

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting
July 6, 2022**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. in the Regional Building Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

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| Jamie Oliver (Chair, IW) | Angela Rico (NN) | Aaron Small (WM) |
| Troy Eisenberger (CH) | Bryan Stilley (NN) | Tim Cross (YK) |
| Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld (CH) | Deborah Mangiaracina (NO) | Tiffany Dubinsky (Alternate, DRPT) |
| Carlee Smith (FR) | Carl Jackson (PO) | Ray Amoruso (HRT) |
| Carol Rizzio (Vice-Chair, GL) | Darryll Lewis (SU) | Todd Halacy (VDOT) |
| Sandon Rogers (HA) | Robert Lewis (SU) | Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT) |
| Stefanie Strachan (HA) | Jason Souders (SU) | Eric Stringfield (VDOT) |
| Paul Holt (JC) | David Jarman (VB) | Barbara Nelson (VPA) |
| Tom Leininger (JC) | Ric Lowman (VB) | Ben Goodill (WATA) |
| Angela Hopkins (NN) | Mark Shea (VB) | |

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

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| Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL) | John Stevenson (NO) | Beth Lewis (SH) |
| Jason Mitchell (HA) | Jeff Harper (PO) | Lynette Lowe (SH) |
| Wayne Griffin (IW) | James Wright (PO) | Daniel Clayton (WM) |
| Amy Ring (IW) | Garrett Feagans (PQ) | Earl Anderson (YK) |
| Tammy Rosario (JC) | Charles Horton (PQ) | Elizabeth Mertz-Guinn (YK) |
| Dorian Allen (NO) | Michael Johnson (SH) | Grant Sparks (DRPT) |

TTAC Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Michael King (NAVY) – watched via live stream

TTAC Non-Voting Members Absent:

Melissa McGill (FTA)

HRTPO Staff in Attendance:

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| Theresa Brooks | Kathlene Grauberger | Keith Nichols |
| Rob Case | Uros Jankovic | Pavithra Parthasarathi |
| Rob Cofield | Steve Lambert | Jeff Raliski |
| Kyle Gilmer | John Mihaly | Dale Stith |

Others Recorded Attending:

Craig Eddy (AECOM); Keisha Branch (HRT); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Keith Darrow (NO); Robert Weber (SU); Megan Gribble (VB); Tom Ballou, Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Doris McLeod (VDEQ); Caleb Brooks, Angela Effah-Amponsah, Heather Patel, Jim Ponticello, Christopher Voigt (VDOT); Jacob Rizzio (YK)

Introductions

Mr. Tim Cross of York County introduced Mr. Jacob Rizzio, York County intern.

Ms. Debbie Mangiaracina of the City of Norfolk introduced Mr. Keith Darrow who will be added as a TTAC Voting member in the coming months.

Mr. Mark Shea of the City of Virginia Beach noted that he is retiring as of September 1, 2022.

Approval of Agenda [Action Required]

Chair Jamie Oliver asked for additions or deletions to the TTAC Agenda. Mr. Todd Halacy of VDOT requested to add a TIP Amendment to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Eric Stringfield Moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Aaron Small. The Motion Carried.

Public Comment Period (Limit three minutes per individual)

There were no public comments.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

Comments and Updates from State and Federal Agencies, Transit Agencies, and Military Liaisons

Mr. Todd Halacy stated that Ms. Heather Patel of VDOT Hampton Roads District Office will be moving to VDOT's Central Office due to a promotion.

Mr. Eric Stringfield noted that Round 5 of SMART SCALE is well under way with 72 applications submitted from the Hampton Roads region. He stated that localities and agencies received pre-scoping comments from VDOT with meetings scheduled shortly to discuss said comments. He indicated that there is new legislation regarding Right of Way cost estimates; however, he was unsure if it would affect the current round of SMART SCALE applications.

Ms. Tiffany Dubinsky of DRPT submitted the following report on DRPT's activities and programs due to her arrival after the agenda item.

- Transit Grant Recipient Workshops
 - Post-Award webinars for all public transit and MPO grant recipients are scheduled for July 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The webinar will provide information and next steps including an overview of grant administration procedures, grant agreements, DRPT oversight, bus procurement, performance data entry, and more. Registration for the webinar is located at the direct link [here](#).
 - Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) grant recipients will attend a separate webinar. Registration for the CAP webinar is located at the direct link [here](#).
- Transit Service and Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC)

- TSDAC has begun work on updates to the MERIT Capital and Operating programs and Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) guidelines.
- HJ 542 Transit Equity and Modernization Study
 - The Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study team is working to complete the final report and executive summary ahead of its August 2022 deadline. More information may be found on the study website: www.vatransitmodernization.com.
- SMART SCALE Round 5
 - Round 5 full application refinement period is underway until August 1st. For technical assistance, please contact Taylor Jenkins (taylor.jenkins@drpt.virginia.gov) for transit applications and Randy Selleck (randy.selleck@drpt.virginia.gov) for rail applications.

Mr. Ivan Rucker of FHWA encouraged TTAC members to check its website regarding Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) and to also continue having discussions with HRTPO staff pertaining to these opportunities. He noted that a webinar will be held in the next few weeks regarding the Reconnecting Communities grant program.

The Port of Virginia had no comments.

Nominating Subcommittee Appointments

Chair Jamie Oliver stated that in accordance with the TTAC Bylaws, at least 60 days prior to the annual organizational meeting in October, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Subcommittee composed of seven voting TTAC members, each representing a different locality or agency. The mission of the Nominating Subcommittee shall be to submit the names of one or more persons who are willing to serve each office to be filled.

The current members of the TTAC Nominating Subcommittee are:

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| Robert Lewis – Chair | Suffolk |
| Vacant | Agency |
| Vacant | Locality |
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| Vacant | Locality |
| Tim Cross | York County |

Chair Oliver requested volunteers with the following TTAC members filling the vacant positions:

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| Troy Eisenberger | Chesapeake |
| Ray Amoruso | HRT |
| Angela Rico | Newport News |
| Carl Jackson | Portsmouth |
| David Jarman | Virginia Beach |

Mr. Robert Lewis, TTAC Nominating Subcommittee Chair, stated the Subcommittee will discuss nominations and report back to TTAC at the October 2022 meeting.

Hampton Roads Regional Trails Report: Final

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, stated that the draft report of the *Hampton Roads Regional Trails* was presented to the TTAC on June 1, 2022 and made available for public review and comment from June 1, 2022 through June 15, 2022. Comments received were incorporated into the final report.

Mr. Carl Jackson Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the final report; seconded by Mr. Aaron Small. The Motion Carried.

Regional Performance Measures – System Performance Report 2022: Final

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, stated that the draft report of the *2022 Regional Performance Measures – System Performance* was presented to the TTAC on June 1, 2022 and made available for public review and comment from June 1, 2022 through June 17, 2022. No comments were received.

Mr. Tim Cross Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the final report; seconded by Mr. Carl Jackson. The Motion Carried.

Hampton Roads Second Maintenance Plan

Mr. Thomas Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) Air Data Analysis and Planner Manager, reported that VDEQ has developed the draft Hampton Roads Second Maintenance Plan for the Hampton Roads 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) maintenance area. Mr. Ballou stated that the Plan shows that emission reductions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) in the area are due to the following:

- Cleaner engines and fuels
- Utility emissions controls
- Industrial emission reductions and controls
- Cleaner consumer projects
- Numerous voluntary programs

Mr. Ballou also stated that the air quality in Hampton Roads is expected to further improve due to the following:

- New vehicle standards in place
- New Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicle (HDDV) standards will be implemented at EPA
- Continued utility emission reductions expected
- Electric vehicle and electrified equipment initiatives

The Commonwealth intends to submit the plan as a revision to the Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act. The SIP is the plan developed by Virginia to fulfill its responsibilities under the Act to attain and maintain the NAAQS promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Ballou noted that the Hampton Roads Second Maintenance Plan must demonstrate maintenance of the standard for at least an additional 10-year period from the end of the first plan.

Mr. Ballou stated that the Hampton Roads Second Maintenance Plan will expire in 2032 as both general and transportation conformity requirements will sunset December 31, 2032. The Plan is currently out for a 30-day public comment period which commenced on June 20, 2022. VDEQ anticipates submitting the final document to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the end of August 2022/beginning of September 2022.

2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Proposed Amendments *[Action Requested]*

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Plan, reported that the current 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Hampton Roads region was adopted on June 17, 2021 and amended in October 2021. Ms. Stith stated that the LRTP is updated on a five-year cycle; therefore, the 2045 LRTP will remain in effect until June 2026. She indicated that during this time, the amendment process provides an avenue to update the LRTP as new projects, funding, or programs arise.

Ms. Stith noted that one of the HRTPO's core functions is to maintain the LRTP which includes:

- Processing Amendments
- Monitoring Additional Funding Opportunities
- Monitoring Conformity Status
- Monitoring significant changes in revenue and/or project cost assumptions (Fiscal Constraint)

Ms. Stith stated that in addition to receiving LRTP amendment requests, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) recently updated its 2045 Long Range Plan of Finance in June 2022. Since the HRTAC Long Range Plan of Finance is a revenue assumption for the 2045 LRTP, and the updated June 2022 HRTAC Long Range Plan of Finance reflects significant cost increases to several regionally significant projects, the update triggers

an amendment. Ms. Stith also that there are some differences between the HRTAC long range plan of finance and 2045 LRTP assumptions, which are footnoted in the documented amendment. These differences are mainly due to:

- HRTAC assuming maintenance costs for one of its projects; whereas the 2045 LRTP does not. The 2045 LRTP has a maintenance set-aside of approximately \$17 billion.
- HRTAC and 2045 LRTP assuming different opening years in a few projects; she confirmed that the 2045 LRTP Year of Expenditure (YOE) assumptions follow the LRTP/Federal process

Ms. Stith stated that the updated HRTAC 2021-2045 Long Range Plan of Finance covers all increased costs and fiscal constraint is therefore demonstrated.

Ms. Stith indicated that HRTPO staff received two proposed amendments to the 2045 LRTP as follows:

- I-64 Peninsula Widening – Segment 4 (Multi-Jurisdictional)
 - Widen from 4 to 6 lanes between Route 199 and New Kent County Line
 - Estimated cost: \$250 million (YOE)
 - Source: Various State Funds
 - Fiscal constraint demonstrated
 - Estimated project opening year: 2028
 - Subject to transportation conformity
- Bridge Road in Suffolk
 - Widen from 4 to 6 lanes between Windward Lane and Harbour View Boulevard
 - Estimated cost: \$12.8 million (YOE)
 - \$9.8 million Priority Transportation Funds
 - \$3 million City of Suffolk
 - Fiscal constraint demonstrated
 - Estimated project opening year: 2027
 - Subject to transportation conformity

Ms. Stith noted that the proposed amendments are currently out for public review and comment from June 29, 2022 – July 12, 2022. Anticipated HRTPO approval of the 2045 LRTP proposed amendments is scheduled for July 21, 2022.

Mr. Robert Lewis Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the proposed 2045 LRTP Amendments; seconded by Bryan Stilley. The Motion Carried.

Hampton Roads Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP: Transportation Conformity

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, stated that the proposed amendments to the 2045 LRTP trigger a new Regional Conformity Assessment. She added that the HRTPO Board approved a Resolution to approve the initiation of Transportation Conformity on the Amended 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at its March 17, 2022 meeting. HRTPO Resolution (2022-04) authorizes TTAC to approve the project list for transportation conformity and to initiate the public review of the draft Regional Conformity Assessment (RCA) report.

Ms. Stith indicated that transportation conformity is the link between air quality improvement and transportation planning, and is intended to help ensure transportation projects in the LRTP and TIP do not worsen air quality. Hampton Roads is in attainment with all current applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Previously, the Hampton Roads region was in maintenance for the now revoked 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS and as such is deemed an “orphan” maintenance area. Therefore, based on current Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidance, Hampton Roads is subject to substantially streamlined conformity requirements. She noted that once conformity is underway, additional LRTP amendments will not be considered unless they are clearly conformity exempt. She remarked that HRTPO staff coordinated with appropriate stakeholders to determine the fiscal constraint of amendments and on projects of regional significance to include on the List of Regionally Significant Projects for Conformity for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP.

Ms. Stith reviewed the action items and stated that with the TTAC and the Inter-Agency Consultation Group’s (ICG) approval of conformity items, the RCA will be included for HRTPO Board consideration at its July 21, 2022 meeting. The joint FHWA/FTA Finding of Conformity is expected sometime in September 2022.

Mr. Mark Shea Moved to approve the list of regionally significant projects for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP Regional Conformity Assessment; seconded by Mr. Aaron Small. The Motion Carried.

10:17 a.m. – TTAC Meeting Suspended

10:17 a.m. – Inter-Agency Consultation Group (ICG) Meeting Convenes (w/Quorum)

ICG Attendance:

City/County:

Troy Eisenberger (City of Chesapeake)
Stefanie Strachan (City of Hampton)
Bryan Stilley (City of Newport News)
Debbie Mangiaracina (City of Norfolk)
Carl Jackson (City of Portsmouth)
Robert Lewis (City of Suffolk)
Mark Shea (City of Virginia Beach)
Aaron Small (City of Williamsburg)

Carol Rizzio (Gloucester County)
Jamie Oliver (Isle of Wight County)
Paul Holt (James City County)
Tim Cross (York County)

Absent:

Garret Feagans (City of Poquoson)

Regional

Dale Stith (Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization)
Ray Amoruso (Hampton Roads Transit)
Ben Goodill (Williamsburg Area Transit Authority)
Tom Ballou (Hampton Roads Air Quality Committee – VDEQ proxy)

State:

Tom Ballou (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)
Jim Ponticello (VDOT – Central Office – Environmental)
Eric Stringfield (VDOT – Hampton Roads District Office – Planning)
Tiffany Dubinsky (Alternate, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation)

Absent:

Peng Xiao (Virginia Department of Transportation – Central Office – Planning)

Federal:

Ivan Rucker (Federal Highway Administration)

Absent:

Gregory Becoat (Environmental Protection Agency)
Kathleen Zubrzycki (Federal Transit Administration)

Non-Voting:

Michael King (US Navy) – watching via livestream

Inter-Agency Consultation Group (ICG) Meeting

Mr. Christopher Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Senior Environmental Engineer, stated that the Regional Conformity Assessment (RCA) is a routine regulatory compliance item for Hampton Roads. The South Coast II court decision in 2018 resulted in a streamlined list of criteria for the conformity process. Mr. Voigt summarized the criteria set forth by both the EPA and ICG which included:

- Fiscal Constraint
- Consultation
- Conformity Project List
- Conformity Schedule

Per current ICG procedures, the ICG must approve the fiscally constrained Conformity Project List and the Conformity Schedule. Mr. Voigt stated that the Conformity Project List is contained in the draft RCA as Appendix C and as an enclosure in the TTAC agenda. He also reviewed the Conformity Schedule, explaining the public review opportunity, anticipated HRTPO Board approval of the RCA and Finding of Conformity, and the FHWA/FTA federal review period.

Mr. Aaron Small Moved for the ICG to approve the Conformity Schedule and the List of Regional Significant Projects for Conformity for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP; seconded by Mr. Bryan Stillely. The Motion Carried.

10:23 a.m. – ICG Meeting Concluded

10:23 a.m. – TTAC Meeting Reconvenes (w/Quorum)

Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP Regional Conformity Assessment: Draft Report

Mr. Christopher Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Senior Environmental Engineer, stated that the Regional Conformity Assessment (RCA) for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP has been completed in draft form, following applicable federal guidance as well as local consultation procedures. Mr. Voigt indicated that a finding of conformity for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP is proposed, as all applicable EPA and local conformity criteria have been met. He noted that the draft RCA is available for public review from June 29, 2022 through July 12, 2022.

Mr. Voigt stated that upon HRTPO Board approval, VDOT will transmit the final RCA to the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) to request an expedited (normally 45-day) federal review and approval process by FHWA/FTA and in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Aaron Small Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the Regional Conformity Assessment and proposed finding of conformity for the Amended 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP, subject to no adverse comments received during the public review period; seconded by Mr. Tim Cross. The Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Items [Action Requested]

- A. Minutes from the June 1, 2022 Meeting
- B. FY 2021-2024 – TIP Amendment: HRT
STIP IDs HRT0006, HRT0114, and HRT0115
- C. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC 69050 – Bridge Road and Shoulders Hill Road Intersection Improvements
- D. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC 109409 – Port of Virginia ITS Master Plan for Hampton Roads
- E. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC 120649 – Bridge Road (Route 17) Roadway Widening

- F. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC 121052 – Hampton Roads Express Lanes – Bridge Maintenance Years 2-5
- G. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC T26347 – Hampton Roads Express Lanes – Segment 1B (Associated with UPC 117840)
- H. FY 2022 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funding for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program: Project Selection and Allocations

Mr. Robert Lewis Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended to include *Consent Agenda Item 15I: FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT – UPC T27344 – Hampton Roads Express Lanes – Segment 2B – Unveiling Project (child project of UPC 112923)*; seconded by Mr. Aaron Small. The Motion Carried.

FY 2023-2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP)

Mr. Todd Halacy, VDOT ADA Planning and Investment Manager, briefed the TTAC on the FY 2023–2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) and stated that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the final FY 2023-2028 SYIP on June 21, 2022. The SYIP is developed annually and identifies the planned use of funds available for highway construction and rail and public transportation. The SYIP identifies, for each project, the timing, amount, and type of funding planned to be available over the upcoming six years. Mr. Halacy stated that the FY 2023-2028 SYIP identifies \$19.5 billion in funding for 4,500 projects. The Program also includes an additional \$859.4 million in debt service. He noted that the Hampton Roads District will receive 22.5% of the funding from the SYIP.

Mr. Halacy highlighted the various programs within the FY 2023-2028 SYIP including a reduction in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funds due to adjusted population growth. He noted that this decrease only applies to the Statewide CMAQ funds and not to the funds that come to the Hampton Roads region. He indicated that because of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the newly adopted State budget, the HRTPO CMAQ and RSTP Reserve Accounts now reflect an additional \$10.9 million and \$50 million, respectively.

Mr. Halacy summarized updates to several programs within the SYIP, including:

- Revenue Sharing
 - Accelerated allocations on projects selected for funding in the FY 2021/2022 cycle but funded using FY 2025 and FY 2026 allocations
 - \$200 million available for new selections (FY 2025 and FY 2026 allocations)
- Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside
 - \$62 million available for allocation (elevated in FY 2022 and pre-IIJA levels in FY 2023 and FY 2024 allocations)
- State of Good Repair
 - \$2.2 billion to State of Good Repair (SGR) in FY 2023-2028

Also included in the FY 2023-2028 SYIP are several new programs including:

- Carbon Reduction Program
- PROTECT Program
- Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement
- Vulnerable Road Users
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP)

Mr. Halacy remarked that the State has set aside approximately \$130 million for maintenance/operations and fuel in a separate reserve account for the FY 2023-2028 SYIP.

Mr. Halacy stated that the highway portion of the FY 2023–FY 2028 SYIP can be accessed on the VDOT website at: <http://syip.virginiadot.org/Pages/allProjects.aspx>. He noted that future budget and SYIP revisions would take place in early fall 2022 to incorporate final budget actions.

FY 2023-2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) and FY 2023 Budget Update

Ms. Tiffany Dubinsky, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Statewide Transit Planning Manager, briefed the TTAC on the Public Transportation portion of the FY 2023–2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) and stated that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved the final FY 2023-2028 SYIP on June 21, 2022. The SYIP is developed annually and DRPT’s SYIP contains funding for transit and rail. A total of \$6 billion is available for transit and rail for FY 2023 – FY 2028 and Ms. Dubinsky noted that \$40 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds have been added.

The Transit portion of the FY 2023-2028 SYIP accounts for approximately \$4.7 billion in the Plan and is divided into the following four programs:

- Operating
- Capital
- WMATA (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority) – Share of the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund to offset local operating and Capital Subsidy Requirement and funds providing Virginia’s share of the \$500 million State of Good Repair Capital Program
- Other

Ms. Dubinsky summarized both the Making Efficient and Responsible Investment in Transit (MERIT) Operating and Capital Assistance Grant Programs designed to provide assistance to support public transportation services.

The Rail portion of the FY 2023-2028 SYIP accounts for approximately \$1.5 billion in the Plan and is divided into the following four programs:

- FREIGHT
- Statewide Rail Planning
- Rail Preservation
- Transforming Rail in Virginia

The public transportation portion of the FY 2023-2028 SYIP can be accessed on the DRPT website.

2022 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process

Mr. Jeff Raliski, HRTPO Transportation Analyst II, reported that the HRTPO selection process for projects proposed to be funded under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) is conducted annually.

Mr. Raliski stated that as part of the current 2022 CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process, all current CMAQ and RSTP projects should be reviewed to identify any cost or schedule changes that will need to be considered. Similarly, current CMAQ and RSTP projects with “Penciled-In” funding requests for FY 2029 should be confirmed. “Penciled-In” requests are funding requests included in the original CMAQ or RSTP project application for years beyond the first year for which funds were requested.

HRTPO staff is currently finalizing changes to the CMAQ scoring templates which will not be formally approved until the September TTAC/October HRTPO Board meetings. Mr. Raliski indicated that the HRTPO CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process Guide will also be updated during this time.

Mr. Raliski made particular note that all RSTP project submissions will be scored with the HRTPO Regional Prioritization Tool for the first time and additional time to complete scoring has been incorporated into the schedule.

The CMAQ and RSTP forms, located on the HRTPO website, are currently being updated by HRTPO staff. Mr. Raliski noted the following regarding the forms:

- Do not use any prior application forms for 2022 submissions
- New applications to be available in mid-July
- RSTP application will be a two-step process

Mr. Raliski outlined the CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process Schedule as follows:

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| August 1, 2022 | Deadline for the public to submit projects to be considered for CMAQ/RSTP funding |
| September 1, 2022 | Deadline for applications for project proposals from localities, transit agencies, and state transportation agencies |
| November 30, 2022 | Project evaluations completed by HRTPO staff |
| December 16, 2022 | TPS meeting to review proposed projects and recommend funding allocations |
| January 4, 2023 | TTAC meeting to consider recommendations of the TPS and make recommendation for consideration by the HRTPO Board |
| January 19, 2023 | HRTPO Board meeting to consider TTAC recommendations regarding CMAQ/RSTP projects and funding allocations for final approval |

All updated cost and schedule information for current CMAQ and RSTP projects along with verification of ‘penciled-in” requests for FY-2029 CMAQ/RSTP funds should be submitted to jraliski@hrtpo.org by COB on August 3, 2022.

Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Oliver outlined the Three-Month Tentative Schedule in the Agenda Packet, including the cancellation of the August TTAC meeting.

For Your Information

Chair Oliver highlighted the items in the For Your Information section in the Agenda Packet.

Announcements

Chair Oliver summarized the items in the Announcements section in the Agenda Packet.

Mr. Uros Jankovic stated that the TRAFFIX Subcommittee will convene immediately after the TTAC meeting in the 757 Room.

Ms. Dale Stith announced that Mr. Steve Lambert has accepted a position with the City of Virginia with today being his last day at the HRTPO.

Old/New Business

Mr. John Mihaly stated that the deadline to submit a request letter for an HRTPO Resolution of Support for SMART SCALE applications has been moved to COB July 8, 2022 in order for HRTPO staff to meet the HRTPO Board agenda deadline.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.