

Members

Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board

Town of Ashland

June 17, 2022

Charles City County

Dear Secretary Miller, Mr. Brown and members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board,

Chesterfield County

Goochland County

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) was formed in the summer of 2020 and has made considerable progress in less than two years of operation. Local leaders, thanks to your support in establishing the CVTA, have been able to accomplish the following tasks:

Hanover County

Henrico County

New Kent County

Powhatan County

City of Richmond

VA House of Delegates

Senate of VA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

1. Make a \$104 million commitment to development of the Fall Line, with cooperative funding of \$42 million secured through the Commonwealth Transportation Board
2. Advance critical local transportation needs, using the 50% local share, in all nine member jurisdictions
3. Approve annual regional public transportation plans for GRTC investment in regional transit initiatives using the 15% dedicated transit share
4. Program \$276 million in regional revenues to a slate of 30 projects that can be leveraged against other funding sources and be shovel-ready in the near future

One project that is a priority for CVTA members which cannot be addressed simply through our own funding mechanism is the need to widen the 29-mile gap on Interstate 64 from exit 205 in New Kent County to Exit 234 in James City County. This project is simply too large to address through only one means of funding. We are encouraged to hear Secretary Miller's remarks at the June 2, 2022 regional joint forum referencing the commitments of the State, Richmond and Hampton Roads as well as Federal grant opportunities.

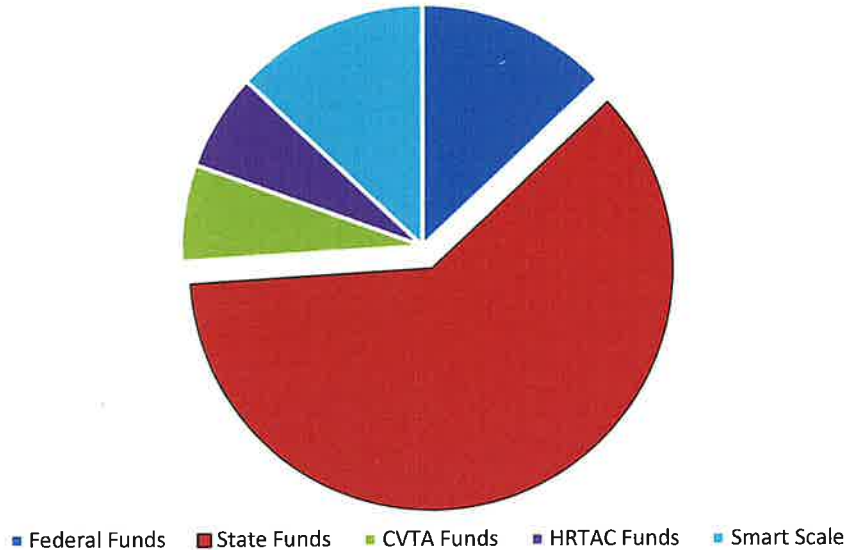
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We are energized by discussion held amongst our membership and the shared desire to complete this gap in one of Virginia's most critical infrastructure components. We are confident that a combination of federal, state, and regional funding can bring this project to reality.

We applaud the action by the General Assembly to prioritize this project in the final state budget and strongly request your consideration of this project as you prepare priorities of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. This project cannot succeed without the partnership of the Commonwealth to get the necessary funding in place.

Our understanding of the current funding opportunity is that through a combination of funds from all partners, funding of the project can be achieved this year. A distribution of available funding sources based on best available information is graphically shown below:

I-64 Gap Need



Please accept this letter as the CVTA's commitment to contribute \$100 million to the overall cost of the project and joining with other partners to make this critical piece of infrastructure a reality. This collective funding can be used as leverage in an effort to secure the remaining funds through Smart Scale or other resources. We look forward to working with VDOT to understand the cash flow needs for the project so we are able to plan when the funds will be needed.

The impact of this project will be felt for generations and we greatly appreciate the support you and your colleagues have given to this effort. Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this update on the CVTA and the funding request to get the I-64 Gap completed. If you have any further questions, please contact Chet Parsons, acting CVTA Executive Director, at cparsons@planrva.org.

Sincerely,

Frank Thornton
Henrico Board of Supervisors
Chair, Central Virginia Transportation Authority