





POLICY INDEX REVIEW

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Background

- **A Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Policy Notebook was created in 2005 at the direction of then-Secretary of Transportation, Whittington Clement.**
- **Objective was to document in one location all CTB guidelines, policies, and regulations:**
 - **to assist the CTB in meeting its statutory obligation to make regulations and review and approve policies related to transportation in the Commonwealth;**
 - **to facilitate the examination of CTB actions for possible updating, rescission, or disposal; and**
 - **to provide a historical compilation of CTB actions since 1906, when the State Highway Commission – the CTB’s predecessor – was created.**
- **In a resolution dated March 17, 2005, the CTB directed VDOT to:**
 - **maintain the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policy Notebook in either printed or electronic form; and**
 - **update the Commonwealth Transportation Board Policy Notebook as necessary to reflect statutory, regulatory, and Board policy changes.**

Background

- **Due to increasing content over time resulting from regular updates, the Policy Notebook has been:**
 - made available electronically on the CTB website;
 - divided into a Policy Index and a CTB Orientation Guide;
 - rearranged so that policies are categorized by hyperlinked subject rather than chronologically; and
 - expanded to include a chapter on delegations from the CTB.
- **From 2017-2022, the Policy Index was reevaluated to identify obsolete or redundant policies and actions to be repealed.**
 - Policies/actions were identified as obsolete due to passage of time, statutory transfer of responsibilities or explicit CTB repeal/rescission and were removed from the Policy Index and archived.
 - Other policies/actions identified as still relevant and valid were retained/affirmed.

2023 Review

Now that the initial, full Policy Index review is complete, policies will be systematically reviewed on an ongoing basis to identify those that are outdated or obsolete.

There are roughly 200 CTB policies currently in the Policy Index, with 32 policies reviewed in 2023.

Proposed Action:

- **Repeal 5 policies**

Resolutions Proposed for Repeal

Resolution	Passage Date	Why Repeal?
Bridge Maintenance	October 18, 1939	Changes in law and practices have made this policy obsolete.
Adoption of Priorities for Northern Virginia Transportation District Significant Projects Evaluation and Rating	October 17, 2013	Legislation passed by the 2019 General Assembly eliminated CTB involvement.
Changes to Urban Construction Projects	August 23, 1962	The language set out in this policy does not allow for flexibility as federal and state law changes. VDOT agreement language in use today is broader to permit operation of existing law.
Launching Ramps at Public Landings	August 18, 1960	VDOT agreement with DWR (formerly DGIF) and DCR indicates DWR is the appropriate agency to bear responsibility for launching ramps. VDOT has a distinct process for accepting secondary roads.
Approval and Adoption of an interim I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan in response to House Joint Resolution 581 and Senate Joint Resolution 276 of the 2019 Session of the General Assembly	January 15, 2020	Policy has been superseded by CTB approval of the final I-95 Plan, the I-64 Corridor Improvement Plan, and the adoption of the Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program Policy.

Next Steps

- **In the upcoming months, the CTB will be requested to formally approve, by resolution, recommendations to repeal those policies and actions that are obsolete or unnecessary.**
- **The Policy Index will be revised according to the action taken by the CTB, and repealed policies and actions will be archived.**
- **The policies in the Policy Index will continue to be systematically reviewed and CTB action will be sought to ensure the Index contains only those policies and actions that are current or relevant.**



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Rail Enhancement Fund Policy Update	December 9, 2015	2020 General Assembly repealed the Rail Enhancement Fund and created the Commonwealth Rail Fund
Statewide Rail Plan: Passenger Station Rail Policy	January 10, 2018	Station Rail Policy now falls under the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's purview
Guidelines of Urban Transit Agency Strategic Plans	October 30, 2018	CTB updated both policies at its October 25, 2022 Board Meeting
Policy for the Implementation of State Transit Capital Prioritization		