

# 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY



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## AIR QUALITY PLANNING

State Implementation Plan (SIP)

## CONFORMITY

## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Transportation Conformity is the link between air quality improvement and transportation planning
  - Establishes framework for improving air quality to protect public health and the environment
  - Analyzes the LRTP/TIP to ensure the system of projects are compliant with the state's air quality plan
  - Federal funding and approvals are given to highway and transit activities that will not cause new air quality violations or worsen existing air quality violations

## *Air Quality Designations*

### *Attainment Area*

*Geographic area with air quality that is cleaner than the primary standard*

### *Nonattainment Area*

*Geographic area with air quality that does not meet the primary standard*

### *Maintenance Area*

*Geographic area that has been re-designated to attainment (from nonattainment)*

- Hampton Roads is in “Attainment” of all current applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)
- Hampton Roads was in “Maintenance” of the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS



# CONFORMITY PROCESS



March 29, 2021

- Board action approving conformity project list and initiating public review of draft Regional Conformity Assessment (RCA)

March 31, 2021

- Public review of RCA to begin with posting of TTAC agenda

April 7, 2021

- TTAC/Inter-Agency Consultation Group Meeting to review/approve conformity related items (schedule, conformity project list, draft RCA)

April 15, 2021

- Board Approval of RCA and finding of conformity
- Upon Board approval, VDOT to submit RCA to FHWA

April-June, 2021

- Federal Review of RCA

June/July 2021

- Board Resolution adopting the 2045 L RTP

## Agenda Item 5: Transportation Conformity

- Approve the list of regionally significant projects for the 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP Regional Conformity Assessment
- Approve the initiation of the public review of the draft Regional Conformity Assessment for the 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP