

**AGENDA ITEM #10: HAMPTON ROADS 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT – GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGHWAY  
WIDENING**  
*Steve Froncillo, Chesapeake*

Attached is a request from the City of Chesapeake to amend the Hampton Roads 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as described below:

The City of Chesapeake requests an amendment to the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to include the widening of George Washington Highway between Yadkin Road and Canal Drive in Chesapeake. The estimated year of expenditure cost for this project is \$34.3 million. The LRTP planning funds that are currently associated with the Dominion Boulevard Phase II project (\$23 million) plus \$11.3 million from local city funds will be reallocated to the George Washington Highway project to maintain the requirement for fiscal-constraint for the LRTP. The Dominion Boulevard Phase II widening was completed in 2017 with funding provided through Revenue Sharing program. VDOT has confirmed that the Revenue Sharing funds used for the project were not included in the projected transportation revenues identified in the LRTP. Subsequently, the city requests that the funding source of the Dominion Blvd Phase II project be changed to reflect Revenue Sharing funds.

Since the implementation of tolling at the Downtown and Midtown Tunnels in 2014, traffic congestion has significantly increased along the non-tolled routes including George Washington Highway and Military Highway. The impact of tolls has resulted in an increase of the traffic volume at the Gilmerton Bridge by 53% and severe congestion and queues along this section of George Washington Highway during peak travel times. This project proposes to widen George Washington Highway from 2 to 4 lanes between Yadkin Road and Canal Drive. The proposed four-lane divided urban design removes the existing bottleneck, provides safety and access management improvements, and constructs new pedestrian facilities along the corridor. In addition, this project will improve the ability of the corridor to function as a key emergency evacuation route.

The proposed LRTP amendment will be made available for public review and comment, beginning on April 4, 2018 and concluding on April 18, 2018.

**Mr. Steve Froncillo, Chesapeake City Traffic Engineer, will brief the TTAC on this item.**

Attachment 10

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the 2040 LRTP amendment.

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**Subject: Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment Request - George Washington Highway Widening**

Dear Mr. Crum:

The City of Chesapeake requests an amendment to the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan to include a highway project for the widening of George Washington Highway between Yadkin Road and Canal Drive in Chesapeake. The estimated cost for this project is \$34,300,000 (FY 24 YOE). In order to maintain the requirement for a fiscally-constrained LRTP, the city is proposing to use planning funds approved in the LRTP that are currently associated with the Dominion Boulevard Phase II project (\$23M) plus \$11,300,000 from local city funds. The Dominion Boulevard Phase II widening was completed in 2017 with funds provided through the Revenue Sharing program. VDOT has confirmed that the Revenue Sharing funds used for the project were not included in the projected transportation revenues identified in the LRTP. Subsequently, the city requests that the funding source of the Dominion Blvd Phase II project be changed to reflect Revenue Sharing funds.

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It is requested that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) consider this LRTP amendment at the next available meetings. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at 757-382-6002.

Respectfully,  
  
Steven J. Froncillo, P.E.  
Chesapeake City Traffic Engineer