

**Summary Minutes of the
HRTPO Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) Meeting
March 21, 2025**

The HRTPO Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Regional Building Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake Virginia, with the following in attendance.

Alan Budde (NO)
David Jarman (VB)
Caitlin Aubut (YK)
Tim Sullivan (WATA)
Angela Rico (NN)
Eugene Thayer (PO)
Todd Halacy (VDOT)
Lamaquia Boone (VDOT)
Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)
Jason Sauders (SU)
Andi Kerley (CH)
Keisha Branch (HRT)
Sherri Dawson (HRT)
Francis Moll (NO)

Caleb Kerwitch (PQ)
Stanley Smith Jr. (VB)
Ben Goodill (WATA)
Lisa Frenllenberger (NN)
Stafanie Strachan (HA)
Paul Holt (JCC)
Dinah Oliver (VDOT)
Darryll Lewis (SU)
Angela Effah-Amponsah (VDOT)
Jamie Oliver (IW)
Brian Lewis (GL)
Ray Amoruso (HRT)
Oliver Burke (VHB)

The following others were recorded attending:

John Mihaly (HRTPO)
Jeff Raliski (HRTPO)
Pavithra Parthasarathi (HRTPO)

Kathlene Grauberger (HRTPO)
Matthew Harrington (HRTPO)

Approval of Agenda

Chair Carol Rizzio asked for any additions or subtractions to the agenda. Hearing none Ms. Angela Rico Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Paul Holt . The Motion Carried.

Minutes

Chair Carol Rizzio indicated that the TPS Summary Minutes of the November 22, 2024 meeting were included in the March 21, 2025, TPS Agenda. She asked for any modifications

to the minutes. Hearing none, Mr. David Jarman Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Ms. Angela Rico. The Motion Carried.

Draft Fiscal Year 2026 – FY 2031 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Funding Reductions

Mr. John Mihaly began the discussions on the notification from VDOT that there were reductions to the funding levels for the CMAQ, RSTP, and CRP programs. He asked Mr. Todd Halacy of VDOT to explain further on this matter. Mr. Halacy stated that the reductions were based on the updated funding forecasts for the programs. The reductions were based on improper assumptions due to delayed or wrong schedules and budgets.

Mr. Mihaly stated that TPO staff had asked if this was just for the Hampton Roads Region or if these reductions had been for the whole state. These reductions were taking place for a majority of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Mihaly introduced three tables that showed the updated funding amounts for CMAQ, RSTP, and CRP. He stated that with the amount of reserves that the TPO has, the projects that received reductions could be made whole again. Ms. Kathlene Grauberger stated the reduction letters would be submitted at a later date and that HRTPO staff hopes to have this process completed by early July 2025.

Mr. Mihaly detailed the tables that showed the overall reductions for all three programs as well as the total amount in the reserve accounts by FY. The only year where a reduction was required on a CRP project was FY 2026.

Mr. Mihaly stated that the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) had informed him that they would take the FY 2026 funding \$505,484 reduction in order to balance the SYIP budget.

Mr. Mihaly recommended that for the RSTP reductions one project was able to cover the total amount. The George Washington project in Gloucester could handle the reductions and be reimbursed on the back end with the reserve amounts available.

Mr. Brian Lewis asked if the reductions would have an impact on the schedule and timeline of the project. Mr. Halacy stated that since the project is funded through FY 2030 it would not affect the schedule. Ms. Grauberger stated that the re-allocations would take place directly following the reductions on or after July 1, 2025.

Mr. Halacy stated that spreading out the money over the life of the project is a goal for VDOT so that project funding is more in sync with the project schedule.

Mr. Mihaly stated that for CMAQ there were reductions needed in FYs 26, 27, 28, and 30 and offered suggestions to address it. HRT and James City County had projects that could be considered for funding reductions in the listed years.

Mr. Paul Holt asked about when the money is re-allocated if it would be for the same fiscal year. Mr. Mihaly stated that since the money would be coming from the reserve account, which consists of previous FY money, the money would be available immediately. Ms. Grauberger stated that it would be from the year that the money was originally from in the reserve account.

Mr. Halacy stated that it would be beneficial for the reserve money to go to projects that could spend the money in a relatively quick time frame.

Mr. Ray Amoruso asked when the money would be available. Mr. Mihaly said that the money would be available in July 2025. Mr. Amoruso then stated that the funds could be spent quickly with the HRT project, and that it would work for FY 26.

For FY 27 Mr. Mihaly asked for volunteer projects that could handle the reduction amount and utilize the funding immediately. York County and WATA were able to split the reduction amount between their projects in FY 27.

For FY 28 Chesapeake volunteered to take the full amount on their Signal System project.

For FY 30 Chesapeake took care of this reduction amount on their Centerville Turnpike project by moving money to FY 29.

Mr. Mihaly stated that the subcommittee would reconvene in June to finalize the reductions and at that point, the re-allocations could take place.

Mr. Mihaly summarized the reductions that were made to projects. With the updates to the appropriate tables, he asked for approval. Ms. Angela Rico Moved to approve the changes to the projects as shown below; Seconded by Mr. Paul Holt. The Motion Carried.

Project Reduction Amounts

- CMAQ – HRT Bus Vehicle Replacement – FY 26 – \$1,427,547
- CMAQ – WATA Five Bus Purchase Replacement – FY 27 - \$45,454
- CMAQ – York Victory Boulevard Shared Use Path – FY 27 - \$497,628
- CMAQ – Chesapeake Signal System Upgrade w/Study – FY 28 - \$877,102
- CMAQ – Chesapeake Centerville Turnpike/Elbow Road Intersection Improvements – FY 30 - \$31,546
- RSTP – Gloucester GW Highway (Route 17) Widening Phase 1 – FY 26 - \$4,050,853
- RSTP – Gloucester GW Highway (Route 17) Widening Phase 1 – FY 27 - \$1,094,612
- RSTP – Gloucester GW Highway (Route 17) Widening Phase 1 – FY 28 - \$ 1,797,587
- CRP – VPA Green Operator Program – FY 26 - \$505,484

Old/New Business

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi for locality staff to make city managers and agency heads aware of the changes made. Mr. John Mihaly mentioned that the next meeting would be on June 20, 2025. Additionally, he discussed the possibility of increasing the lifetime cap for CRP funded projects and asked if this would be a topic the subcommittee would be interested in discussing at the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no more business before the HRTPO Transportation Programming Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.