



Commonwealth Transportation Board Revenue Sharing/Transportation Alternatives Program Policy Committee

April 18, 2023
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
The Bristol Hotel
115 Country Music Way
Bristol, VA 24201

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

Members of the Subcommittee in attendance: Greg Yates (Chair), Mary Hynes, Fred Stant III, and Randy Laird
Members of the Board in attendance: Ty Lawson, Scott Kasprovicz, Raymond Smoot, Jr., Laura Sellers
Guests: Deputy Secretary John Lawson

VDOT Staff in attendance: Angel Deem, Russ Dudley, Kim Pryor, Terry R. Short, Jr.

Public Comment

Chairman Yates called the meeting to order, and extended the invitation to receive public comment. No members of the public requested to participate. Chairman Yates closed the public comment period.

Approval of April 11, 2023 Committee Minutes

Chairman Yates called for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, with Ms. Hynes making the motion, seconded by Mr. Laird, the minutes were approved.

Prior to the review of proposed survey questions, the team reviewed several questions the Board members asked during the April 11th meeting. As part of that review, VDOT staff noted that Revenue Sharing projects have been cancelled between calendar years 2018 and 2022, 39 of which were cancelled before or during the preliminary engineering phase. Total expenditures for all cancelled Revenue Sharing projects was approximately \$2.5 million. Staff also provided an overview of Revenue Sharing project allocation transfers during that same time period and focused on the number of days from the transfer approval and the actual advertisement of the project (assumed need for the transferred allocations). Of the 61 projects receiving allocations transfers, only 12 were awarded within 90 days of the transfer. Twenty-one projects exceeded 12 months. Finally, the team provided three examples of project allocations valued at over \$3 million which have been transferred more than once, to different projects. While these allocations went unspent, 32 projects, needing over \$37 million in additional allocations, did not have access to surplus Revenue Sharing funding.

Review of the April 11th Revenue Sharing Discussion/Questions

Mr. Dudley reviewed how the current Revenue Sharing prioritization process functions pursuant to state code and Board policy. Following this discussion, Mr. Dudley provided copies of, then reviewed survey questions that were solicited as part of the 2017/2018 Revenue Sharing public outreach. A presentation was then made

which provided a review of the questions asked at the previous meeting, and additional data provided. Following a review of the questions for the upcoming survey, the Committee was asked to provide feedback by the end of the week.

Mr. John Lawson reminded those in attendance that the Revenue Sharing program is designed to fund projects, and not to provide supplemental funding to localities to use at their discretion.

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Discussion

Mr. Dudley provided a review of the proposed policy initiatives that had previously been provided to the committee. After a review of the planned statewide allocation prioritization strategy, there was a discussion related to the proposed second step in the strategy “*Second, to those projects with pending advertisements (within 12 months) where estimates are exceeding available allocations.*” It was suggested that the qualifier of “within 12 months” be stricken since the intent of the overarching initiative is to address imminent needs. Ms. Hynes expressed an interest in identifying a path where projects that are cancelled within the first year of award, that the District CTB member have the opportunity to allocate those funds to another project within the district whose application was reviewed but not funded as part of the most recent application round . Staff agreed to consider options to incorporate that request and report back. Mr. Short shared that staff continues to work to improve readiness at the time of application that will ideally in time, reduce the occasions where a project may be cancelled in the first 12 months following award.

Mr. Dudley then reviewed how the selection process functions for the TA program, including the population based sub allocation federal requirements, and that the proposed initiative (#4) would provide for an equitable distribution of funds for all CTB members. There was a consensus of the committee to support the \$2.5M lifetime project limit for TA applications. There was a suggestion that staff consult with our TMA partners to determine if there was general support for limiting the number of pre and full applications.

Next Steps

The Committee will reconvene on May 17th at the Culpeper District office at 9am.

An online survey will be released the week of April 24th and will be available thru May 10th, with a supporting Q&A webinar scheduled for the week of May 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm

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