The transportation package the governor put forth this year provides the framework for investing an additional $4 billion in Virginia’s transportation system over the next three years to help fund more than 900 projects.

It includes acceleration of $1.8 billion in Capital Project Revenue Bonds, $1.1 billion in GARVEE bonds and $283 million to fund the new Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. VDOT is ready to use this funding to improve our roads and bridges, as well as bolster the commonwealth’s economy.

A key to advancing projects is the dedication of our talented VDOT employees. They have an ingenuity and innovative spirit that brings a sound return on the state’s investment in transportation.

For example, a trio of Northern Virginia District traffic engineers determined – after sitting in traffic themselves – that certain Interstate 66 High Occupancy Vehicle ramps could be used during off hours and weekends to ease congestion. It took time to refine the concept and obtain approvals from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), but the final cost to open the ramps, including signs and installation, was only about $200,000. It garnered the governor’s attention as well, who proudly launched the time- and cost-saving effort in late February.

Greg Whirley
Commissioner
**QUARTERLY NOTES**

- **'Blitz' gets potholes filled**
  VDOT and contractors filled 108,203 potholes throughout Virginia during the governor's second annual "pothole blitz" launched in March after the winter season. Total repair cost was approximately $2.3 million. Residents can report potholes online on the "Report a Road Problem" page on VDOT’s website.

- **Snow removal costs**
  VDOT spent $193.9 million statewide to clear roads during this winter’s snow and ice storms. The agency budgeted $115.4 million for the 2010-2011 season.

- **Rest area program to save money**
  VDOT issued a request for proposals for its new Sponsorship, Advertising and Vending Enhancement (SAVE) program to capitalize on the revenue-generating assets of Virginia’s safety rest areas. The governor announced the program, one of the first in the nation, to allow private firms to set up paid sponsorships and advertising and manage vending at rest areas to defray their operating costs.

- **Route 460 Connector begins**
  Construction began on Phase I of the Route 460 Connector in Buchanan County with a groundbreaking led by the secretary. The project, valued at approximately $113 million, will be completed in 2014. It will have two 250-foot high bridges that will be the tallest in Virginia.

- **Tunnel ceiling project complete**
  Work to remove 3,000 ceiling panels – weighing 750 pounds each – in the westbound tube of the Interstate 264 Downtown Tunnel under the Elizabeth River was completed March 27. The project, which also included removing the associated hanger system, took place over six weekends.

- **VDOT welcomes wounded vets**
  Seven military veterans joined the VDOT Wounded Veterans Internship Program. Launched in 2006 with support from FHWA, it expands the skills of veterans unable to return to a job because of disabilities or the position is no longer available. Since the program began, three interns were placed in permanent jobs at VDOT, and 15 found other employment or started businesses.

- **Commuter parking expansion**
  Secretary Sean T. Connaughton announced the multi-million dollar expansion of commuter parking facilities in the Fredericksburg region to address the overwhelming demand along Interstate 95. Three projects will add up to 3,000 new parking spaces in Stafford and Spotsylvania counties.

- **Motorists slow for zig-zags**
  Zig-zag pavement markings on two roads that cross the Washington & Old Dominion Trail in Loudoun County are helping slow motorists and increase awareness at these intersections. A yearlong VCTIR study of this Northern Virginia pilot project recommends further use of these markings as a cost-effective safety measure.

**THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2011 PERFORMANCE**

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**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS COMPLETED WITHIN BUDGET**

- **3Q FY 2010**
  - **FY 10 Target 82%**
  - **91%**

- **3Q FY 2011**
  - **FY 11 Target 82%**
  - **97%**

- **Note:** 64 construction contracts were actually completed by period end. Of those 64 contracts, 62 (96.9 percent) were completed within budget.

**MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS COMPLETED WITHIN BUDGET**

- **3Q FY 2010**
  - **FY 10 Target 90%**
  - **96%**

- **3Q FY 2011**
  - **FY 11 Target 90%**
  - **97%**

- **Note:** 177 maintenance contracts were actually completed by period end. Of those 177 contracts, 172 (97.2 percent) were completed within budget.