



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**Stephen C. Brich, P.E.**  
Commissioner

Sent by email

**April 23, 2019**

**TO: City/Town Managers and Select County Administrators,**

**RE: FY2020 Local State of Good Repair (SGR)/ Primary Extension Paving and Bridge Programs - Applications and Submittals**

As noted below, on November 1st, 2018, we announced that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) was soliciting submittals from localities for the FY2020 State of Good Repair (SGR)/Primary Extension Paving and Bridge programs. We have a few updates for you. First, the tentative local SGR/Primary Extension Paving project list was presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board on April 9, 2019 and is scheduled for Board approval at the May meeting with funding available on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, once agreements are executed. A link to the presentation and list is provided:

[http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2019/apr/pres/6\\_unpaved.pdf](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2019/apr/pres/6_unpaved.pdf)

Secondly, when the SGR Program began in FY 2017, funding was initially slated to begin in FY 2021 (July 1, 2020). However, the SGR Program received funding in FY 2017 (budget language). The early SGR Program allocations allowed VDOT and localities to get work started earlier than expected. The SGR Program fund availability for bridges for the upcoming Six-Year Improvement Program is in FY 2023 and FY 2024.

The General Assembly in the 2019 Session approved legislation requiring the CTB perform a comprehensive review of investment strategies relating to the Maintenance and Operations and SGR Programs. Once the review is completed, recommendations are required for investment in the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Statewide Special Structures Fund and setting up a long term sustainable program for the Commonwealth's assets (pavements and bridges) and services (snow removal). A link to the legislation is provided:

<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+ful+CHAP0349+pdf>

Based on the FY 2020 SGR Program allocations available and the passage of HB 2784, VDOT is deferring allocations to new bridge projects until FY 2021 (July 1, 2020). This decision was based on funding availability and recent changes to the code of Virginia and affect both VDOT and locality maintained bridges. Any bridge work notification submittals in the SMART Portal for FY 2020 will be carried forward to FY 2021. When the SMART Portal opens for FY 2021, localities will have an opportunity to make changes to their requests from the previous year. The deferment does not impact any SGR Program projects underway (or previously funded).

**Please note that, in order to facilitate the review of work submittals, any new bridge work submittals in FY 2021 must be accompanied by three documents:**

- 1. Sketches of the cross section of the proposed and existing structure (one sheet)**
- 2. Plan view sketch of the project, showing the project limits and indicating the traffic staging**
- 3. One page estimate that includes line items for high-level items such as maintenance of traffic, right-of-way, inspection, flaggers (if applicable), utilities, approach work, and bridge work.**

**Sketches may be hand-drawn and may be in 8 ½" x 11" or 24"x 36" format. . For those localities that requested funding for bridge projects for the FY2020 cycle, your VDOT District liaison will reach out to you to gather the additional information needed for your application being pulled forward for the FY2021 application cycle.**

**If you have any questions or concerns related to the referenced legislation or deferral of SGR bridge allocations this year, please contact Bob Boothe at 804-786-5166 or Jennifer Ahlin at 804-786-6581. For questions related to additional submittal requirements for SGR Bridge funding requests contact Todd Springer at 804-786-7537.**

**Sincerely,**

**Julie R. Brown  
Local Assistance Division Director**