

F. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM: SELECTED PROJECTS AND FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) created by MAP-21 requires that 50% of the program funds received by the state be sub-allocated to areas based on population, while the other 50% may be obligated to any area of the state. Transportation Management Areas (MPOs having an urban population over 200,000) have the authority to select and award funding from their sub-allocations to projects carried out within their urbanized boundaries through a competitive selection process. In Virginia, District members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) are each provided \$1 million in TAP funds to allocate to projects in their Districts.

HRTPO staff coordinates with VDOT Local Assistance Division (LAD) staff in carrying out the project selection process for Hampton Roads. LAD coordinates the application process and scores proposed projects based on criteria developed in cooperation with Virginia MPOs. Each proposed project is scored by several VDOT staffers individually. The scores from each project evaluator are then combined and divided by the number of evaluators to produce a final average score. MPOs responsible for selecting TAP projects receive the application materials and summary scoring information for each project proposed within the MPO area.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the following TAP projects and funding allocations for FY 2016:

1. TAP# 15072	Suffolk Seaboard Coastline Trail, Phase IV	\$224,400
2. TAP# 15038	Thalia Creek Greenway, Phase 3	\$500,000
3. TAP# 15028	Elizabeth River Trail, Phase III.A, IV.B, V	\$226,400
4. TAP# 15049	Lee Hall Depot Rehabilitation	\$200,000
5. TAP# 15070	Smithfield to Nike Park Shared-Use Path	\$555,619

This item was presented during the Workshop Agenda under Item #9.

Recommended Action:

Approve the TAP projects and funding allocations as listed above.