

FY 2021-2026 SYIP COVID-19 UPDATE PLAN

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Background

- **General Assembly Special Session ended November 9, 2020**
- **Governor Northam signed the Budget November 18, 2020**
 - **Approved budget includes provisions for certain flexibilities related to virtual public meetings, the Six-Year Improvement Program, and mitigating impacts of the revenue reductions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **During this unprecedented time, we are striving to be as efficient as possible**
- **Our goal is to keep projects moving on-time and on-budget**

Background

- **Flexibility language provided by Item 430 of Chapter 56 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly (Special Session 1)**
 - **The FY2020-2025 SYIP adopted June 19, 2019, and as amended may remain in effect through June 30, 2021, or until a new SYIP is adopted that is based on the official Commonwealth Transportation Fund revenue forecast reflecting the impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic**
 - **Assistance provided for fiscal year 2021 may be maintained up to the levels allocated in the FY2020-2025 SYIP until a new SYIP is adopted**
 - **CTB may use previously allocated funds not currently needed to support project delivery to mitigate impacts from revenue reductions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and replace those allocations in the year needed to support current project schedules**

Background

- **Flexibility language provided by Item 430 of Chapter 56 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly (Special Session 1)**
 - **The CTB shall take all actions necessary to ensure appropriate coverage ratios for debt backed by the Transportation Trust Fund and distribute funds to the modal programs and Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund in such a manner as to protect core programs, services, and existing projects**
 - **The Secretary shall report to the Governor and Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees on the funding actions planned to be taken under this authority, including a listing of the programs and projects impacted as well as any deviation from the proposed plan**

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- **Recommendation**

1. Build upon actions approved to date to amend and modify the FY2020-2025 SYIP
2. Execute a targeted approach focused on updating specific funding programs
3. Defer certain processes and procedures of a typical SYIP update

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- 1. Build upon actions approved to date to amend and modify the FY2020-2025 SYIP based on funding levels in the FY2020-2025 SYIP**
 - ✓ Updated various federal and state funding programs through amendment and transfer actions approved by the CTB through November 2020
 - ✓ Continued to advance approved projects according existing schedules

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2. Execute a targeted approach focused on updating specific funding programs based on funding levels in the FY2020-2025 SYIP

- **Current Solicitation Cycles for SGR Local and VDOT Bridges and Revenue Sharing**
 - Add new FY2021 selected Local and VDOT bridges, leaving FY2026 un-programmed
 - Add new FY2021/2022 selected Revenue Sharing projects using FY2025-2026 allocations
 - CTB Action planned for December 2020
- **Existing Revenue Sharing Projects**
 - Implement an allocation strategy utilizing previously allocated funds not currently needed to support project delivery to mitigate impacts from revenue reductions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and replace those allocations in FY2021-2024 as necessary to support current project schedules
 - No funding commitments will be reduced and no projects will be delayed due to the proposed allocation restructuring strategy
 - Biennial solicitation cycle will continue with awards in the last two years of the SYIP

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3. Defer certain processes and procedures of a typical SYIP update

- Retain the existing structure of the FY2020-2025 SYIP and reflect adjustments to the new transportation funding formula and distribution factors in the FY2022-2027 SYIP Update
- Defer adjustments to the I-81 program to reflect adjustments to the revised tax structure and debt financing until the FY2022-2027 Update
 - Project schedules will not be impacted by this delay
- Defer traditional Spring and Fall Public Meetings until the FY2022-2027 Update
 - Hold a single virtual public hearing November 24, 2020

Targeted SYIP Update

Summary of Revenue Sharing Allocations Used to Mitigate COVID-19 Revenue Reductions

	Number of Projects	State Match in Previous to be Provided by FY24
Bristol	6	\$8.2
Culpeper	18	\$16.9
Fredericksburg	12	\$27.2
Hampton Roads	55	\$144.9
Lynchburg	14	\$10.3
Northern Virginia	65	\$142.5
Richmond	55	\$51.8
Salem	36	\$18.9
Staunton	29	\$24.3
Deallocations		\$49.9
Grand Total	290	\$495.0

- Funding actions planned to be taken were presented to the CTB and posted online in October 2020
- Adjustments to preliminary strategy will reflect changes based on project activity since March 2020
- No project schedules will be delayed
- No funding commitments will be reduced

Next Steps

Report to the Governor and General Assembly Committees

- Within 5 days of November presentation to the CTB report funding actions taken using the flexibility language in the state budget
- Within 5 days of CTB action in December report changes from previously proposed funding actions

CTB Actions

- **December 2020**
 - Approval of FY2021 recommended SGR Local and VDOT Bridge projects
 - Approval of FY2021/2022 recommended Revenue Sharing projects using FY2025-2026 allocations
 - Adoption of the FY2021-2026 SYIP COVID-19 Update
- **Early 2021**
 - Begin development of a full FY2022-2027 SYIP Update

SMART SCALE Round 4

- **Round 4 of SMART SCALE project prioritization currently underway**
- **Total number of applications received for NoVA – 31**
- **Distribution of applications by principal improvement type:**
 - Bike / Pedestrian Improvement – 4
 - Highway – 23
 - Bus Transit – 3
 - Rail Transit – 1
- **Total cost for submitted applications - \$2.6 B**
- **Total amount of SMART SCALE funds requested – \$1.6 B**
- **Next steps:**
 - Scores and staff recommendations to be provided to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) – January 2021
 - Adoption of projects into the SYIP by CTB – June 2021