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Downsized Six-Year Plan Hearings Kick Off April 16

RICHMOND, Va. – The Commonwealth of Virginia will host six public hearings across the state in April and May to receive public input on a scaled down program for highway and transit improvements.

Hearings will be held at the following locations:

Wednesday April 16, 5 p.m.
Holiday Inn Select
Downtown
601 Main Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Monday, April 21, 6 p.m.
VDOT Bristol District Office
Auditorium
870 Bonham Road
Bristol, VA 24201

Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
VDOT Central Office
Auditorium
1221 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Thursday, April 24, 6 p.m.
Hampton Roads Planning
District Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Wednesday, April 30, 6 p.m.
Rockingham County
Administration Center
20 East Gay Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
No. Virginia Community College
Ernst Cultural Ctr. Forum Area
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003

Six-year transportation revenue projections are down \$1.1 billion from a year ago. These revenue shortfalls will result in a 44 percent reduction in funding for primary, secondary and urban highway construction, and a 10 percent reduction in transit allocations.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board has had to scale back the program. “We continue our focus on safety and projects in the pipeline to make the most of the funds we have available,” said Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer. “Our primary and local roads will take the hardest hit because they are funded last and with state dollars,” he added.

Interstate highway construction projects, funded primarily by federal funds, are not significantly affected by these reductions in state funds.

Lists of specific projects and changes from the current plan will be available at each public hearing and on VDOT’s website at <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/syp-default.asp>.

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