

F. 2021 CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process

The selection process for projects proposed to be funded under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) is conducted annually. Under the current schedule for the 2021 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process, new candidate project applications are due on August 16, 2021.

The “penciled-in” amounts for previously approved RSTP projects exceed the anticipated available funding in FY 2028 by more than \$16.3 million. The “penciled-in” amounts for previously approved CMAQ projects result in available funding in FY 2028 of \$1.1 million. Additionally, the reduction of available funding under the FAST Act for FY 2022 – FY 2027 CMAQ and RSTP allocations may result in an increased funding need for previously approved projects in FY 2028.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) has recommended HRTPO Board approval to suspend the 2021 CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process with the ability to reopen the process if more funding becomes available.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve suspending the 2021 HRTPO CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process with the ability to reopen the process if more funding becomes available.