Review and Discussion of Draft Scope of Work for Study of Issues Associated with Increasing Transportation Funding and Improving Roadway Service Delivery





Study of Issues Associated with Increasing Transportation Funding and Improving Roadway Service Delivery

Study Objectives

- Explore the financial, legal, legislative, and organizational issues associated with transportation funding and the delivery of transportation services within Fairfax County, including the review of potential alternative government models and options for assuming all or a portion of responsibilities for functions now provided by the Commonwealth on the County's primary and/or secondary roads.
- Assess the feasibility and costs of assuming additional roadway responsibilities if doing so would increase transportation funding to the County and/or substantially improve the delivery of service in the County.
- Recommend a course of action to the Board.



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Task I – Examination of Funding Issues

- Evaluate the amount of funding the County may receive from all Commonwealth sources and compare with existing funding levels.
- Determine additional financial resources required and identify potential sources.





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Task II – Exploration of Legislative and Legal Issues

- Examination of all existing statutes
 - Highway allocation formulas
 - Transfer of roadway responsibilities
 - Agreements with VDOT
 - Any legislative changes which may be needed
- Legislative options to increase transportation funding, improve roadway service delivery, and/or facilitate the transfer of roadways
 - Fairfax County's current Urban County Executive form of government
 - Modified County form of government with additional authorities
 - City form of government
 - Establishment of a Service Authority
 - Other options





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Task III – Examination of Costs

VDOT Baseline Historical Cost FY 2004 thru FY 2008 for each system and function

Primary System

- ➤ Planning Functions
- > Operations Functions
- > Construction Functions
- Maintenance Functions

Secondary System

- > Planning Functions
- > Operations Functions
- > Construction Functions
- Maintenance Functions

Estimated Start Up Cost for each system and function

Primary System

- Planning Functions
- > Operations Functions
- > Construction Functions
- Maintenance Functions

Secondary System

- Planning Functions
- > Operations Functions
- > Construction Functions
- Maintenance Functions

Estimated Ongoing Cost for each system and function

Primary System

- > Planning Functions
- > Operations Functions
- > Construction Functions
- Maintenance Functions

Secondary System

- > Planning Functions
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Task III – Examination of Costs (continued)

<u>Planning functions include</u> – system and project planning, site review, modeling, forecasting, etc.

<u>Operations functions include</u> - signing, striping, signalization, safety and capacity studies and construction and maintenance of traffic control devices, ie.. traffic signals, signs, sign structures and pavement markings.

<u>Construction functions include</u> – design, land acquisition, construction, permits, etc.

<u>Maintenance functions include</u> – snow removal, pavement and sidewalk replacement, litter control, mowing, dead animal removal, bridge maintenance, etc.





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Task IV – Staff, Board, and Citizen Coordination and Input

- Coordinate and conduct meetings with County and VDOT staff.
- Coordinate and conduct meetings with County Board members and key stakeholders including a Board-appointed citizen's task force.





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Task V – Recommendations

- 1. Strategies to increase transportation funding to maintain and improve roadway service delivery.
- 2. Legislative changes, if any, that would improve roadway service delivery, increase transportation funding, and, if needed, facilitate the transfer of roadway responsibilities from the Commonwealth to the County.
- 3. Whether or not assuming responsibility for some or all of the roads within the County would increase transportation funding for the County, and/or improve service delivery.
- 4. If an assumption is feasible, helps increase funding, and improves service delivery, what portions of the roadway system should be assumed.
- 5. What functions, e.g., planning, operations, construction, and maintenance, should be assumed.
- 6. Phasing of recommendations and development of an implementation schedule.
- 7. Other recommended actions to be taken.

