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**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON UPCOMING DRAFT SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Four meetings to be held throughout the Commonwealth once draft is released in mid-May

RICHMOND – The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will release the state’s working draft of the Fiscal Years 2014-2019 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) at the next monthly meeting scheduled for May 15. The program will provide additional statewide funding as a result of the historic transportation funding plan passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Bob McDonnell this year. Funding will go toward highway, road and bridge projects as well as rail, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and other transportation improvements across the state over the next six fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013.

Public meetings:

The draft DRPT six-year program will be available online at www.drpt.virginia.gov/about/Finance.aspx on **May 15**, once the CTB has released the program during its meeting, which will be held at 10 a.m. in VDOT’s Central Office Auditorium located at 1201 E Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219.

Following the May 15 meeting, the CTB will hold four public hearings to solicit public comments about essential rail, transit, transportation demand management, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects in the working draft of the six-year program. In addition, the tentative list of projects selected by the CTB for Transportation Alternatives Program funding will be available. Public comments will be considered before the CTB adopts a final program in June. The Fiscal Years 2014 - 19 SYIP will go into effect July 1, 2013.

Public meeting schedule:

Districts	Location	Date
Richmond, Culpeper, Fredericksburg	VDOT Central Office Auditorium 1401 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219	May 28, 2013, 6 PM
Northern Virginia	VDOT District Office Potomac Conference Center 4975 Alliance Drive Suite 1N201 Fairfax, VA 22030	May 29, 2013, 6 PM
Salem, Bristol, Lynchburg, Staunton	Northside High School 6758 Northside High School Road Roanoke, VA 24019	June 4, 2013, 6 PM
Hampton Roads	Chesapeake Conference Center 900 Greenbrier Circle Chesapeake, VA 23320	June 5, 2013, 6 PM

Note: If you can't attend a hearing, comments will be accepted via mail and email once the revised six-year-program is posted on May 15. For DRPT projects, the mailing address is Public Information Office, VA Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219, or email drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov. For VDOT projects, the mailing address is Programming Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or email six-yearprogram@vdot.virginia.gov.

All projects in the SYIP that are eligible for federal funding will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which documents how Virginia will obligate its share of federal funds. Each year the SYIP is updated to reflect the latest projected revenues and transportation priorities.

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