

CVTA Technical Advisory Board Update Held on March 13, 2023

Good Morning, I will be giving an update on items discussed at the last CVTA TAC meetings held March 13, 2023:

- For the Fall Line Trail update, we have received proposals for the Wayfinding contract that will help with seamless implementation along the corridor. TAC hopes to have the selected proposal by the April FLWG meeting. Also, the agreement that approved earlier, thank you, this is necessary for localities in the region to review the document as to form and will ultimately enable jurisdictions to spend regional CVTA funds.
- Finally, TAC is in its final steps to provide this body with its recommendations for changes to the Regional Project Selection and Allocation Framework. This is set as an action item at our April 10 CVTA TAC meeting. A few highlights set for TAC approval include
 - CVTA regional funding cycles will be on alternate years, opposite of Smart Scale
 - Project estimates will be submitted using the VDOT Cost Estimate Workbook (CEWB) as a guide.
 - Added Priority Project as an eligible highway category
 - Removes that at least one project should be selected from each of the seven project categories.
 - Removes that at least one project should be geographically located in each of the nine member jurisdictions.
 - Adds language that PE-only and leveraging requests should be funded independent of the other.
 - Added three additional sections on requests for leveraging CVTA funds for outside funding. A key highlight from this enhanced section it re-affirms that localities are allowed two Smart Scale cycles to hold the committed leveraging funds, but also adds that a locality can request in writing to use a portion of leveraging funds for up to 30% Preliminary engineering. TAC believes this may improve the likelihood of successful funding from outside funding agency programs, like Smart Scale and IIJA.