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SMART SCALE Update

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SMART SCALE Background

- **Chapter 726 of the 2014 Virginia Acts of Assembly required a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board be developed and implemented**
- **Purpose was to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the**
 - **state's transportation system,**
 - **transportation safety,**
 - **transportation accessibility for people and freight,**
 - **environmental quality, and**
 - **economic development in the Commonwealth**

SMART SCALE Background

- **SMART SCALE is the decision support tool that was developed to provide the required prioritization process**
- **Projects submitted for consideration are screened and scored to determine the value of the investment sought from the CTB**
- **The CTB considers the computed scores in determining which projects to fund**

SMART SCALE Background



APPLICANTS

MPOs/PDCs, Transit Agencies, Cities, Towns, Counties, and CTB (up to two per CTB Policy)
Applicants can bring \$0 or leverage any amount (impacts SMART SCALE score)



MULTI-MODAL PROJECTS

Highway, Bike & Ped, Transit, Rail, TDM (examples Park and Ride and Vanpooling) are scored together
Capital Improvement Program - Not a Maintenance Program



FULLY FUND PROJECTS

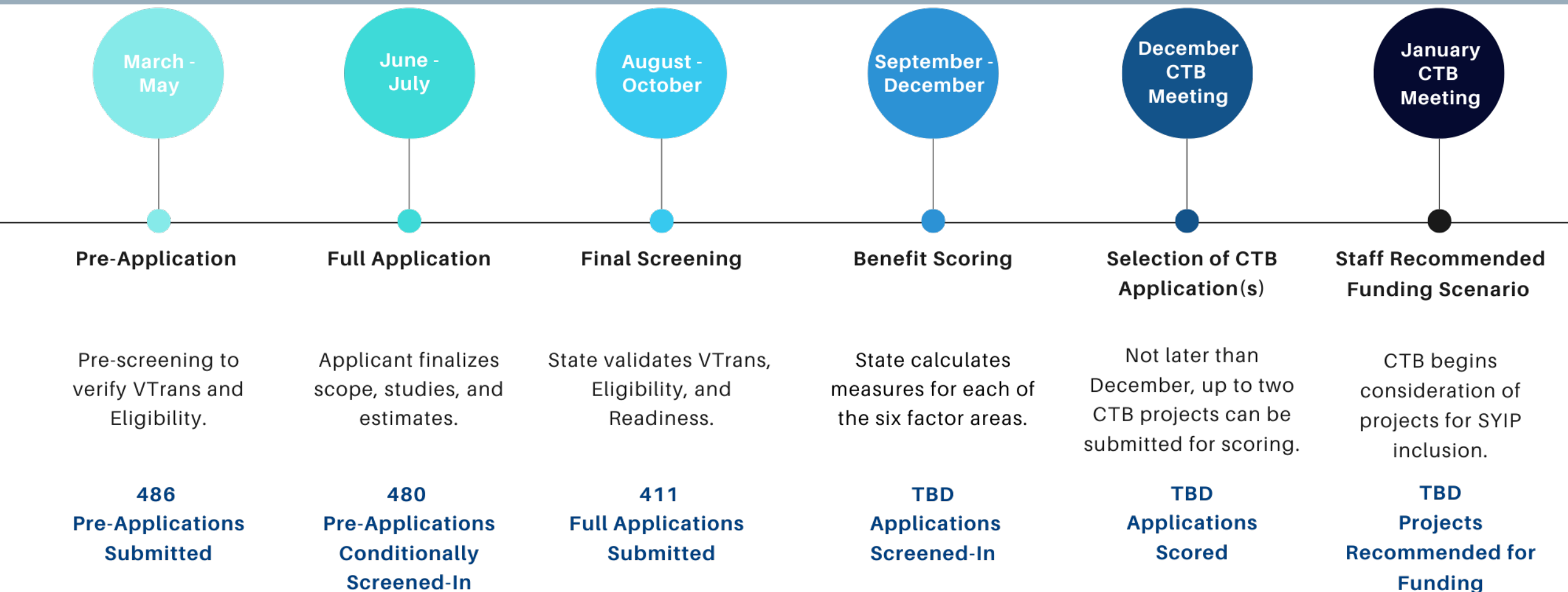
Two-Year Cycle, first funds are available in the fifth year of SYIP



APPLICANT SUPPORT

OIPI, VDOT, and DRPT support the applicants through the process
Planning programs like Project Pipeline and STARS target need and readiness

Fiscal Year 2024 Program Cycle Timeline



Screening Decisions

- **Application Withdrawn**
- **Does Not Meet VTrans Need**
- **Project Readiness – Insufficient project development**
- **Project Eligibility – Examples below are not eligible**
 - Stand-alone study
 - “In-kind” repair or replacement
 - Not contiguous, proximate, or of the same improvement type
 - Fully funded projects
 - An entity must wait for two rounds following construction before submitting a new project application meeting the same VTrans Need as the previously funded project

Pre-Application Screening and Validation

District	Number of Pre-Applications	Vtrans Need Not Met
Bristol	23	
Culpeper	41	
Fredericksburg	55	
Hampton Roads	71	1
Lynchburg	32	
Northern Virginia	46	1
Richmond	104	2
Salem	58	2
Staunton	56	
Grand Total	486	6

Fiscal Year 2024 Cycle

Out of the 480 Pre-Applications pre-screened in, 411 Applications Submitted

- **\$7.67 billion in funding was requested**
- **\$1.72 billion in other funding leveraged**
- **\$18.6 million average request**
- **Does not include up to two potential CTB applications**

*Data as of August 2, 2022

**Does Not Include Potential (up to two) CTB Applications

Summary of Full Applications

District	Number of Applications	Request (Millions)*	Total Cost (Millions)*
Bristol	22	\$515	\$515
Culpeper	38	\$495	\$495
Fredericksburg	46	\$485	\$580
Hampton Roads	59	\$1,020	\$1,460
Lynchburg	30	\$470	\$470
Northern Virginia	38	\$1,820	\$2,620
Richmond	88	\$1,780	\$2,100
Salem	48	\$745	\$770
Staunton	42	\$335	\$375
Grand Total	411	\$7,665	\$9,385

*Data as of August 2, 2022 – Rounded to nearest \$5M

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Summary of Principal Improvement Type

Principal Improvement Type	Number of Applications	Request (Millions)*	Total Cost (Millions)*
Highway	300	\$6,525	\$7,760
Bike/Pedestrian	106	\$1,075	\$1,185
Rail Transit	1	\$40	\$400
Bus Transit	4	\$25	\$40
Rail Freight	0	\$0	\$0
Grand Total	411	\$7,665	\$9,385

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SMART SCALE Summary

PROJECT APPLICATIONS	FY 2017 ROUND 1	FY 2018 ROUND 2	FY 2020 ROUND 3	FY 2022 ROUND 4	FY 2024 ROUND 5 (AUGUST 2022)
Submitted	321	436	468	406	411
Scored	287	404	433	397	TBD
Funded	162	147	134	167	TBD
Total Funding Requested	\$7.2 B	\$9.7B	\$7B	\$6.3B	\$7.7B
Total Funding Allocated	\$1.42B	\$1.03B	\$0.86B	\$1.39B	TBD
Value of Projects Supported	\$2.65B	\$2.35B	\$5.08B	\$1.92B	TBD

Next Steps

- **Now through January – Complete scoring**
- **November – Complete screening of applications and notify applicants on screened-out projects**
- **December CTB Meeting**
 - **Screened-out decisions**
 - **Action on up to two CTB projects to evaluate, if applicable**
- **January CTB Meeting – Provide Project Scorecards and Staff Recommended Funding Scenario released**



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Thank you.

