

# **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: *FISCAL ANALYSIS AND RISK ASSESSMENT OF REVISING THE 2030 LRTP***

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# BACKGROUND

- **Staff currently developing 2034 LRTP**
  - Scheduled completion no later than January 2012
  - Greater emphasis on Public Participation
- **Concerns and interest in amending 2030 LRTP**
  - Funding source currently includes HRTA revenues including taxes, fees, and tolls.
  - Virginia Supreme Court ruling regarding Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia transportation authorities
- **MPO requested analysis of risks at April meeting.**

# 2030 LRTP AMENDMENTS: GUIDANCE FROM FHWA

## Advancement of projects

- “Updates to a TIP or the STIP would be acceptable as long as they do not include the removed or reduced sources of funding.”
- “If a plan, TIP, or STIP lists revenues from these authorities as funding sources for projects therein, federal action will not be taken on these documents or projects therein until an alternative funding source is identified or the project is removed from the plan or program.”

Source: FHWA Letter of March 6, 2008.

# 2030 LRTP AMENDMENTS: GUIDANCE FROM FHWA

## Costs and revenues

- “...while the HRTA funds (which are no longer reasonably expected to be available) could not be used to fiscally constrain the plan, the MPO would not be required to update the other revenue estimates used to constrain the plan.”
  
- “Using the same logic, an update of the cost estimates in the plan would not be required.”

Source: FHWA, 3/20/09.

# **2030 LRTP AMENDMENTS: SUMMARY OF GUIDANCE FROM FHWA**

- **HRTA-funded projects can be advanced, however, Federal action cannot be taken without an alternative funding source identified**
- **Non-HRTA funded projects can be advanced and acted upon.**

Source: Summary of FHWA guidance, March 2009.

# REGIONAL PROJECT STATUS

2030 LRTP Major Regional Projects	Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Record of Decision (ROD)	Current PPTA Activity
I-64 Southside	na	na	na
Phase I of Third Crossing	√	√ (June 2001)	na
I-64 Peninsula	na	na	na
Midtown Tunnel/MLK Extension	√	√ (July 2007)	Active
Southeastern Pkwy & Greenbelt	Preliminary EIS revoked (April 2009)	na	na
Dominion Blvd	FONSI (March 2009)	na	na
US Route 460	√	√ (September 2008)	Active

Source: VDOT website; VDOT staff.

Notes: Phase I of Third Crossing is an expansion of I-664.

PPTA = Public- Private Transportation Act.

FONSI = Finding of No Significant Impact.

# RECORD OF DECISION

**ROD does not technically expire, however, re-evaluation of the Final EIS is required if major steps to advance the project have not occurred within three years of Final EIS approval.**

Source: 23 CFR 771.129 (b) and FHWA staff

# FUNDING OF MAJOR PROJECTS IN 2030 LRTP

In millions of dollars.

2030 LRTP Major Regional Projects	HRTA taxes, fees, and tolls	Other Sources	Total
I-64 Southside	\$1,080	\$0	\$1,080
Phase I of Third Crossing	\$2,035	\$0	\$2,035
I-64 Peninsula	\$966	\$134	\$1,100
Midtown Tunnel / MLK Extension	\$775	\$0	\$775
Southeastern Pkwy/Dominion Blvd	\$2,757	\$80	\$2,837
US Route 460 (HR portion)	\$523	\$9	\$532
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,136</b>	<b>\$223</b>	<b>\$8,359</b>

Phase I of Third Crossing is an expansion of I-664.

Source of data: "Hampton Roads 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan", December 2007.

# PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES ON MAJOR REGIONAL PROJECTS

In millions of dollars.

2030 LRTP Major Regional Projects	PE	ROW	Construction	Total
I-64 Southside	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Third Crossing	\$8.49	\$0	\$0	\$8.49
I-64 Peninsula	\$1.59	\$0	\$0	\$1.59
Midtown Tunnel / MLK Extension	\$4.24	\$0	\$0	\$4.24
Southeastern Pkwy	\$3.37	\$0	\$0	\$3.37
Dominion Blvd	\$6.58	\$0	\$0	\$6.58
US Route 460	\$9.20	\$0	\$0	\$9.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33.47</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$33.47</b>

Source of data: VDOT staff.

# REPAYMENT OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COSTS

- **Right-of-way or construction must be started by close of 10th fiscal year following project authorization**
- **If not, state must repay all Federal-aid reimbursements for PE costs**

Source: FHWA "Repayment of Preliminary Engineering Costs" memo of June 26, 2008

# AMENDING THE 2030 LRTP

- **Accelerate the discussion of major regional projects**
  - Funding of regional projects with loss of HRTA funds will ultimately have to be addressed in 2034 LRTP

# **NOT AMENDING THE 2030 LRTP**

- **Non-HRTA funds (NHS, RSTP, etc.) on HRTA projects remain idle**

“...federal action will not be taken on these...projects until an alternative funding source is identified or the project is removed from the plan...”

# TTC RECOMMENDATION

**At May meeting, TTC moved to begin the process of amending the 2030 Plan.**

# NEXT STEPS

**VDOT & MPO staff work with VDOT's on-call consultant to:**

- **Improve Project Prioritization using:**
  - **MPO's existing Project Evaluation and Prioritization Process**
  - **VDOT's existing Project Prioritization program**
  - **Additional research**
- **Complete the 2030 LRTP amendment process**

# Comments or Questions?

