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"VDOT's Partnership with Local Governments"
Presented by Penny Forrest
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In recent years, locally administered projects have become more commonplace in the VDOT improvement program. More and more localities are interested in administering their own construction projects and the establishment of "the First Cities Initiative" has shifted management of entire improvement programs to certain localities. In the 2005 Session, as part of the Appropriations Act, the Department was granted new tools to encourage local governments to assume more responsibility referred to as the Local Partnership Initiatives. This included the creation of the Local Partnership Team which is providing technical assistance and training for localities that are administering road projects. In 2006 legislation, the General Assembly continued to provide incentives for localities to administer their own projects.

In addition to localities managing their own construction projects and programs, many localities are initiating road projects beyond those included in VDOT plans. These projects range from constructing a turn lane with revenue sharing funds to building a road for a new industry in the area to constructing a multilane facility that is part of the locality Capital Improvement Program but not part of VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Program.

Ms. Penny Forrest is a Virginia Tech graduate in Civil Engineering and has over twenty years of transportation experience. She has served in the positions of: Assistant Resident Engineer in Chesterfield, Resident Engineer in Manassas and Petersburg, Assistant Division Administrator in the Maintenance Division and Special Projects Manager. Ms. Forrest has also worked in engineering consulting and management consulting in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Plan to join your colleagues for an overview of VDOT's partnership with Local Governments and a review of current initiatives.

VERY IMPORTANT:

We are at our normal location for the ASHE meetings, the auditorium in the VDOT Central Office complex. In order to gain access to the building, you **MUST** have a picture ID (VA driver's license preferred) or your VDOT identification card.

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Lunch, social time and presentation of member certificates from Noon until 12:15pm; program from 12:15 - 1:00pm

Location:

Front Auditorium
VDOT Building
1221 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia

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