

**F. FY 2015 – 2018 TIP REVISION – CMAQ AND RSTP FUND TRANSFER REQUEST: WATA AND HRT**

Attached is a request from the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) and Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) to transfer Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds between several projects in order to make use of available FY 2012 CMAQ funds returned from the HRTPO High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail project (UPC 102728), which funded a series of studies related to high-speed and intercity passenger rail. The work on that project was completed with \$86,693 in FY 2012 CMAQ funds remaining unspent and those funds were then made available for allocation to other projects on which the funds may be obligated right away.

The WATA letter explains the need for additional funds for its Administration and Operations Facility project (UPC T11932). Because the project is an RSTP project and has not been through the CMAQ project selection process, WATA coordinated with Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) on the possibility of exchanging the available CMAQ funds for an equivalent amount in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds. The attached letter details the requested transfer of funds as follows:

- Transfer the \$86,693 (including state match) in available FY 2012 CMAQ funds from the HRTPO High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail project (UPC 102728) to two HRT projects as follows:
  - \$28,898 to the Chesapeake Bus Shelter project (UPC T9110)
  - \$57,795 to the Virginia Beach Bus Shelter project (UPC T9145)
- Transfer \$86,693 in FY 2015 RSTP funds from the HRT Light Rail Transit Extension to Norfolk Naval Station and Virginia Beach Oceanfront project (UPC T9093) to the WATA Administration and Operations Facility project (UPC T11932)

In anticipation of HRTPO Board approval of the CMAQ and RSTP fund transfers, the associated TIP amendment was made available for public review and comment from January 28, 2015 through February 11, 2015. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the fund transfers and associated TIP amendment.

Attachment 15-F

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the fund transfers and associated TIP amendment.



Mr. Michael S. Kimbrel  
Principal Transportation Engineer  
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization  
The Regional Building  
723 Woodland Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Re: CMAQ and RSTP Funding Transfer Request - Williamsburg Area Transit Authority and Hampton Roads Transit

Dear Mr. Kimbrel,

In response to learning that FY2012 CMAQ funds in the amount of \$86,693 were returned from the HRTPO High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail project (UPC 102728), the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is requesting funding for project planning and management, engineering, site selection, and study related items for WATA's Administration and Operations Facility (UPC T11932). The project that WATA is requesting funding for is a current RSTP project, but has not been through the CMAQ project selection process; therefore, WATA has coordinated with Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) in identifying projects that would benefit both agencies in order to utilize these funds on current projects.

In April of 2010, WATA completed a Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility Feasibility Study which is a major component of the project. Due to the timeframe of this Feasibility Study, the Authority will need a consultant to perform additional services in updating the study to include the vital components in site selection and current statistics for the Administration and Operations Facility. These needed services also include; investigating and evaluating options, alternatives, design and construction of the planned facility, and/or a major renovation of our current facility.

HRT is willing to accept allocation of the available CMAQ funds and free up an equivalent amount of RSTP funds for allocation to the WATA project, which will enable WATA to complete a critical component of a currently programmed project. The work that WATA is requesting needs to commence in FY15 to ensure that the project is not negatively impacted or delayed. The additional funds will cover the cost of a study update, planning, and related work and components of A/E and project management work of the facility. HRT will use the additional CMAQ funding for the construction of additional bus shelters in the Cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

The detailed funding transfer request is as follows:

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Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me by phone at 757.220.5493 or by email at [jamie@gowata.org](mailto:jamie@gowata.org) if there are any questions or clarifications or questions pertaining to our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Jackson", is written over a light gray horizontal line.

Jamie Jackson  
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Williamsburg Area Transit Authority

cc:

Kevan Danker, Executive Director - WATA  
Barbara Creel, Budget and Grants Administrator – WATA