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Introduction

The Urban Construction Initiative (UCI) currently has fifteen localities under agreement to administer their entire construction program. UCI localities include the cities of Virginia Beach, Hampton, Richmond, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Colonial Heights, Chesapeake, Danville, Newport News and Suffolk, and the towns of Blacksburg, Bridgewater, Purcellville and Dumfries. In 2012, the City of Virginia Beach successfully demonstrated their ability to deliver state and federally funded projects and became the first locality to qualify under the certification process. In December 2019, the City of Norfolk submitted a letter of intent to join the UCI in FY2020. The City of Norfolk will be the 16th locality to join the initiative.

Program Accomplishments

The UCI Workgroup reconvened on January 17, 2019. At their January meeting, the workgroup determined topics of interest for the 2019 Annual Meeting and revamped goals and strategic initiatives. In addition to determining topics for the UCI Annual Meetings, the Workgroup participated in discussions on the Qualification Program, UMIS/RIMS project and the public facing ARC/GIS map, pre-award evaluation templates, E-signature pilot, SGR deallocation and locality access to VDOT data. The workgroup’s input contributed significantly to the ARC/GIS map that is now available publically. Several localities in the workgroup continue to work with VDOT to determine needs for local

access to VDOT data. The group continues to focus efforts on completing goals identified in the UCI Strategic Goals with the intent of increasing efficiency and effectiveness of the UCI program. The workgroup consists of representatives from Cities of Virginia Beach, Harrisonburg, Newport News, Richmond, Hampton and this year welcomed the City of Suffolk to the group. There are also representatives from VDOT District and Central Office, and the FHWA.

The updated version of the UCI Strategic Goals is below.



UCI Goals and
Strategic Plan

Annual Meeting

The 2019 UCI Annual Meeting was a two-day event held in June 2019 hosted by the City of Lynchburg.

Day 1 included a welcome by the City of Lynchburg’s Mayor Treney Tweedy and VDOT’s Local Assistance Division Administrator Julie Brown. Topics included legislative updates and an overview of local programs presented by Local Assistance Division, Julie Brown, Russ Dudley and Todd Halacy. Angel Rico from the City of Hampton presented an update for items from the workgroup. City of Lynchburg’s Public Works Construction Manager, Sheree Taylor presented on the city’s revitalization project. Additional topics included Dashboard Stats presented by Jay Styles, VDOT Business Transformation Office; UMIS/RIMS Georeferencing project presented by John Leonard, Local Assistance Division; Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) and Non VDOT Administered Projects (NVAP) database presented by Lloyd Arnold, Local Assistance Division.

Day 2 was a day of training and topics included a presentation and discussion with Jennifer Ahlin, VDOT, Asset Management Division on State of Good Repair local bridge and paving programs. An update to the Smart Scale Application Portal and Smart Scale Funding was presented by Jason Robinson, VDOT, Infrastructure Investment Division. Matt Reynolds, VDOT Right of Way Division presented on Utility Relocation. Michael Fulcher, VDOT Staunton District, presented Right of Way and Construction Checklists, a workgroup item.

The agendas for the Annual Meetings will continue to be determined by the UCI Workgroup and will continue to have a three-pronged approach: business session (updates of program interest), information sharing (lessons learned/technical), and progress on a specific programmatic initiative/focus area led by the Workgroup. A link to the agendas, meeting minutes, presentations and handouts for all previous UCI Annual Meetings held since November 2010 is at the following link:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance-firstCities.asp>

Financial Table

As a result of reductions in the urban formula allocations, the commitment of Urban Construction Funds, including reimbursable federal funds and state funds paid directly to the participating municipalities in their quarterly payment, have diminished since 2009, 2018 was the last year funds were paid out in quarterly payments for residual property. The total financial commitment is shown in Attachment A.

UCI Goals and Major Initiatives for Fiscal Year 2019

- Provide training and development opportunities to enhance local and VDOT competencies, reduce risk, and improve oversight
- Continue to find ways to streamline project development, delivery and oversight
- Facilitate developing and implementing the UCI Strategic Goals
- Reconciliation of urban formula funding on completed projects

Long Term Vision / Goals

- Continue the VDOT shift to a stewardship and oversight role – much like FHWA
- With support of the UCI Workgroup, explore expanding the UCI Program to counties and look at developing metrics to tie membership performance, experience and training to coincide with the launch of VDOT's Qualifications Program

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URBAN CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE
Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Summary

	CITY / TOWN	URBAN CONSTRUCTION ALLOCATIONS		PREVIOUS FUNDING on ACTIVE PROJECTS		PAST PROJECT RECONCILIATION		ANNUAL TOTALS	
		FEDERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS
		(for Reimbursement)	(Quarterly Payment)	(for Reimbursement)	(Quarterly Payment)	(for Reimbursement)	(Quarterly Payment)	(for Reimbursement)	(Quarterly Payment)
	FISCAL YEAR 2005	\$2,781	\$2,268	\$54,277	\$29,612	\$6,353	\$26,563	\$63,411	\$58,443
	FISCAL YEAR 2006	\$4,484	\$10,846	\$3,391	\$2,948	\$908	\$1,352	\$8,783	\$15,146
	FISCAL YEAR 2007	\$19,881	\$12,178	\$1,553	\$2,108	\$596	\$760	\$22,030	\$15,046
	FISCAL YEAR 2008	\$17,579	\$19,872	\$3,941	\$19,169	\$155	\$666	\$21,675	\$39,707
	FISCAL YEAR 2009	\$12,234	\$10,096	\$6,513	\$8,852	\$0	\$965	\$18,747	\$19,913
	FISCAL YEAR 2010	\$2,597	\$2,733	\$1,523	\$1,715	\$0	\$0	\$4,120	\$4,448
	FISCAL YEAR 2011	\$4,835	\$1,396	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,835	\$1,396
	FISCAL YEAR 2012	\$0	\$19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19
	FISCAL YEAR 2013	\$0	\$75	\$800	\$2,427	\$0	\$1,689	\$800	\$4,191
	FISCAL YEAR 2014	\$0	\$41	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41
	FISCAL YEAR 2015	\$0	\$117	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$117
	FISCAL YEAR 2016	\$0	\$1,359	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,359
	FISCAL YEAR 2017	\$0	\$3,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,800
	FISCAL YEAR 2018	\$0	\$4,108	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,108
	HAMPTON	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	RICHMOND	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
F	VIRGINIA BEACH	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
Y	CHARLOTTESVILLE	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
2	BRIDGEWATER	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
0	HARRISONBURG	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
1	LYNCHBURG	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
9	DUMFRIES	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	PURCELLVILLE	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	BLACKSBURG	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	CHESAPEAKE	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	NEWPORT NEWS	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	DANVILLE	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	SUFFOLK	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
	FY 2019 TOTALS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTALS TO DATE	\$64,391	\$68,909	\$71,998	\$66,831	\$8,012	\$31,995	\$144,401	\$167,735
								TOTAL FEDERAL & STATE FUNDS	\$312,136

NOTES:

- Figures in thousands (1,000).
- Figures shown for FY19 and Previous Funding on Active Projects are based on allocations made in FY19 Program.
- Federal Funds are paid to localities on a reimbursable basis.
- State Funds provided to localities as Quarterly Payments and are to be used for state funded projects and/or for local match on Federally Funded Projects. FY 2018 was the last year for Quarterly Payments
- Includes SAFETEA-LU and Local Partnership Funds
- No new federal funds