

**AGENDA ITEM #8: FY 2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT: YORK COUNTY**

SUBJECT:

A request to cancel three CMAQ projects and return the remaining funds to the HRTPO CMAQ reserve account.

BACKGROUND:

Attached is a request from York County to amend the HRTPO FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to cancel three projects funded in part with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and to return the CMAQ funds remaining on those projects to the HRTPO CMAQ reserve account.

The affected projects are:

- UPC T4316 – Yorktown 225th Transportation System
 - Transfer \$45,500 FY 07 CMAQ allocation to HRTPO CMAQ reserve.
- UPC 16316 – Cook Road (Route 704) Bikeway
 - Transfer \$226,082 FY 99 CMAQ allocation to HRTPO CMAQ reserve.
 - Transfer \$613,417 FY 01 CMAQ allocation to HRTPO CMAQ reserve.
- UPC 84482 – Lightfoot Road (Route 646) Bikeway
 - Transfer \$106,400 FY 08 CMAQ allocation and \$26,600 state match to HRTPO CMAQ reserve.

The proposed TIP amendment has been made available for public review and comment. The public review and comment period for this amendment request began on December 19, 2012 and runs through January 2, 2013.

Attachment 8

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the TIP Amendment.

County Administration

County Administrator
James O. McReynolds



Administrative/Legislative Services
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November 20, 2012

CORRECTED

Dwight Farmer
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
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Dear Mr. Farmer:

Please accept this letter as York County's request for several revisions to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Current cost estimates, allocations, obligations, expenditures, and funds available for transfer associated with the affected projects have been confirmed by Mr. Stephen Rowan, Director of Program and Investment Management for VDOT's Hampton Roads District. The projects and our requests are as follows:

- **UPC T4316 – Yorktown 225th Transportation System: *FY 07 Allocation - \$45,500 CMAQ allocation / zero federal obligation / zero expenditures:***

This project was requested in late 2005 in anticipation of the public transportation needs associated with the 2006 commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the British surrender at Yorktown. Unfortunately, the project allocation approved by the MPO was not officially established in the various VDOT procedures and systems until after the commemoration event had actually taken place, thus eliminating any opportunity for use of the funds. Accordingly, we request that this project listing be deleted from the various plan listings and that the funding allocation be returned to the CMAQ regional reserve.

- **UPC16316 – Route 704 (Cook Road) Bikeway: *FY99 Allocations - \$226,082 and FY01 Allocations - \$613,417 = Total \$839,499 CMAQ allocations / \$16,559 federal obligation / \$22,265 expenditures:***

This project was originally proposed and scoped to involve construction of a separate bike path along a segment of Route 704 (Cook Road) where the combination of narrow pavement, tourist traffic, and bicycle traffic creates the potential for accidents and injuries. The CMAQ funding represents a portion of the amount originally approved for implementation of the Williamsburg Area Regional Bikeways Plan (UPC 13500). However, after preparation of several concept level options (separate path / shoulder bike lanes), it was determined that the National Park Service

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would oppose both due to potential impacts on the Revolutionary War earthworks situated on both sides of the roadway. As a result, it was determined that it would be impossible to design bike accommodations that would meet the dimensional standards required for use of federal funds. The expenditures to date represent the preliminary engineering costs incurred by VDOT in developing the concept level drawings.

Safety improvements in the form of widened paved shoulders are now being pursued for this segment of Cook Road using another funding source. Accordingly, the County requests cancellation of the CMAQ project and FHWA waiver of payback for the Preliminary Engineering costs incurred by VDOT. This would result in a balance of \$821,687 of CMAQ funds being returned to the CMAQ regional reserve. Assuming FHWA waiver of payback, the \$22,265 in expenditures would be covered by \$17,812 of CMAQ funds and \$4,453 of Secondary System funds.

This action also would effectively close out UPC 13500, and both Williamsburg and James City County concur with that being done.

- **UPC 84482 – Route 646 (Lightfoot Road) Bikeway: FY08 Allocation - \$147,200 CMAQ allocation / \$36,800 FY08 State Match for CMAQ / \$40,800 federal obligation / \$5,994 expenditures:**

This project was originally scoped to involve the installation of shoulder bikelanes along a 0.8-mile segment of Route 646 (Lightfoot Road). However, after preparation of preliminary concept level drawings by VDOT, the project cost was re-estimated to be \$3,137,258, an amount that cannot be supported by the current allocation nor any other available, or potentially available, funding sources.

Accordingly, the County requests cancellation of the CMAQ project and FHWA waiver of payback for the Preliminary Engineering cost incurred by VDOT. We request that the \$106,400 in unobligated CMAQ funds, accompanied by \$26,600 in State match, be returned to the regional reserve. Assuming FHWA waiver of payback, the \$5,994 of VDOT-incurred costs would be covered by \$4,795 of CMAQ funds and \$1,199 of State matching funds. This would then leave a balance of \$36,005 of obligated CMAQ funds to also be returned to the regional reserve for re-obligation to some other eligible project.

We will appreciate your review and consideration of these requests and will be happy to provide any additional information that is necessary.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Carter
Assistant County Administrator

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