

D. Amended 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Regional Conformity Assessment

At its February 16, 2023 meeting, the HRTPO Board approved [amendments to the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan](#) (LRTP). Additionally, HRTPO staff, in coordination with VDOT, has updated the new [Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP), which is scheduled for Board consideration at its May 18, 2023 meeting. Both actions require a Regional Conformity Assessment (RCA).

As part of the new [Procedures for Inter-Agency Consultation on Conformity for Hampton Roads](#) (approved by the HRTPO Board on April 20, 2023), consultation on the draft *RCA for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP* was conducted with conformity stakeholders (from April 26 – May 3, 2023) through email correspondence and as part of the May 3, 2023 TTAC meeting. The draft RCA report was also made available for public review from May 3, 2023 through May 16, 2023. As of May 11, 2023, no comments had been received. If comments are received before the close of the public comment period (close of business May 16, 2023), they will be addressed as appropriate before HRTPO Board approval.

A finding of conformity for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP is proposed as the applicable conformity criteria established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and reflected in the Virginia Administrative Code have been met. At its May 3, 2023 meeting, TTAC recommended Board approval of the draft RCA and proposed finding of conformity for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP.

Upon HRTPO Board approval, VDOT will transmit the final RCA to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to initiate the federal review and approval process by FHWA in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration and in consultation with EPA.

The *Hampton Roads Regional Conformity Assessment for the Amended 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* can be viewed at:

https://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/HR_RCA_2045LRTP_FY24-27TIP.pdf

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Regional Conformity Assessment and proposed finding of conformity for the Hampton Roads Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2024-2027 TIP.