

Transportation Enhancement Program Policy Changes

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) took action to revise its policy for the allocation of Transportation Enhancement Funds at its regular meeting on November 19, 2009. The policy revisions focus on the following goals:

- o Focus resources on completing existing projects
- o Apply any funding for new projects to those that promote core transportation functions
- o Modify policy to better enable projects to reach completion

The changes will be implemented over a period of 2 years. The changes that are effective immediately with the current applications due December 1, 2009 are as follows:

- *Increase minimum allocation for selected projects from 25% to 50%*
- *Fully fund any project selected that is estimated to cost \$200,000 or less*

Additional changes that will be implemented next year or later are as follows:

Proposals to be implemented in FY2012

(for applications due Dec 1, 2010)

- *Limit applications to existing projects only for one year (Fund only those projects currently in the program and not add additional new projects)*

Proposals to be implemented in FY2013

(for applications due Dec 1, 2011)

- *Apply any funding for new projects to those that promote core transportation function:*
 - *Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities*
 - *Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education*
 - *Landscaping and Scenic Beautification along Transportation Corridors (including streetscape improvements)*
 - *Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors and Conversion to Trails (traditional rails-to-trails and rails-with-trails projects)*
 - *Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities*
 - *Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites*