

ITEM #22: ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE FUNDING FOR HAMPTON ROADS PROJECTS

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act contains language providing for a nationwide rescission of \$7.569 billion of unobligated contract authority. Due to the specificity required by the legislation regarding how the rescission must be applied, Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside projects are at significant risk. The best way to mitigate the impacts of the rescission is to meet current schedules, accelerate project phases, or otherwise increase obligations of the federal funds to current TA Set-Aside projects.

The VDOT Local Assistance Division (LAD) has determined that the HRTPO has approximately \$650,000 in unallocated TA Set-Aside funds at risk of being rescinded. To address this issue and protect the funding, LAD has coordinated with HRTPO staff on six projects in Hampton Roads that are under construction and for which the locality has provided more than the required 20 percent fund match. LAD has recommended allocating additional TA Set-Aside funding to those projects to help offset the overmatch and return \$650,000 in local funds to the affected localities. The attachment includes the six projects and the recommended additional TA Set-Aside funding to be allocated to each.

Attachment 22

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the allocation of additional TA Set-Aside funding on six Hampton Roads projects as detailed in the attachment.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAMPTON ROADS DISTRICT

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Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

July 9, 2019

Mr. Michael Kimbrel
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Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
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Subject: Transportation Alternatives Program Funding

Mr. Kimbrel:

As you are aware, the current federal highway authorization, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, contains language providing for a nationwide rescission of \$7.569 billion of unobligated contract authority. This will result in a reduction of federal funding supporting projects in funding categories subject to the rescission. Because of the specificity required by legislation in how the rescission must be applied, Transportation Enhancement/Alternatives (TE/TA) projects are at significant risk. The best way to mitigate the impacts of the rescission is to meet current schedules, accelerate project phases, or otherwise increase obligations to current TE/TA projects.

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization has approximately \$650,000 in unallocated funding at risk for being swept by the rescission. The only option to avoid rescission is to obligate the funding in the current federal fiscal year, FFY19, ending in September. Accordingly, the Department is recommending these funds be obligated on Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization selected projects which are currently under construction; these funds would replace locality funding.

I have attached a list of those projects recommended for these obligations. These projects have been previously selected and awarded. With your concurrence, the Department will work toward allocation and federal authorization of these funds by coordinating with the respective local governments. As stated previously, all obligations must be complete this federal fiscal year, which requires submittal of the obligation by September 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. G. Hall".

Christopher G. Hall, P.E.
District Engineer

UPC	Description	Locality	Initial Selection Year	Local Funds Needed to Complete	TAP Funds Recommended	Matching Local Funds Remaining (Match)	Local Funds Remaining Above Match
101794	Nike Park Bike/Ped Trail	Isle of Wight County	FY2016	979,152	174,606	43,652	760,895

UPC	Description	Locality	Initial Selection Year	Total Local Funds Needed to Complete	TAP Funds Recommended	Matching Local Funds Remaining (Match)	Local Funds Remaining Above Match
106855	Lee Hall Depot - Interior Restoration	Newport News	FY2013	210,108	168,086	42,022	
106159	Chesapeake Avenue Bike Trail	Newport News	FY2015	263,190	174,606	43,652	44,933
106148	Greenwell Road Sidewalk	Virginia Beach	FY2015	163,983	131,186	32,797	
104050	Cape Henry Lighthouse	Virginia Beach	FY2018	10,361	8,289	2,072	
103978	Elizabeth River Trail Phase 5	Norfolk	FY2013	10,469	8,375	2,094	