



**Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School,  
and Recreational Trails to “Transportation Alternatives”**

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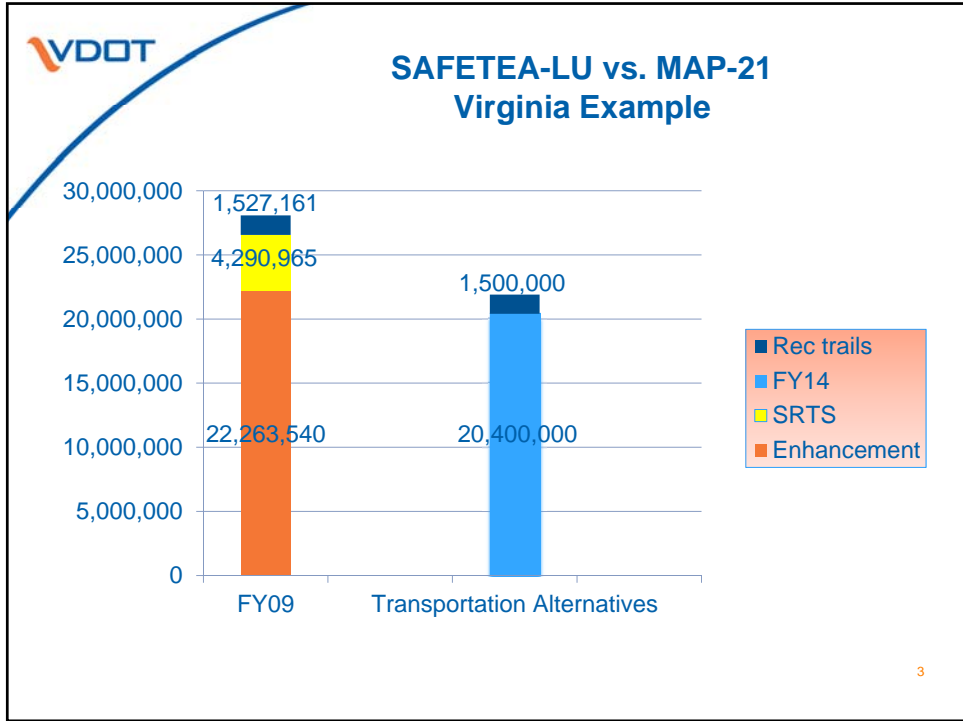
## Transportation Alternatives

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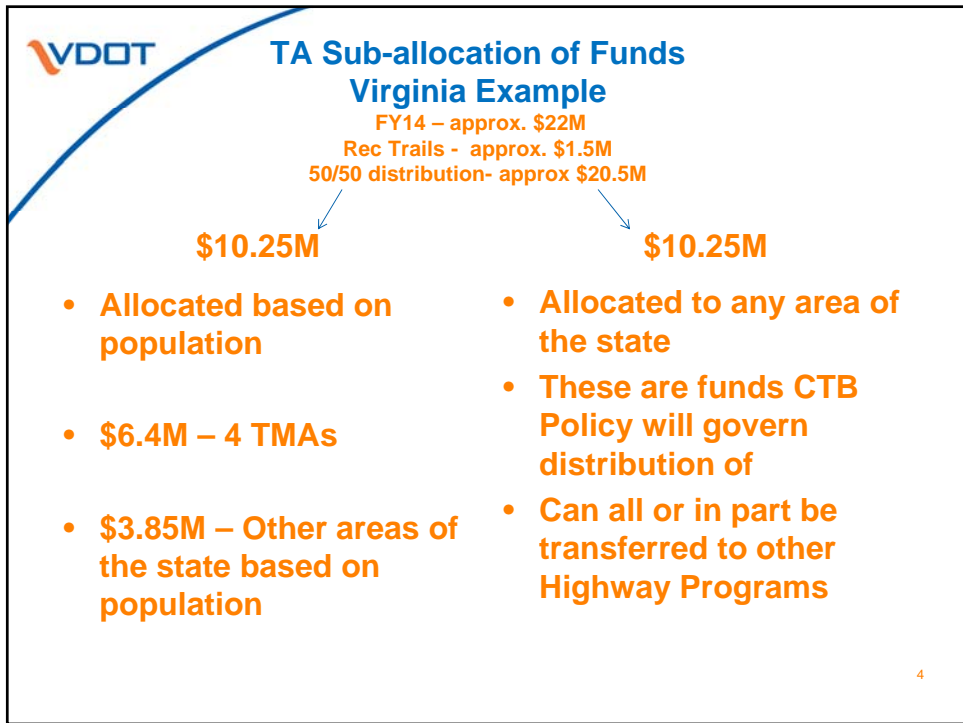
- **Most of the eligible activities from the Transportation Enhancement Program**
- **Recreational Trails Program**
- **Safe Routes to School Program**

**and a new one:**

- **“Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.” (This category has not as yet been fully defined by FHWA)**



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## Estimated Apportionment by TMA/MPO

| <u>MPO</u>    | <u>2010 TMA Population -<br/>by MPO Area</u> | <u>Estimated Apportionment*</u> |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|
| NOVA          | 2,166,805                                    | \$ 2,821,529                    |
| Hampton Roads | 1,515,355                                    | \$ 1,973,237                    |
| Richmond**    | 823,634                                      | \$ 1,072,504                    |
| Tri-Cities**  | 129,922                                      | \$ 169,179                      |
| Roanoke       | 210,111                                      | \$ 273,598                      |
| FAMPO         | 69,079                                       | \$ 89,952                       |

## Eligible Activities

- #1 Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation.
- #2 Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers. (Includes Safe Routes to Schools)
- #3 Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails



## Eligible Activities

**#4 Construction of turn-outs, overlooks, and viewing areas**

**#5 Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising.**

**#6 Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities.**



## Eligible Activities

**#7 Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control.**

**#8 Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under this title.**

**#9 Any environmental mitigation activity, including prevention and abatement activities to address stormwater mgmt., control, and water pollution related to highway construction or due to highway runoff; or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.**



## Eliminated TE Eligible Activities

1. Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education
2. Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites
3. Scenic or historic highway programs
4. Transportation museums



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## Modified TE Eligible Activities

- Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities category combines 2 prior eligibilities; eliminating the previous stand-alone category of Historic Preservation and maintenance of transportation facilities
- Landscaping and Scenic Beautification is no longer eligible as a stand-alone project – only eligible now as part of a larger qualifying activity
- Archaeological Planning and research has gone from a more proactive activity to a reactive activity. Before it was only in relationship to an Enhancement project – it now applies to any highway project
- Safety and Educational activities are still eligible in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Category for activities whose target audience is children in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade

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## Eligible Entities

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities/Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- Tribal governments
- Other local or regional governmental entity that State determines to be eligible
- **NO LONGER ELIGIBLE – State DOTs, MPOs or Non-Profits**

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## Challenges

- Three programs combined = more activities competing for less money
- Transition to a different selection process
- Time frame – Two-Year Bill and FY13 Allocations have already been applied to projects
- Backlog of existing projects underway – some not eligible under MAP-21
- Impact of the “eligible entities” section

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## Enhancement Program – Status & Backlog

- ~\$339M allocated since 1993
- 524 - Projects Completed
- 104 - Under Construction
- 259 - In Development

| Next Phase Only   |             | Entire Project    |              |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Bristol           | \$1,994,601 | Bristol           | \$7,279,710  |
| Culpeper          | \$1,492,914 | Culpeper          | \$5,990,242  |
| Fredericksburg    | \$1,693,133 | Fredericksburg    | \$5,859,298  |
| Hampton Roads     | \$6,150,765 | Hampton Roads     | \$23,905,284 |
| Lynchburg         | \$6,227,645 | Lynchburg         | \$9,152,264  |
| Northern Virginia | \$3,527,072 | Northern Virginia | \$7,384,331  |
| Richmond          | \$4,013,057 | Richmond          | \$33,961,041 |
| Salem             | \$7,412,202 | Salem             | \$17,470,896 |
| Staunton          | \$6,887,831 | Staunton          | \$18,248,373 |
| Statewide         | \$955,705   | Statewide         | \$3,859,705  |

Total: \$40,354,925

Total: \$133,111,144

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## Safe Routes to Schools

### Purpose:

- SRTS was authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (2005).
- SRTS allocates funds to state DOTs for infrastructure and non-infrastructure (education) projects that enable and encourage children K-8 to safely walk and bicycle to school.
- SRTS is 100% federally funded; agreements are for 36 months; and any cost over-runs are absorbed by the locality.

### FY-13 Activities:

- September 2012 to January 2013, SRTS is soliciting new infrastructure projects using pre MAP-21 funding.
- August to December 2012, SRTS is soliciting new non-infrastructure mini grants to encourage activities related to bicycling and walking using pre MAP-21 funding.

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## Interim FY14 CTB Policy

- **VDOT recommended, based on suggestions from FHWA, that there be a consistent eligibility review, application and selection process for FY14**
  - Establish a single application format and scoring process in coordination with the TMAs
  - VDOT will accept all applications initially to determine eligibility for the program and will provide a technical score for all applications
  - VDOT will then provide those technical scores to the TMAs and CTB members for project selection
- **Statewide funds will be divided amongst District CTB members and the Secretary for project selections.**
- **The CTB At-Large members will select projects with the remaining population based funds.**
- **Apply FY14 allocations to existing projects only.**

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## Proposed FY14 Schedule (Existing Projects Only)

- **October 2012 – Work with TMAs on Proposed Application Process**
- **October 2012 – Interim FY14 Resolution approved by the CTB**
- **December 2012 - Solicit applications**
- **February 1, 2013 – Application Deadline**
- **March 15, 2013 – Applications and scores presented to the TMAs and CTB**
- **April 2013 – Tentative Selections**
- **April/May 2013 – SYIP Public Hearings**
- **June 2013 – CTB approval**

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## Path Forward

### Current cycle -

- One-year interim policy to guide the Transportation Alternatives program until complete guidance is available based on MAP-21
- Solicit applications later this year for FY14 Transportation Alternatives funding – focus on existing Transportation Enhancement projects only to reduce backlog
- Solicit applications later this year for new Safe Routes to School projects using pre-MAP-21 funding (no new allocations in FY13-14)
- Work with the CTB, MPOs, and other interested parties to develop a new Transportation Alternatives CTB Policy for implementation with FY-15 selections once better guidance is available to guide MAP-21 implementation
  - Incorporate all eligible Transportation Alternatives categories, including SRTS infrastructure projects
  - Reopen the program to new applicants

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## Transportation Alternatives Program

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## Federal Lands Access Program

- Includes Previous SAFETEA-LU Forest Highways and Public Lands Discretionary Funds
- Now requires a 20% match
- Program Decision Committee (PDC) makes selections (FHWA, VDOT, Federal Agency, Local Government)
- \$3,314,000 (FY13)
- Target dates: 3/2013 – select PDC    10/2013 – solicit project applications
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## Revenue Share Program

- Locality can apply for up to \$10M
- Up to \$5M of that \$10M can be used for maintenance projects
- Priority in funding is given to those projects that can be accelerated in the CTB's Six Year Plan or the Locality's Capital Plan
- Priority in maintenance projects is given to pavement resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation where the infrastructure's condition rating is below the maintenance performance standard
- Next call for applications will probably be in August 2013 with applications due around November 1, 2013
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## Other Programs

### Economic Development Access Program

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### Rural Rustic Roads

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### Virginia Byways Designation Program

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### Safe Routes to School Program

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