



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**GREGORY A. WHIRLEY**  
COMMISSIONER

April 18, 2012

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** County Administrators/City & Town Managers

**SUBJECT:** Budget Impasse

In light of yesterday's events at the General Assembly, I am writing to notify you of the potential for a continued State Budget Impasse that could extend beyond the end of our current Fiscal Year, June 30, 2012. If the General Assembly does not have an approved State Budget in place before May 1, 2012, I may be advising you of specific measures that will need to be taken regarding the suspension of reimbursements on projects funded through the Department. This early notice will allow our staffs time to process outstanding invoices from the remaining FY12 funding. Specific steps may also need to be taken to ensure the safety of the traveling public, if construction activities need to be suspended until an approved budget is in place.

At this time we feel it is necessary to remind you of paragraph 5 of VDOT's Standard State and Federal Project Administration Agreements, which states "... the DEPARTMENT and the LOCALITY shall not be obligated to provide additional funds beyond those appropriated pursuant to an annual or other lawful appropriation." We will notify you soon after May 1 if the implementation of this clause is necessary so that you can begin the process of suspending work on highway projects funded through VDOT, as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Jennifer B. DeBruhl  
Director, Local Assistance Division