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COMMISSIONER

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To: All Cities and Towns in the Urban System
Subject: Urban Construction Initiative (UCI)

By now, I'm hopeful you've heard of the Urban Construction Initiative (First Cities) which was enacted by the 2003 General Assembly. This initiative provides municipalities with the opportunity to administer their entire urban construction program. Since enactment of this legislation, we have joined with our local partners (seven cities and towns to date) with the goal of making this a more effective means to deliver your transportation program.

If you're interested in participating, please visit our website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance.asp>, and contact your Urban Program Manager or Mark White of my staff at (804)786-3438 to learn more about this partnership opportunity.

The deadline to submit a Council Resolution indicating your intent to join the initiative in FY2009 is July 1, 2007. This resolution of intent is not binding and does not require the municipality to join the initiative. The subsequent year provides VDOT and the municipality time to collectively prepare for the transition, including training workshops. A formal agreement would be executed in the Spring of the following year for implementation on July 1, 2008.

We look forward to hearing from you and discussing this further.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Estes'.

Michael Estes, P.E.
Director, Local Assistance Division

C: District Administrators
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