



Commonwealth Transportation Board Roles and Responsibilities

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There are three types of Boards: Supervisory, Policy, and Advisory, as defined by § 2.2-2100 of the *Code of Virginia*

- The Commonwealth Transportation Board is a Policy Board
- Policy Boards:
 - Promulgate policies and regulations according to statute
 - Perform other duties specifically enumerated by law (majority of CTB statutory duties are contained in §33.1-12 of the *Code*)
- Policy Boards do not:
 - Supervise agencies
 - Employ personnel or
 - Prepare, approve or submit requests for appropriations

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Financial:

- **Allocate funds**
 - Maintenance
 - Construction
 - Enhancement

- **Issue bonds for transportation**
 - Route 28
 - Route 58
 - NOVA Program
 - Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEEs)
 - Capital Project Revenue Bonds

- **Revenue Sharing**

- **Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB)**

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Maintenance and construction allocations

- The CTB shall allocate such amount as it deems reasonable and necessary for maintenance of the existing highway systems prior to funding the construction program, as provided by §33.1-23.1 of the *Code of Virginia*
 - State law further prescribes how construction funds are allocated to each highway system component (interstate, primary, secondary, the manner in which federal funds are used, etc.)
- The Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund (HMOF) is supported by a combination of dedicated state revenues (fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees and licenses, etc.)
- The Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) was created by the General Assembly in 1986, and covers capital construction costs for highways, as well as additional funding for other modes of transportation (ports, airports, and mass transit)
- The Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) is the means by which the CTB allocates funds to interstate, primary, and urban highway systems, public transit, ports, airports, and other programs for the immediate fiscal year, and for a subsequent five-year period
 - Outlying years are estimates, which are revised in succeeding updates of the program to reflect revised revenue forecasts, cost estimates, shifts in priorities, or changes to state or federal laws

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Operational:

- **Developing and updating the Statewide Transportation Plan**
- **Designating High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes**
- **Making decisions concerning Limited Access**
- **Naming highways**
- **Approving Subdivision Street Requirements**
- **Administering access programs**

Commissioner of Highways Roles and Responsibilities

The Commissioner of Highways serves as executive head of VDOT, as specified by §33.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*

- **With the exception of those powers conferred by law upon the CTB, the Commissioner has broad power to act in:**
 - **Constructing, improving, maintaining, and preserving operational efficiency of the system of state highways**
 - **Furthering the interests of Virginia with respect to public transportation, railways, seaports, and airports**
 - **Executing all orders and decisions of the CTB**