of the current findings and recommendations of the CTB Subcommittee at the October 19th CTB meeting.