

**AGENDA ITEM #10: FY 2015-2018 TIP REVISION – CMAQ ALLOCATION REQUEST:  
NEWPORT NEWS**

Attached is a request from the City of Newport News for an allocation from the FY 2016 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) reserve account to cover a cost overrun on a current CMAQ project.

The Citywide Traffic Signal Retiming project (UPC 98830) was fully funded with FY 2014 and FY 2015 CMAQ funds totaling \$500,000; however, with consideration to the proposals received by the City, the cost estimate for the project is now \$665,000. The City requests the allocation of \$152,945 currently available from the FY 2016 CMAQ reserve to help cover the cost overrun. The City will provide local funds to cover the remaining \$12,055 funding gap.

There is currently \$152,945 available in the FY 2016 CMAQ reserve account. In accordance with HRTPO CMAQ and RSTP Funding Policy 5b,

*If the cost/annual allocation and/or scope of the project change by more than 10% on any one CMAQ or RSTP funded project, the locality/agency should notify the TTAC and HRTPO Board with a request and justification for a change in funding and/or scope. The TTAC and HRTPO Board must review the request and may recommend one or any combination of the following:*

- i. Scale back the project*
- ii. Use local funds*
- iii. Use urban, primary, or secondary funds*
- iv. Use CMAQ or RSTP reserve account funds*
- v. Use existing CMAQ or RSTP funds from another project*
- vi. Use future CMAQ or RSTP allocations*
- vii. Use future non-CMAQ/non-RSTP funds*
- viii. Drop the project*

The full set of CMAQ and RSTP Funding Policies are included on page 3 of the ***Guide to the HRTPO CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process***, which may be accessed on the HRTPO website at: <http://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/HRTPO%20CMAQ%20RSTP%20Guide.pdf>:

Should the HRTPO Board approve this request, the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be amended to account for the additional funds. This request has been made available for public review and comment. The public review period began on June 24, 2015 and runs through July 8, 2015.

Attachment 10

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Consider the City's request and provide a recommendation to the HRTPO Board regarding the allocation request and associated TIP amendment.



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Re: UPC 98830 Citywide Traffic Signal Retiming

Dear Dr. Ravanbakht:

At the June TTAC Meeting, we were advised that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) marks for FY 2016 are higher than anticipated and that there is \$152,945 in FY 2016 CMAQ funds available to localities.

Recently the City solicited and received proposals for a Citywide Traffic Signal Retiming project UPC 98830. The proposals received are in excess of the current CMAQ project allocation of \$500,000. With consideration to the proposals received, the current project estimate is \$665,000. At this time the City is requesting the available \$152,945 in FY 2016 CMAQ funds be allocated to the project for a total CMAQ allocation of \$652,945. The additional funds required to complete the project will be supplied by the City. The additional CMAQ funds will allow the project to be awarded without detrimental reductions in the project scope.

City staff has coordinated with VDOT staff to review the request and the current cost estimates, allocations, obligations, expenditures, and funds available for the transfer associated with the affected project have been confirmed with VDOT.

I will be available to discuss the request and address any questions at the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

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