COMMISSIONER’S MESSAGE

It is with immense gratitude for my predecessor, Greg Whirley, that I accepted the position of commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Under Greg’s leadership, VDOT increased its public accountability, focused on its core business and launched many needed transportation improvements. Commissioner Whirley embodied integrity and trust, and I aim to adhere to those qualities as we continue to move VDOT forward.

VDOT has a leadership team in place that will solve problems and deliver an excellent transportation program for the commonwealth, all while keeping in mind our number-one customers: the people who use Virginia’s transportation system and taxpayers who help fund these assets.

Past is definitely prologue for this next chapter for VDOT. Last year, we advertised more than $2.5 billion worth of transportation projects, a historic amount. This includes the estimated costs for engineering and construction as well as $545 million for much-needed pavement projects, such as pavement rehabilitation, across the state. We plan to put this money to work to improve and repair aging roads and bridges and increase capacity, which will enhance safety and ease congestion.

The Federal Highway Administration signed the final environmental impact statement that supports the future widening of 75 miles of Interstate 64 between Interstate 95 in Richmond and Interstate 664 in Hampton. With money from the 2013 state transportation funding legislation, about $144 million, including regional funds, is available to widen the section of I-64 in Newport News.

Another section of I-64 also will soon get needed safety improvements. In December, VDOT awarded a $4.6 million design-build contract for an active traffic-management system on the 13-mile section that crosses Afton Mountain.

Charles Kilpatrick, P.E.
VDOT Commissioner

ALL CONTRACTS COMPLETED ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET

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<td>85 construction contracts were planned for completion by the end of the second quarter. Of those 85 contracts, 59 (69.4 percent) were completed on time.</td>
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Major projects

Fair Lakes Interchange: The project widened three miles of Fairfax County Parkway to six lanes and replaced signalized intersections at Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive with long ramps and bridges. Construction on the three-year, $69 million project was completed on time and under budget.

Opal Interchange: The $12.6 million loop-flyover ramp, completed on time, eliminates most southbound left turns at the high-volume intersection of U.S. 15/29 and U.S. 17 in Fauquier County.

I-95 Express Lanes: The 27-mile project, which broke ground in 2012, reached its midpoint in October 2013. It is on track for completion late this year, and the lanes, which run between Fairfax and Stafford counties, will open for traffic in early 2015.

Electronic media growth

The VDOT website received 3.5 million visits in 2013, an increase of 12 percent over 2012. VDOT’s social media platforms also grew in 2013: Twitter, 19,000 followers; YouTube visits, 820,000; Facebook, 10,000 likes; and Flickr, 2 million views. All provide vital traffic information to keep Virginia moving.

Awards and honors

MarCom awards: Hampton Roads District won three MarCom Gold Awards for promoting the seven-mile “float-in” by the barge that delivered the new 250-foot, 5.2-million-pound, preassembled lift-span to the Gilmerton Bridge. The Association of Communications and Marketing Professionals sponsors the MarCom competition. VDOT received awards in the integrated marketing, public-relations program and special-event categories. The bridge, which spans the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake, opened to traffic in November 2013. Work will be completed in August.

American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO): Barbara Scruogs, received the AASHTO Project TRNS*PORT© User Group’s “Extra Mile Award” for her “service and exemplary contribution to the industry.” Scruogs, VDOT’s AASHTOWare/TRNS*PORT© business manager in Central Office, chairs the AASHTOWare Construction and Materials Technical Review Team. Her industry peers honored her for her decades-long effort in steering VDOT’s construction-management processes through computerization.

American Concrete Paving Association (ACPA): Richmond District received a 2013 ACPA Gold Award for “excellence in concrete pavement restoration” for the two-year project that replaced pavement on part of Interstate 195. Completed in 2012, the project covered a nearly two-mile stretch of I-195 between Meadow and West Cary streets and included 12 ramps.

Virginia Asphalt Association (VAA): VDOT and VAA selected the Fairfax County Parkway as the “best maintenance overlay paving project” of the 2012 paving season. The Interstate 66 pavement-rehabilitation project in Fairfax County received the “construction/major rehabilitation award.”