

March 24, 2011 Tri-Annual Meeting:
Follow Up and Q&A Information

- 1) **Q:** Can localities use VDOT's design contracts?
A: Current Virginia law does not allow local governments to "piggy back" on state government contracts for professional services. We have asked the UCI Workgroup to develop standard contract templates for consultant resources (RFP's), non professional contracts, purchase of goods/equipment/services, and on-calls as program streamlining measures.
- 2) **Q:** It takes a lot of time for VDOT's review of the localities RFP's for consultant services. In order to expedite the review, can the pre-award audit be eliminated when a locality is using a consultant that is currently under contract with VDOT?
A: We are looking at our consultant procurement process and identifying ways to streamline. One of the options that are being considered is to not require pre-award audit reviews if the consultant in question has already been reviewed by the Department. This is an on-going effort and may be one that the UCI Workgroup can look into further.
- 3) **Q:** The localities would like to see a weekly printout of the obligation strategy, to include the amounts that have been obligated for their locality.
A: An audit of the new VDOT PIM Group is underway to review the programming functions and processes. We will add this to the UCI Workgroup agenda to identify the information that should be included in such a report.
- 4) **Q:** Is there a grant program that the smaller cities and towns can take advantage of to provide additional fund sources towards transportation improvements?
A: The Revenue Sharing program that localities can take advantage of and understands that local funding may be limited at this point.
- 5) **Q:** HSIP Policy regarding the 1 year to obligate and 4 years to construct. Can this be reviewed and modified?
A: This obligation and construction time requirement is currently being reviewed to determine if the time can be extended beyond the allotted 1 year. Details on any changes to the current timeline will be forthcoming.
- 6) **Q:** When can the loan program (the infrastructure bank) be utilized by the localities?
A: The Infrastructure Bank rules are being developed and should be completed by July 1st.

- 7) **Q:** The obligations are by project and the localities are not given credit for reducing project costs. For instance, if they were to get rid of the R/W phase on a project due to value engineering study, the locality would still be committed for obligating the R/W phase amount. Can this be looked into?
A: Part of the PIM audit is to look at how the State obligates funds.
- 8) **Q:** Fund exchange. Can we swap state funds for federal funds to expedite projects?
A: Could try to do so, but currently the state funds are limited and are primarily used to match the federal funding.
- 9) **Q:** Can it publically be told that urban allocations are now at zero?
A: This has been communicated to the CTB Attached is the presentation from the June 16, 2010 CTB Meeting.
http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2010/June/cm_4_FY2011-16_Financial_Plan_and_VDOT_FY2011_Budget_06162010.pdf
- 10) **Q:** Can State funds be used to match Revenue Sharing funds?
A: No, Federal and State Funding cannot be utilized to match the Revenue Sharing funds. The local match for the Revenue Sharing program must be local dollars.
- 11) **Q:** Can the requirement to have to go through a pre-award audit for a preapproved R/W consultant be waived?
A: This needs to be looked in to further and will be reviewed by the UCI Workgroup in the fall.
- 12) **Q:** RUMS: Can the locality create a dummy UPC for a project that is 100% locally funded so that they can still utilize RUMS?
A: VDOT is currently reviewing the possibility of setting up a UPC to allow the localities to utilize RUMS for 100% locally administered projects.