

**AGENDA ITEM #20: PROJECT CONSISTENCY WITH THE LONG-RANGE
TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)
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Recent policy changes in the SMART SCALE process requires that all project submissions must be consistent with the regional fiscally-constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan, or have an accompanying resolution of support from the MPO. At the March 7, 2018 Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, this issue of project consistency with the LRTP was brought up and the recommended action was to discuss the issue in more detail with the LRTP Subcommittee.

At its April 4, 2018 Meeting, the LRTP Subcommittee discussed the following two issues at length:

- Whether SMART SCALE project submissions relating to studies included in the LRTP should be considered consistent.
- Several localities expressed concern that since the regional prioritization process and the Commonwealth's SMART SCALE prioritization process do not evaluate projects using the same metrics, several of their most competitive potential SMART SCALE projects are not currently included in the LRTP.
 - These localities further maintained that there needs to be enough flexibility in the LRTP planning and/or amendment process to aid in the localities pursuit of funding.

After much discussion, the LRTP Subcommittee made the following recommendations:

- **LRTP Subcommittee Recommendation #1:**
 - Modify the *HRTPO Guidance on SMART SCALE* to allow the HRTPO Board to consider issuing resolutions of support for projects not currently included in the fiscally-constrained LRTP, with the understanding that if said projects receive SMART SCALE funding, the LRTP would be amended to maintain fiscal-constraint according to the current LRTP SMART SCALE amendment policy (see Attachment 19-A for LRTP SMART SCALE Amendment policy).
- **LRTP Subcommittee Recommendation #2**
 - Any construction project (or phase of a project) that comes out of a study currently included in the LRTP be considered consistent with the LRTP, and that if said project receives SMART SCALE funding, the LRTP would be amended to maintain fiscal-constraint according to the current LRTP SMART SCALE amendment policy (see Attachment 19-B for LRTP SMART SCALE Amendment policy).

In addition to the LRTP Subcommittee recommendation, HRTPO staff recommends that all SMART SCALE project submissions requesting a resolution of support be consistent with the LRTP goals.

Ms. Dale Stith, Principal Transportation Planner, will brief the LRTP Subcommittee on this agenda item.

Attachment 20-A: LRTP SMART SCALE Amendment Policy

Attachment 20-B: Draft Minutes from the April 4, 2018 LRTP Subcommittee Meeting

Recommended Action:

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the following recommendations:

20-A: HRTPO Guidance on SMART SCALE

- Modify the *HRTPO Guidance on SMART SCALE* to allow the HRTPO Board to consider issuing resolutions of support for projects not currently included in the fiscally-constrained LRTP as long as said projects are consistent with the goals of the LRTP, and with the understanding that if said projects receive SMART SCALE funding, the LRTP would be amended to maintain fiscal-constraint according to the current LRTP SMART SCALE amendment policy.

20-B: LRTP Project Consistency

- Any construction project (or phase of a project) that comes out of a study currently included in the LRTP be considered consistent with the LRTP, and that if said project receives SMART SCALE funding, the LRTP would be amended to maintain fiscal-constraint according to the current LRTP SMART SCALE amendment policy.

Current LRTP Amendment Policy for SMART SCALE Projects

- HRTPO staff preference for SMART SCALE applications is for the project to already be included in the current LRTP
- If a locality receives SMART SCALE funding for a regionally-significant project not included in the LRTP:
 - the locality must identify a current LRTP project within its jurisdiction from which to transfer LRTP planning funds
 - if there are insufficient LRTP planning funds on projects within the jurisdiction of the locality receiving SMART SCALE funds, then consensus from the LRTP Subcommittee with a recommendation to TTAC will be needed before an amendment can be considered by the HRTPO Board

Approved by the HRTPO Board at its September 15, 2016 Meeting