Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Discussion Items

Recap

✓ Provided Overview of Existing HSIP Program
✓ Provided Recommendations for Policy Development
  ➢ Initial Implementation Plan Development
  ➢ Approach to Policy Implementation
  ➢ Future Funding Distribution
  ➢ Annual Reporting Requirements

Outstanding Items

• Additional discussion on Funding Distribution
• Selection of Local Projects and Spot Improvement

Next Steps
HSIP Policy Development: Funding Distribution/Approach - Recommendations

- Funds to be distributed based on proportion of fatalities between VDOT and Locality maintained roads
  - Proportion is approximately 80/20 on a statewide basis
  - Funds for systemic improvements available for Local roads in FY24/FY25

- Funds to be allocated based on the risk-based locations of systemic safety treatments included in the Implementation Plan
  - Do not recommend a floor/cap approach – hinders our ability to provide the greatest safety benefits

- Return project savings to Statewide Account
  - Cover cost increases, if needed
  - Further advance systemic treatments, especially pedestrian crossings, or
  - Fund spot improvement projects

Include funding distribution approach/formula
HSIP Policy Development: Spot Improvement Project Selection - Recommendations

- Restrict funding new spot improvement projects until FY2026 SYIP
- Provide VDOT Commissioner with flexibility to address more immediate spot improvement projects with CTB concurrence
- Minimum threshold for Commissioner to recommend a spot project (prior to FY2026) – applies to VDOT/Local roads
  - B/C ratio > 15
  - Can be implemented or under construction in less than 12 months
  - Number of targeted crashes
- Future recommendations for project selection process for FY2026 to be provided in an HSIP annual report to the CTB
HSIP Policy Development:
Locality Project Selection - Recommendations

- Limit available funding to systemic treatments only
- Beginning in FY23 receive local applications for funding
  - Funds available for FY24 and FY25
  - Applications must be for eligible systemic treatments
  - VDOT guidelines to establish process for screening, scoring and selection of projects
  - CTB to review and approve projects for funding
- Include recommendations for changes in HSIP annual report, as needed
HSIP Policy Development: Annual Reporting Requirements - Recommendations

Include annual reporting requirements to provide progress updates and possible course corrections

• Report should include
  - Progress on advancement of systemic treatments
  - Funding distribution information
  - Anticipated benefits of investments
  - Performance of investments
  - Recommendations for changes to Implementation Plans
  - Recommendations for changes to HSIP Policy
HSIP Policy Development:
Schedule and Next Steps

• Fall Transportation Meetings
  - Obtain public comment on proposed policy

• November/December CTB Meeting
  - CTB adopt new policy
Thank you.