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Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Policy Recommendations

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Discussion Items

Recap

- ✓ **Provided Overview of Existing HSIP Program**
- ✓ **Provided Recommendations for Policy Development**
 - **Initial Implementation Plan Development**
 - **Approach to Policy Implementation**
 - **Future Funding Distribution**
 - **Annual Reporting Requirements**

Outstanding Items

- **Additional discussion on Funding Distribution**
- **Selection of Local Projects and Spot Improvement**

Next Steps

HSIP Policy Development: Funding Distribution/Approach - Recommendations

Include funding distribution approach/formula

- **Funds to be distributed based on proportion of fatalities between VDOT and Locality maintained roads**
 - Proportion is approximately 80/20 on a statewide basis
 - Funds for systemic improvements available for Local roads in FY24/FY25
- **Funds to be allocated based on the risk-based locations of systemic safety treatments included in the Implementation Plan**
 - Do not recommend a floor/cap approach – hinders our ability to provide the greatest safety benefits
- **Return project savings to Statewide Account**
 - Cover cost increases, if needed
 - Further advance systemic treatments, especially pedestrian crossings, or
 - Fund spot improvement projects

HSIP Policy Development: Spot Improvement Project Selection - Recommendations

Include approach to selection of spot improvement projects

- **Restrict funding new spot improvement projects until FY2026 SYIP**
- **Provide VDOT Commissioner with flexibility to address more immediate spot improvement projects with CTB concurrence**
- **Minimum threshold for Commissioner to recommend a spot project (prior to FY2026) – applies to VDOT/Local roads**
 - **B/C ratio > 15**
 - **Can be implemented or under construction in less than 12 months**
 - **Number of targeted crashes**
- **Future recommendations for project selection process for FY2026 to be provided in an HSIP annual report to the CTB**

HSIP Policy Development: Locality Project Selection - Recommendations

Include approach to selection of local projects

- **Limit available funding to systemic treatments only**
- **Beginning in FY23 receive local applications for funding**
 - **Funds available for FY24 and FY25**
 - **Applications must be for eligible systemic treatments**
 - **VDOT guidelines to establish process for screening, scoring and selection of projects**
 - **CTB to review and approve projects for funding**
- **Include recommendations for changes in HSIP annual report, as needed**

HSIP Policy Development: Annual Reporting Requirements - Recommendations

Include annual reporting requirements to provide progress updates and possible course corrections

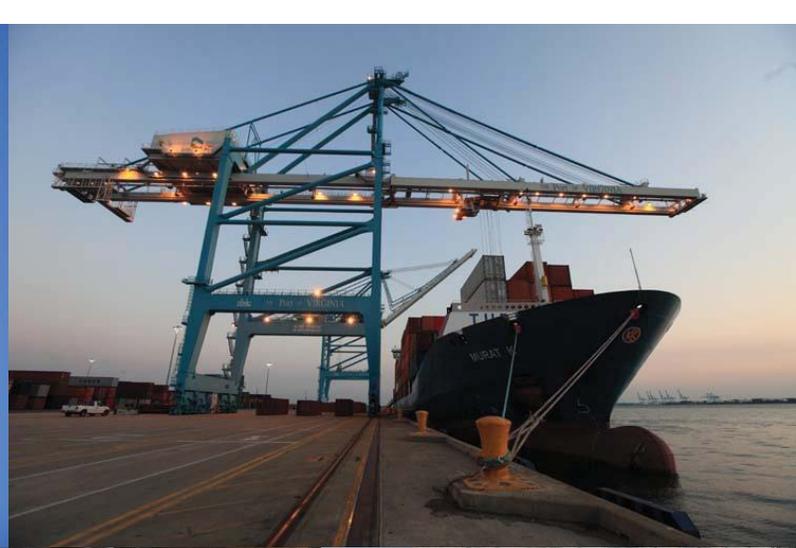
- **Report should include**

- **Progress on advancement of systemic treatments**
- **Funding distribution information**
- **Anticipated benefits of investments**
- **Performance of investments**
- **Recommendations for changes to Implementation Plans**
- **Recommendations for changes to HSIP Policy**



HSIP Policy Development: Schedule and Next Steps

- **Fall Transportation Meetings**
 - Obtain public comment on proposed policy
- **November/December CTB Meeting**
 - CTB adopt new policy





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Thank you.



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