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Agenda item # 6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 17 , 2024

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Green, **Seconded By:** Dr. Smoot

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Six-Year Improvement Program Transfers for the Month of September 2024

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

WHEREAS, the Board authorized that the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to reallocate up to \$200,000 among existing grants, to allocate additional funds to existing projects up to \$200,000 per grant, and to award additional federal and state funds for rail and public transportation projects up to \$200,000, and to de-obligate funds from projects, as may be necessary to meet the goals of the Board;

WHEREAS, the Board directed that (a) the Director shall notify the Board on a monthly basis should such transfers or allocations be made; and (b) the Director shall bring requests for transfers of allocations exceeding the established thresholds to the Board on a monthly basis for its approval prior to taking any action to record or award such action; and

WHEREAS, the FY2022-2027 SYIP includes \$586,245 for Fairfax County from the Volkswagen Trust Fund (VW Funds), which has been de-obligated; and

WHEREAS, Blacksburg Transit has a need for the VW Trust funding to purchase two electric buses that will replace two existing diesel buses that have met their useful life; and

WHEREAS, \$586,245 in MERIT Capital funds already programmed to Blacksburg Transit for the purchase of these two buses will be re-programmed to a future MERIT capital project; and

WHEREAS, the project meets criteria established by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the VW Funds, and the transfer from the de-obligated project to Blacksburg Transit is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, that the attached list of transfer requests exceeding the established thresholds is approved and the specified funds shall be transferred to the recipient project(s) as set forth in the attached list to meet the Board's statutory requirements and policy goals.

CTB Decision Brief

Six-Year Improvement Program Transfers for the Month of September 2024

Issue: Each year the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) must adopt a Six-Year Improvement Program (Program) in accordance with statutes and federal regulations. Throughout the year, it may become necessary to transfer funds between projects to have allocations available to continue and/or initiate projects and programs adopted in the Program.

Facts: The CTB granted authority to the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (Director), or his designee, to reallocate up to \$200,000 among existing grants, to allocate additional funds to existing projects up to \$200,000 per grant, and to award additional federal and state funds for rail and public transportation projects up to \$200,000, and to de-obligate funds from projects, as may be necessary to meet the goals of the Board.

In addition, the CTB resolved that the Director should bring requests for transfers of allocations exceeding the established thresholds to the CTB on a monthly basis for its approval prior to taking any action to record or award such action. The CTB will be presented with a resolution for formal vote to approve the transfer of funds exceeding the established thresholds. The list of transfers for September 2024 is attached.

In FY22 the CTB approved \$586,245 in Volkswagen Trust (VW Trust) funding for Fairfax County. These funds have been de-obligated. DRPT staff worked with other transit agencies who received VW Trust funds and identified Blacksburg Transit as a recipient that could utilize the de-obligated funding to purchase two electric buses. The electric buses will replace diesel buses that have met their useful life.

Recommendations: The Director recommends the approval of the transfers exceeding the established thresholds from donor projects to projects that meet the CTB's statutory requirements and policy goals.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to adopt changes to the Program that include transfers of allocated funds exceeding the established thresholds from donor projects to projects that meet the CTB's statutory requirements and policy goals.

Result, if Approved: If approved, the funds will be transferred from the donor project to a project that meets the CTB's statutory requirements and policy goals. Additionally, \$586,245 will be returned to the state's Merit Capital program and will be re-programmed for a future merit capital project.

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Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None.

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DRPT SYIP Allocation Transfer Report September 2024 - Appendix A

Row	Recipient District	Donor Description	Recipient Description	Recipient Project #	Fund Source	Transfer Amount	Original State/Federal Allocation	Total Original Project Cost	Comments
1	Salem	Deobligated	Blacksburg Transit	73024-88	VW Trust Fund	\$ 586,245	\$ 2,532,130	\$ 2,532,130	Total project cost does not increase. VW Trust fund will replace \$586,245 in state merit capital dollars leaving this amount available for a future merit capital project.

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