

D. Authorizing Resolutions for FY 2021 Federal and State Grant Applications

Each year, the HRTPO applies for regional planning funds under two federal programs that supplement the primary planning funds the HRTPO receives under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Section 112 Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds program. One is the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 program and the other is the FHWA State Planning and Research (SPR) Funds program.

Section 5303 funds are designated for transit planning and research activities. The FTA apportions Section 5303 funds for Virginia to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) receive their apportionments from DRPT based on an urbanized area population-based formula. These funds require a 20% match, which is typically divided between the state and the MPO or transit agency, each contributing 10%. The HRTPO retains a portion of Section 5303 funds and allots the remaining funds to Hampton Roads Transit, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, and Suffolk Transit via pass-through agreements.

SPR funds are administered by VDOT and are the primary source of funding for statewide long-range transportation planning in non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. SPR funds require matching funds of 20%.

Both programs require a resolution authorizing the HRTPO Executive Director to:

- File an application for the funds on behalf of the HRTPO
- Execute and file all necessary certifications and assurances, as well as any other documents or information required for the application
- Execute a grant agreement on behalf of the HRTPO

The resolutions (attached) also certify that the local share required to match the federal funds shall be made available from resources available to the HRTPO.

Attachment 7-D1: HRTPO Board Resolution 2020-01 – FTA Section 5303 Program

Attachment 7-D2: HRTPO Board Resolution 2020-02 – SPR Program

Recommended Action:

Approve the resolutions and authorize the Executive Director to file applications and execute the associated documents for the FY 2021 FTA Section 5303 and SPR funding programs.



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2020-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION DIRECTING STAFF TO ASSIST THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN TRANSPORTATION RELATED MATTERS AS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 23 USC 135.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking assistance in transportation planning related matters for the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) to comply with based on the provisions of 23 USC 135; and

WHEREAS, the Federal State, Planning and Research (SP&R) funds in the amount of \$58,000 are being made available to the HRTPO for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the HRTPO elects to provide the local share match of \$14,500 to utilize SP&R funds for the benefit of the local jurisdictions comprising the Hampton Roads region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization that the Executive Director is directed, for and on behalf of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, to furnish such documents and other information as may be required to qualify for authorization under the agreement with VDOT and to administer such SP&R funds made available, certifying that they shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 420, State, Planning and Research Program Administration.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 20th day of February, 2020.

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