**COMMISSIONER’S MESSAGE**

Improving travel along the Commonwealth’s busiest interstate corridors remains a priority, and the agency continues to drive needed changes. VDOT is implementing solutions to effectively and efficiently deliver improvements to Interstate 81. Operational improvements, including additional traffic cameras to detect incidents, changeable message signs and enhanced communication to motorists, will be some of the first projects implemented as part of the I-81 Improvement Plan.

In April, the Interstate 95 Corridor Study was launched. Public meetings are planned along the corridor to solicit community, industry and stakeholder feedback, with a draft plan report expected in late fall. This is an important step toward easing travel on I-95.

We are also making work zones safer for motorists and our crews. VDOT now requires the use of portable, temporary rumble strips in applicable work zones in Virginia. The rumble strips alert motorists and road work crews when a vehicle drives over them, encouraging slower speeds in work zones.

In June, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved Virginia’s new Six-Year Improvement Plan, which allocates a record $22.9 billion for transportation projects over the next six fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019. The plan provides funding to more than 3,800 transportation projects, including highway, road, bridge, rail, transit, bicycle/pedestrian paths and other improvements.

In this quarterly report, we focus on our commitment to deliver projects within budget by their planned completion dates. Over the last five years, almost 85% of projects have been delivered on time, and more than 90% have been completed within budget.

*Stephen C. Brich, P.E.*

*VDOT Commissioner*

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**PROJECTS FROM BEGINNING OF SMART SCALE THROUGH FY 2019**

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**FY 2020 – 2022**

- **157 projects scheduled**
- **111 VDOT 46 Local**

Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project: On Thursday, April 25, an event in Norfolk celebrated the ceremonial funding and comprehensive agreement document signing for the $3.8 billion Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT) Expansion Project. The HRBT expansion is projected to bolster the economic competitiveness of the Hampton Roads region with expansion is projected to bolster the economic competitiveness of the Hampton Roads region with more than two months early on the project intended to reduce congestion along the I-95 ramps and in the travel lanes at exit 118. The improvements will accommodate current and future traffic demands on secondary roads in the Thornburg area, and enhance motorist and pedestrian safety.

I-95 Express Lanes Fredericksburg Extension: A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 5 at Stafford Regional Airport for the 10-mile extension of the Interstate 95 Express Lanes in the Fredericksburg District, also known as “Fred Ex.” The express lanes are being extended from the current endpoint near Route 610 in Stafford County to the Route 17 interchange area, just north of the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg. The project is anticipated to open to traffic in late 2022.

Awards and Honors

Design-Build Institute of America: The Hampton Roads District won the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) Leadership Award for the Interstate 64 Capacity Improvements - Segment 1 project. Shailendra Patel of VDOT’s Alternative Project Delivery Division accepted the award on behalf of the district at the April DBIA meeting in Cincinnati.

National Work Zone Awareness Week: During the Tuesday, April 9, kickoff for 2019 National Work Zone Awareness Week in Washington, D.C., VDOT Work Zone Safety Program Manager David Rush was recognized for his role in making the annual observance a national event. He was presented with an award from the National Work Zone Awareness Week Executive Committee.

American Public Works Association: The Military Highway Continuous Flow Intersection and Widening project in Norfolk was recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Mid-Atlantic Chapter as the 2019 Project of the Year in the Transportation $25 Million - $75 Million category. Hampton Roads District Construction Engineer John Jacobs accepted the award on Thursday, May 16, at the APWA conference in Norfolk.