

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #9

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD April 21, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Yates Seconded By: Mr. Johnsen

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

<u>Title: Addition of Projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021-</u> 2026

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-214 (B) of the *Code of Virginia* requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) to adopt by July 1st of each year a Six-Year Improvement Program (Program) of anticipated projects and programs and that the Program shall be based on the most recent official revenue forecasts and a debt management policy; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration the Board adopted a Final Fiscal Years 2021-2026 Program on December 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-214(B) of the Code of Virginia provides that the Board is to coordinate the planning for financing of transportation needs, including needs for highways, railways, seaports, airports, and public transportation and is to allocate funds for these needs pursuant to §§ 33.2-358 and 58.1-638 of the Code of Virginia, by adopting a Program; and

WHEREAS, § 58.1-638 authorizes allocations to local governing bodies, transportation district commissions, or public service corporations for, among other things, capital project costs for public transportation and ridesharing equipment, facilities, and associated costs; and

WHEREAS, the projects shown in Appendix A were not included in the Fiscal Years 2021-2026 Program adopted by the Board on December 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the projects are appropriate for the efficient movement of people and freight and, therefore, for the common good of the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, that the projects shown in Appendix A are added to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2026 and are approved.

CTB Decision Brief

Six-Year Improvement Program Additions for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2026

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

Facts: The CTB must adopt a Six-Year Improvement Program of anticipated projects and programs by July 1st of each year in accordance with Section 33.2-214 (B). The CTB adopted the FY 2021-2026 SYIP on December 9, 2020. The projects in the DRPT Appendix A were not in the final FY 2021-2026 SYIP adopted by the CTB. Both projects were awarded funding by the Federal Transit Administration, through a competitive application process and now need to be added to the SYIP.

The COVID-19 Research Demonstration grant will create a comprehensive collection of resources to help transit providers adapt to a "new normal". It is intended to define transit's role in this new environment and strengthen public confidence in transit services. DRPT will use the funding to develop an "Adapting to a New Normal" toolkit, including a strategy handbook and a statewide messaging campaign to assist transit agencies in safely restoring service and ridership. This project was awarded \$247,500 in federal funding and DRPT has provided \$27,500 in matching funds from their administrative budget.

DRPT applied for the Ferry Boat Discretionary Funding on behalf of VDOT, and will serve as the grant recipient for this funding. The funding will be used to modernize the passenger ferry slips at its Jamestown Scotland Ferry Facility to maintain passenger safety and ensure a state of good repair. The project was awarded \$4,193,989 in federal funding and VDOT is responsible for programming the required \$1,048,498 in matching funds.

Recommendations:

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) recommends addition of the projects in DRPT Appendix A to the Program for FY 2021-2026.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to add the projects listed in DRPT Appendix A to the Program for FY 2021-2026.

Results, if Approved: If the resolution is approved, the projects listed in DRPT Appendix A will be added to the Program for FY 2021-2026.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None.

DRPT SYIP Project Additions for FY2021-FY2026 SYIP

Ro	Recipient				State Funding	
w	District	Recipient Description	Project Description	Fund Source	Amount	Comments
1 H	ampton	VDOT	Improvements to the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry Slips	FTA 5307	\$ 1,048,498	DRPT received \$4,193,989 in FTA 5307 funds from the Passenger Ferry Discretionary Grant Program for this project. VDOT will be requesting and providing match of \$1,048,498 to these federal funds.
2 N	1ulti-District	DRPT	COVID-19 Transit Recovery Toolkit	FTA 5312	\$ -	DRPT received \$247,500 in FTA 5312 funds from the Demonstration Research Grant Program for this project. Administrative funds of \$27,500 will be used to match these federal funds.