

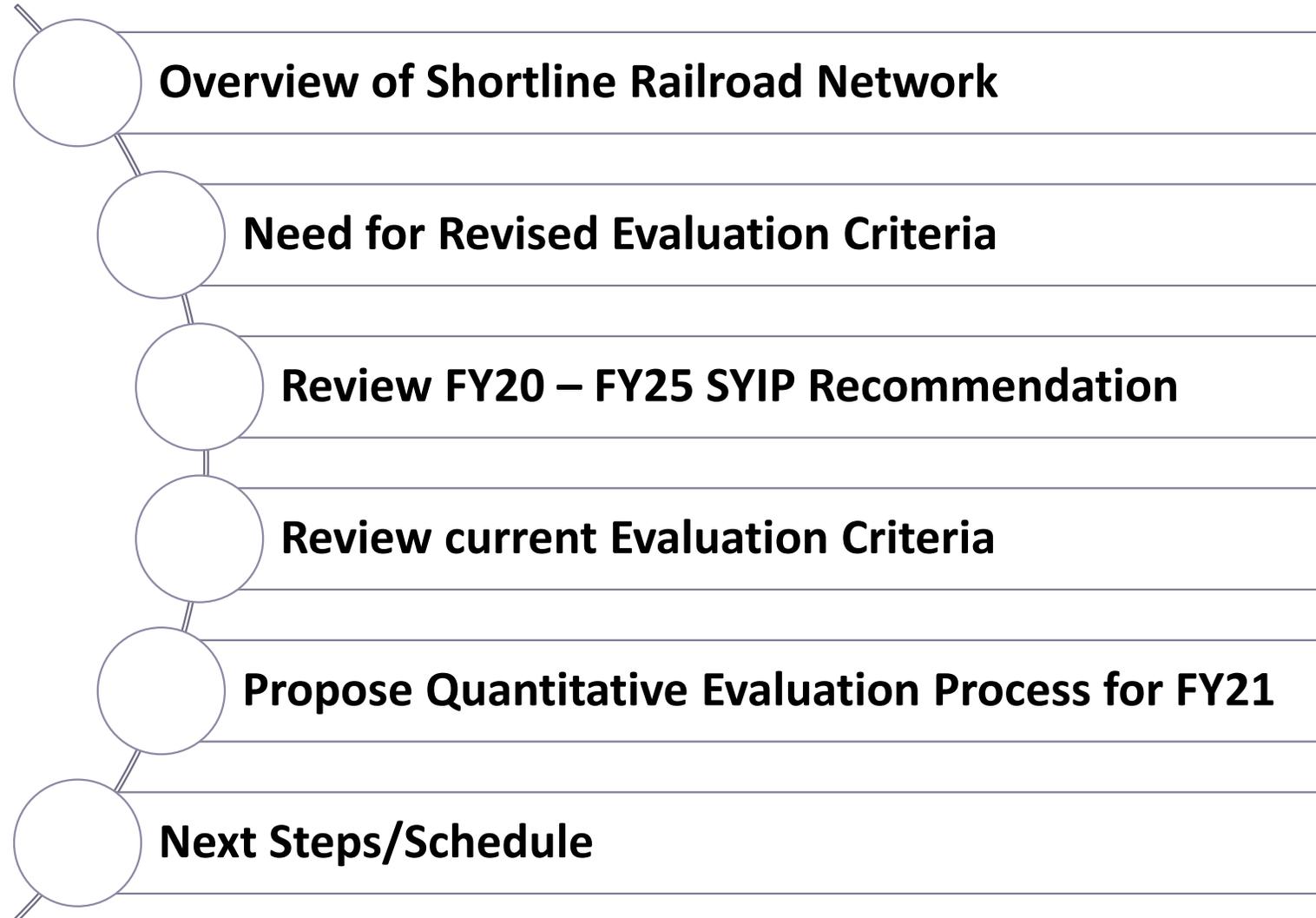


Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Rail Preservation Fund Evaluation Criteria Update

June 18, 2019

Agenda

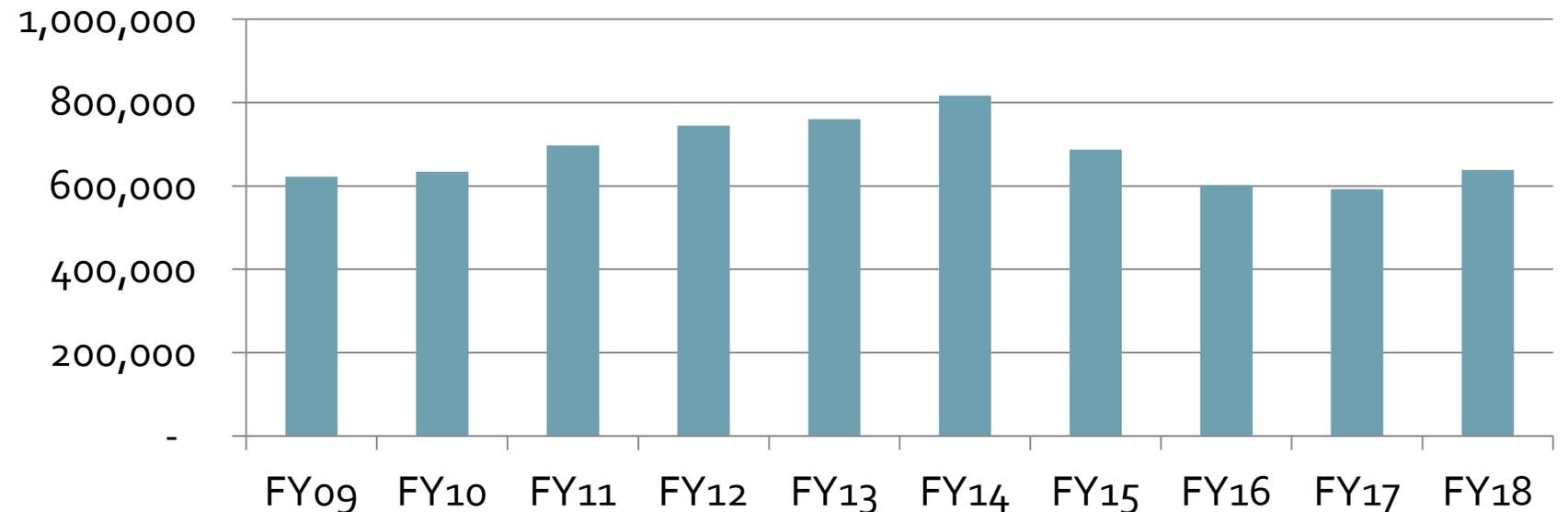


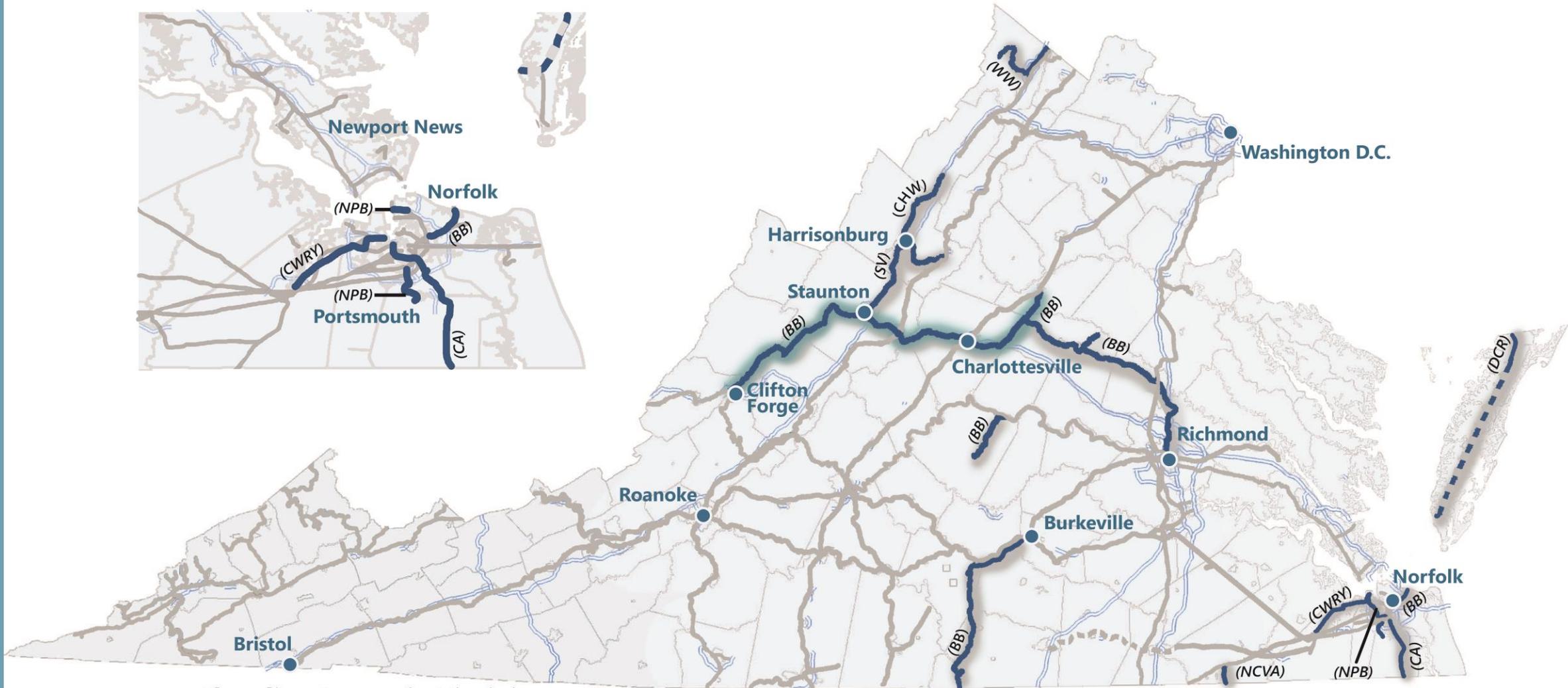
Rail Preservation Fund History



- History of Success
 - Saved lines slated for abandonment
 - Overcome deferred maintenance
 - Growing customer base (small/medium size businesses)
- FY09-FY18 Shortline Network
 - 6.8M Carloads = 23.1M Truckload Equivalents

Shortline Carloads in Virginia FY09 – FY18





Shortline Routes in Virginia

- Out of Service Routes
- Freight Routes
- Passenger Routes
- Cities/Towns

- BCR* Bay Coast Railroad
- BB* Buckingham Branch Railroad
- CA* Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad
- CHW* Chesapeake Western Railway
- CWRV* Commonwealth Railway

- DCR* Delmarva Central Railroad
- NPB* Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad
- NCVA* North Carolina & Virginia Railroad
- SV* Shenandoah Valley Railroad
- WW* Winchester & Western Railroad

Shortline Railroads in Virginia



Buckingham Branch RR

- Passenger Service (Cardinal)
- Most mileage (western, southern, and eastern VA)
- Saved several railroad divisions in VA

Chesapeake & Albemarle RR

- NS owned, G&W lease
- Deferred Maintenance

Chesapeake & Western RR

- NS owned
- Never applied for RPF

Commonwealth Railway

- G&W owned
- CSX/NS access to Virginia International Gateway Port

Delmarva Central RR

- Improved from Excepted to Class I Track
- Business development needs

North Carolina & Virginia

- G&W owned
- 4 miles in Virginia – CSX Interchange

Norfolk & Portsmouth Beltline RR

- NS/CSX stockholders
- Provides access to NIT and PMT, customers

Shenandoah Valley RR

- Owned by customers on the line
- Growing transload operations

Winchester & Western RR

- Quarry operations
- Owned by a Mining Company

FY20 – FY25 Rail Preservation Fund

Grant Requests Exceed Program Capacity

- RPF priority requests now exceed the RPF Capacity
- Previously DRPT has been able to prioritize and fund needs based on check list criteria
- Most priority projects received a 70/30 grant
- REF funds can supplement RPF as bond funds are fully spent down in FY20
- *Need more quantitative evaluation criteria*



FY20 – FY25 Rail Preservation Fund



- Recommended transfer of \$2.5M from REF to RPF
- Only FY20 requests recommended for funding
 - 4 of 14 applications recommended for funding
 - DRPT & Shortlines will work to develop data driven evaluation/objective criteria for future prioritization
 - Provide better analysis of long-term capital needs

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
RPF Funds	\$3.9M	\$3.9M	\$3.9M	\$3.9M	\$3.9M	\$3.9M
RPF/Bond Carryover	\$3.7M	-	-	-	-	-
REF Transfer to RPF	\$2.5M	\$3.0M	\$0.9M	\$1.3M	\$0.3M	\$0
Grantee Match	\$4.2M	\$2.8M	\$2M	\$2.2M	\$1.8M	\$0
Total Programmed	\$14.3M	\$9.7M	\$6.8M	\$7.4M	\$6M	\$0.0M

Current RPF Evaluation Criteria



Check List Criteria



Supports State of Good Repair (SOGR)

- FRA Class 2 Track Safety Standards
- 286K Load Capacity on Bridges



Supports past RPF Investments



Economic Development

- Capacity Improvements
- Promotes customer growth



Meets State Rail Plan goals/objectives, State priorities

Proposed Approach



Tier I: Threshold Criterion

Yes or No: (yes to move forward)

- Project seeks a State of Good Repair
- Aligns with Program Policies

Proposed Approach



Tier II: Scoring Criteria

- Develop Program Evaluation Criteria for Scoring
 - Proposed Categories:
 - State of Good Repair
 - Aligns with State Priorities
 - Critical Infrastructure
 - Resiliency
 - Redundancy
 - Operational Capacity
 - Supports Past RPF Investments
 - Regional Economic Benefit
 - Supports Rail Industrial Access Investments

Proposed Approach



Next Steps

Develop Scoring System

- June/July: Score past projects with draft criteria
- July: CTB-R Workshop with proposed criteria

Proposed Approach

Railroads Submit Applications

DRPT Scores Applications

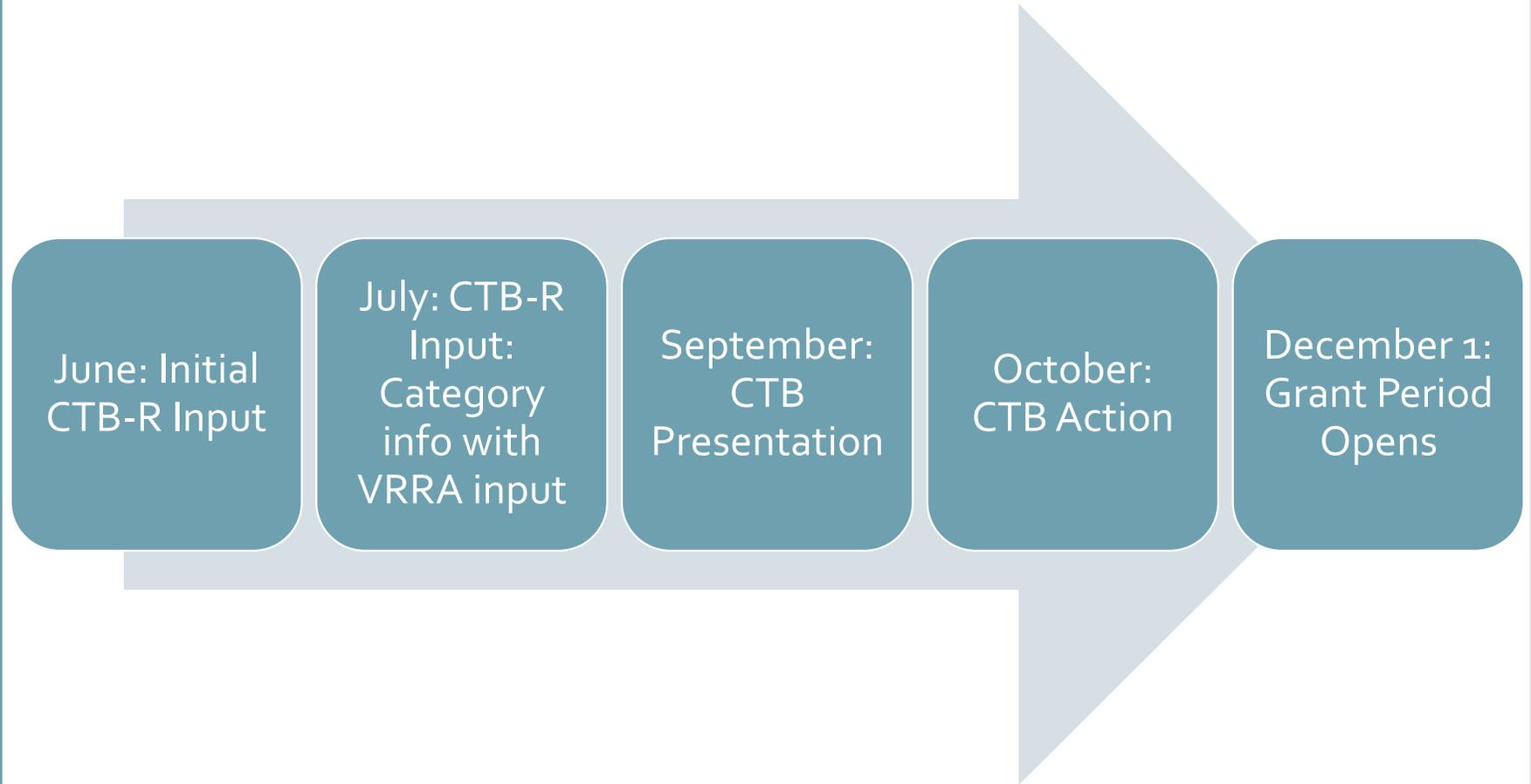
DRPT review to ensure equitable distribution of available funds

DRPT presents recommendations in draft SYIP



Next Steps

Schedule





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Thank you