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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sean T. Connaughton, Chairman
Commonwealth Transportation Board

Members
Commonwealth Transportation Board

FROM: David Tyeryar
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SUBJECT: VTrans2035 Update Action Plan

Pursuant to the February 2013 CTB resolution of adoption of the VTrans2035 Update, attached is the VTrans2035 Update Action Plan. This document has been prepared by all agencies within Transportation to identify action items that will implement the performance-based planning priorities in the VTrans2035 Update. Performance-based planning is a performance-driven, outcome-based approach to identifying and prioritizing transportation solutions. This document serves as a reference for individual agency business plans, where specific actions, investments and policies will be taken to implement the VTrans2035 Update.

VTrans Update and Performance-Based Planning

The update of the VTrans2035 policy plan supports a 2011 directive from the General Assembly to prepare VTrans plan every four years rather than every five years. (The original VTrans 2035 was completed in 2009.) This update will serve as the Commonwealth's transportation policy plan until the completion of VTrans2040 in December 2015.

This update of VTrans2035 is focused on transforming the existing components of VTrans2035 into a new framework for linking performance to planning, policy development, and funding decisions. Using performance-based planning, transportation agencies and decision makers can combine information about projected transportation needs with assessments of current performance in order to develop cost-effective strategies that address existing problems as well as anticipate future conditions. The framework is consistent with direction of new federal transportation planning requirements under MAP-21.

The VTrans2035 Update Action Plan

The Action Plan identifies the steps that OIPI, transportation agencies, and other agents such as the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research, should take to implement the performance-based planning system and to advance the investment priorities set forth in the VTrans2035 Update.

The document addresses key components separately. The first set of action items consists of administrative actions that help will guide transportation planning processes throughout the Commonwealth, and align them with the framework established in the VTrans2035 Update. The second set of action items identifies actions and policy directions that will advance the investment priorities of the VTrans2035 Update. The responsible agencies and timeframes for the action items are also specified in the Action Plan. These action items are being considered in the development of agency business plans for FY14.