

FAQs on Proposed Changes to Transportation Enhancement Policy

- 1) Will any of the proposed changes impact my prior allocations of Enhancement funds?

Response: No-the proposed changes may impact the allocation of future funds and project selections but will not impact prior Transportation Enhancement allocations on projects.

- 2) Will any of the proposed changes impact my existing project?

Response: If your existing project needs additional funds for completion there could be impacts as follows:

- With applications due December 1, 2009 (for FY11), the increase in funding for selected projects (from 25% to 50%) is intended to fully fund projects quicker which also should assist in completing existing projects.
- Beginning with applications received in 2010 (for FY12), the proposed changes will limit allocations to **existing projects only** for one year which will benefit all existing projects with an increased funding opportunity.
- The proposed future limitation on eligible categories for applications received in 2011 (for FY13), however will only apply to new projects and therefore will not impact the eligibility for funding for active existing projects.

- 3) Can VDOT limit the eligible categories to less than the 12 categories outlined for the Transportation Enhancement Program nationally?

Response: FHWA has provided guidance that while there are 12 categories eligible for Transportation Enhancement funding; each state has the option of determining whether all 12 will be considered for funding or if a priority is placed on certain categories.

- 4) Can I request \$200,000 for my project and get 100% funding even though my funding needed is \$500,000?

Response: The proposed provision to fully fund projects with requests under \$200,000 only applies when the requested funding fully funds a distinct stand alone project with logical termini. The assumption is no further requests for funding will be made for that stand alone project and that specific project will be completed with the requested funding. If it is determined during the application review process that a request for \$200,000 or less does not complete a distinct project, we will convey to the CTB members that the provision to fully fund does not apply.