



## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON EVALUATION OF LOCAL MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS**

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# Background

- **The CTB meeting on June 15, 2011:**
  - adopted local maintenance payments for fiscal year 2011-2012
  - significant discussion regarding the distribution of maintenance funds across systems and localities
- **The CTB meeting on July 20, 2011 established a subcommittee of the Board, which consists of all at-large members to:**
  - evaluate the issues surrounding equalization of maintenance fund allocations
  - and to consider options which could be addressed administratively and legislatively
  - to develop recommendations for the effective and equitable distribution of maintenance funds
  - to present those recommendations to the Board on or before December 31, 2011.
- **The subcommittee has met four times**

## August Meeting

- **Reviewed programs and available data**
  - Code requirements
  - FY12 maintenance budgets
  - FY08-10 local expenditure data
  - Available local performance data
- **Reviewed prior studies/evaluations of local maintenance payments**
- **Reviewed information on devolution studies**

## September Meeting

- **Current VDOT business models for maintenance**
  - **Comparison of the different maintenance programs:**
    - Payment categories,
    - Rate structure, and
    - FY12 budgeted amount
- **Local system maintenance funding policy in other states**
  - **Sampled 3 state programs similar to VDOT:**
    - North Carolina, West Virginia, and Delaware
  - **Sampled 7 state programs that do not maintain local roads:**
    - New York, Georgia, South Carolina, Washington, Tennessee, Michigan and Minnesota
- **Matrix of administrative/ legislative opportunities**
  - **CTB has some discretion in establishing rates**
  - **Changing formula/approach would require legislative action**

## October Meeting

- **Discussion of VDOT's asset management approach for maintenance budgeting**
- **Provided scenarios for distribution of local maintenance funds based on:**
  - **Lane Miles – Inventory**
  - **Vehicle Miles Traveled – Density of travel**
  - **Truck Traffic - Commerce**
  - **Combinations**
- **Discussed other potential factors (data not available to perform analyses)**
  - **Snow/Ice/Emergency Operations**
  - **Sales/Gasoline Tax Receipts**

## General Consensus and Recommendations of the Subcommittee

- **An analysis and comparison of needs across systems is desired before recommending legislative changes**
  - **Lack of available data on local system condition and performance limits further analysis**
- **The most equitable approach to distribution of scarce maintenance funding may be a formula that incorporates a prioritized needs-based factor along with a commitment to maintain our statewide assets, regardless of maintenance responsibility.**
- **Reconvene the local government working group (in partnership with the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia First Cities Coalition) to advance the collection and analysis of system condition and performance data on the locally maintained system.**



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