



POLICY INDEX REVIEW SIX-YEAR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Background

- **CTB policies are systematically reviewed on an ongoing basis to identify those that are outdated or obsolete**
- **The Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Development Policy was adopted in December 2016**
- **Since December 2016, various modifications to Board policy and state and federal code related to transportation revenues and funding have occurred**
- **Updates to the SYIP Development Policy are needed**

SYIP Development Policy

- **Sets out the timing for allocating key funding programs**
- **Establishes the Board's general intent to fully fund projects through construction**
- **Establishes certain programmatic requirements specific to SMART SCALE**
 - **Adjustments to SMART SCALE allocations**
 - **Commitment to previously selected projects in the event of revenue changes**
 - **Cancellation of previously selected projects**
 - **Determination of surplus funds**
 - **Eligibility for both High Priority Projects Program (HPP) and Highway Construction District Grant Program (DGP) for CTB submitted applications**
 - **Schedule for SMART SCALE project selection**
 - **Funding steps for the Staff Recommended Scenario**

Proposed Revisions to the SYIP Development Policy

- **Organizational changes**
 - Separated the CTB resolution from the policy language, which is now an attachment
 - Included an overview section with background information related to the SYIP
 - Organized related content into separate sections
- **Addition of DRPT funding programs**
- **New and updated federal and state code references to various funding programs**
- **Updates related to certain CTB Policies (e.g., Revenue Sharing and SMART SCALE)**
- **Conformed policy language regarding the availability of Revenue Sharing allocations in Years 1 and 2 for programming to current practice, which is Years 3 and 4**

Proposed Revisions to the SYIP Development Policy

- **SMART SCALE specific changes based on the Board's updated policy**
 - Removed programmatic requirements specific to SMART SCALE that are included in the SMART SCALE Policy to avoid overlap and potential conflict
 - Elimination of previous Step 2 for allocating High Priority Projects Program funding within each district
 - Establishment of a new Step 2 for allocation of High Priority Projects Program funding
 - Funds allocated statewide
 - Funds allocated based on SMART SCALE score (i.e., benefit relative to SMART SCALE request)
- **Aside from those noted for Revenue Sharing and SMART SCALE, the Draft Revised Policy does not include any new or revised provisions not already included in another CTB Policy, federal or state code, or existing funding program requirements**

Next Steps

- **In March, the CTB will be requested to formally approve, by resolution, the updated SYIP Development and Management Policy**

