

VIRGINIA HOUSE BILL 2 (HB2)

Funding opportunities for Rural Transportation
March 24, 2016



MAIN POINTS

- *Prioritization for SYIP transportation projects*
- *Improved transparency and accountability*
- *Maximum benefits for tax dollars spent*
- *Objective scoring formula*
- *CTB not required to allocate funds to highest scoring projects*



FACTORS

- *Congestion Mitigation*
- *Safety*
- *Accessibility*
- *Environmental Impact*
- *Economic Development*
- *Land Use*
- *Cost**

HB2 2015-2016

- *First applications submitted September 2015*
- *34 projects ineligible*
- *287 projects scored*
- *Project scores released January 2016*
- *Consideration for SYIP inclusion underway*
- *5 of top 20 highest scoring projects in rural areas*



ELEVATING FACTORS

- *Low Cost**
- *Safety*
- *Intermodal Connection*
- *Low Environmental Impact*

PREPARING APPLICATION

- *Not necessary to hire consultant*
- *“Polished” document not required*
- *VDOT will assist with cost estimates and construction details **if time permits***
- *September 30 application deadline*
- *Support resolutions due December 1*



FINAL THOUGHTS

- *Project should be in Comprehensive Plan, Rural Transportation Plan, or other official document*
- *Local \$ match not required, although including local \$ can help score*
- *Begin work now to submit by September 30*
- *Crater PDC can assist*

