**Statewide Construction Quality Compliance**

Construction quality, as evaluated by VDOT’s Construction Quality Improvement Program (CQIP), measures project compliance with contract quality requirements. A checklist of more than 1,100 construction quality checkpoints guides this critical assessment. The results show VDOT’s commitment to building quality roads and bridges, while seeking the opportunity for continuous improvement. Through 3/31/16, construction quality (CQIP) compliance was at 95.1 percent, exceeding both the target of 91 percent and FY2015’s third quarter rating of 93.7 percent.

**Schoolchildren Send Thanks to Crews**

Following the historic January 2016 snowstorm, Gov. Terry McAuliffe received dozens of letters and cards from students at Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary School in New Market thanking VDOT crews for clearing the roads.

On March 15, Staunton District employees took two plows to the school to meet the students. Students and operators exchanged handshakes and high-fives. Many children climbed into the snowplow driver’s seat, creating a wide variety of reactions.

“It was really heartwarming to get their messages,” said Mount Jackson Area Headquarters Superintendent Scott Ambrose. “It meant a lot to the drivers and I think it’ll make us work even harder next year.”

**COMMISSIONER’S MESSAGE**

In late January, we experienced a winter storm of epic proportions that covered most parts of the commonwealth under heavy blankets of snow and ice. Virginia Department of Transportation road crews and staff stepped up to the challenge, mobilizing throughout the state into 24-hour emergency operations. Several districts deployed Tiger Teams to assist other areas.

A month later, on Feb. 23, powerful storms, including at least seven confirmed tornadoes, hit parts of Virginia, killing four people. VDOT crews sprang into action again, working to remove debris and reopen roads closed due to downed trees, power lines and flooding in the affected areas.

Our employees are to be commended for their diligent, dedicated efforts during these intense, and sometimes stressful, situations. Residents and visitors appreciated our quick and continued efforts to keep Virginia’s roadways safe and passable.

In other business, during the third quarter, the Virginia General Assembly decided to move forward on a plan to reduce congestion on Interstate 66 Inside the Beltway by widening a four-mile stretch from the Dulles Connector Road to Ballston and enhancing transit. Improvements would be supported with toll revenues collected from drivers of single-occupancy vehicles who would have the new option to use I-66 Inside the Beltway during peak hours. Construction is slated to begin in 2017, with plans to open the new lane to traffic in 2019.

This spring through mid-May, Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Public Meetings are being held in each district. Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne and I are interested in hearing what the public has to say about nearly 300 transportation projects proposed by localities and regional planning bodies from around state. By using a new data-driven prioritization process to score and recommend projects for funding, we aim to ensure limited tax dollars are spent in the best way.

Charlie Kilpatrick, P.E.
VDOT Commissioner

**ALL CONTRACTS COMPLETED ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET**

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Of the 437 FY 2016 construction & maintenance contracts scheduled for completion by 3/31/16, a total of 368 (84.2 percent) were completed on-time.

Of the 424 FY 2016 construction & maintenance contracts actually completed by 3/31/16, a total of 417 (98.3 percent) have been completed within budget to date.

**SCHEDULED CONTRACTS COMPLETED ON TIME**

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Of the 81 FY 2016 construction contracts scheduled for completion by 3/31/16, a total of 67 (82.7 percent) were completed on-time.

Of the 356 FY 2016 maintenance contracts scheduled for completion by 3/31/16, a total of 301 (84.6 percent) were completed on-time.
Major Projects

I-395 Express Lanes: Plans were announced for an eight-mile extension of the northern section of the Interstate 395 Express Lanes in Northern Virginia. The project includes improvements to the Eads Street interchange near the Pentagon and to transit on the I-395/I-95 Corridor.

I-95 Bridge Replacement Project over Meherrin River: Construction on a project to demolish, remove and replace the existing two bridges over the Meherrin River on Interstate 95 in Emporia began Jan. 18.

10th Street Project in Roanoke: A $12 million contract was awarded to improve traffic flow and safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists along a 0.78-mile section of 10th Street in Roanoke.

I-64 Segment II Widening: A $138.8 million contract was awarded to widen and reconstruct more than seven miles of Interstate 64 on the Peninsula in the Hampton Roads District.

Route 29 and Rio Road: Utility relocation work at the Charlottesville intersection is complete, marking an important pre-construction milestone.

Awards and Honors

Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO): Deputy Secretary of Transportation Grindly Johnson was one of 14 women leaders honored by COMTO at a ceremony in Washington.

Richmond Joint Engineers Council: Roy T. Mills, state storm water program administrator, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award and Mike Hall, senior geotechnical engineer in Structure and Bridge, received the Dr. Rodney E. Hanneman Community Service Award at the Richmond Joint Engineers Council’s 2016 Engineers Week Banquet.

Virginia Green Travel Star Award: VDOT received a Virginia Green Travel Star Award for Most Innovative Green Project for a commitment to green tourism practices through its Pollinator Habitat Program at Virginia Welcome Centers.

Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting: Northwest Regional Operations Traffic Engineer Sam Leckrone was selected to deliver a “poster session” at the Transportation Research Board’s annual meeting in Washington on his research paper, “On Using Perfect Signal Progression As the Basis For Arterial Design: A New Perspective.”

Engineering Excellence Awards: The Interstate 66/Route 29/Linton Hall Road Interchange and Railroad Grade Separation and the I-95 Express Lanes in Northern Virginia won engineering excellence awards at the American Council of Engineering Companies of Metropolitan Washington’s 2015 award program. The Route 229 Rixeyville Road project in Culpeper was also recognized.

Nation’s 2016 Top Heavy Equipment Technicians: The Association of Equipment Management Professionals announced their selections for the Nation’s 2016 Top Heavy Equipment Technicians. In the public sector, five of the eight awardees were VDOT equipment repair technicians.

FY 2016 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS COMPLETED ON TIME

Note: The number of actual completions may exceed planned completions when contracts are completed ahead of schedule.

110 construction contracts are currently planned for completion within FY 2016. At least 85 of those 110 contracts need to be delivered on time to meet the target of 77 percent.

FY 2016 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS COMPLETED ON TIME

Note: The number of actual completions may exceed planned completions when contracts are completed ahead of schedule.

373 maintenance contracts are currently planned for completion within FY 2016. At least 288 of those 373 contracts need to be delivered on time to meet the target of 77 percent.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS COMPLETED WITHIN BUDGET

Of the 83 FY 2016 construction contracts actually completed by 3/31/16, a total of 81 (97.6 percent) have been completed within budget to date.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS COMPLETED WITHIN BUDGET

Of the 341 FY 2016 maintenance contracts actually completed by 3/31/16, a total of 336 (98.5 percent) have been completed within budget to date.