

ITEM #7: CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RECONCILIATION: UPDATE – VDOT and HRTPO

Discussions within VDOT's Executive staff have focused on unexpended balances on projects, poor burn rates, the financial health of VDOT's funding programs, and maximizing the use of limited funding resources.

The Appropriation Act requires Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds to be federally obligated within 12 months of their allocation by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and expended within 36 months of such obligation. If these requirements are not met, then the CTB shall use the funds for any other project eligible under 23 USC 149.

Based on a review of projects within the Hampton Roads TPO, 48 projects were federal final vouchered before 2017 and have a deficit or unexpended CMAQ funds remaining beyond the 36-month timeframe set out in the Appropriation Act.

Letters will be mailed to localities the week of March 8, 2021 outlining the final vouchered project balances and deficits. All transfers need to be considered by the TTAC at its April 7, 2021 meeting, approved by the HRTPO Board at their April 15, 2021, meeting and processed by VDOT before June 1. ***TPS and TTAC members are strongly encouraged to brief their CAOs and Elected Officials on the urgency of this initiative.***

Ms. Sonya Hallums-Ponton, VDOT Hampton Roads District Urban/LAP Program Director, and Mr. John Mihaly, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, will brief the TPS on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.