

H. **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 initially requested an allocation of \$152,945 from the FY 2016 CMAQ reserve to help cover the cost overrun. However, since \$20,000 of the FY 2016 CMAQ reserve was allocated to the Suffolk project described in the previous agenda item, the City of Hampton reduced its request to the \$132,945 in FY 2016 CMAQ reserve funds remaining available. The City will provide local funds to cover the remaining \$32,055 funding gap.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the City's request for \$132,945 from the FY 2016 CMAQ reserve account and an associated TIP amendment to revise the funding information for the project.

The TIP amendment was made available for public review and comment from July 1, 2015 through July 15, 2015.

Attachment 17-H

Recommended Action:

Approve the funding 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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Chief of Transportation Engineering

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