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**Nearly \$19 Million Approved For
Statewide Transportation Projects
More park and ride spaces for Northern Virginia**

RICHMOND - The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved \$18.9 million for 34 construction and maintenance contracts during its monthly board meeting this morning (August 16).

The CTB awarded a \$2.9 million contract to JSI Paving & Construction of Springfield Virginia to expand the Horner Road Park-and-Ride lot in Prince William County.

"VDOT has done a tremendous job in planning the development of Park-and-Ride lots in Northern Virginia," said Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner Charles "Chip" Nottingham. "Two years we promised to build 1,200 new spaces, we delivered 2,600 spaces. More than 2,000 additional spaces will be built. These lots are extremely successful, they are heavily used and we continue to build more to meet the growing demand."

In other action, the CTB approved a \$2 million contract to resurface about 7.8 miles of the northbound lanes of I-95 in Caroline and Spotsylvania counties. Much of the work will be done during the night. The project is scheduled for completion in November of 2001. Virginia Paving Company, a division of the Lane Construction Corporation of Meriden, Connecticut, was awarded the contract.

Most of the other contracts awarded include resurfacing roads and various interchange improvements throughout the state. Please refer to district VDOT news releases for further details on specific contracts awarded in your area.

VDOT is experiencing its largest construction program ever in the Commonwealth's history. Over 600 projects worth nearly \$3 billion are under way at any one time. That amount includes projects built under the Public Private Transportation Act.

The 17-member Commonwealth Transportation Board appointed by the Governor meets on the third Thursday of each month. The Board is primarily responsible for locating routes, approving construction contracts, creating traffic regulations, naming highways and administering and allocating the Transportation Trust Fund. Virginia Secretary of Transportation Shirley Ybarra is chairperson of the Board.