

AGENDA ITEM #11: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements of interest to the TTAC may be made at this time.

A. REGIONAL CONNECTOR STUDY WORKING GROUP MEETING

The Hampton Roads Regional Connector Study (RCS) Working Group will meet electronically on Thursday, December 10, 2020. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

B. HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

The Hampton Roads Transportation Operations (HRTO) Subcommittee will meet electronically on Monday, December 14, 2020. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

C. THE OFFICE OF INTERMODAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT PLANNED WEBINARS AND COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) will hold two informational webinars and began accepting applications for a technical assistance program called Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance Program.

There are upcoming opportunities to gather more information about the Draft Policy for the Prioritization of the 2019 VTrans Mid-Term Needs.

More details on the webinars and opportunities are listed in the attached announcement.

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D. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) will meet electronically on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Opportunity for Planning Assistance, Reminder of Comment Period for VTrans Mid-term Needs Prioritization

Planning Partners,

We would like to make you aware of the following two opportunities:

1. The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) will hold two informational webinars and will begin accepting applications for a technical assistance program called **Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance Program** on November 18, 2020.
2. We would also like to remind you of the upcoming opportunities to gather more information about the **Draft Policy for the Prioritization of the 2019 VTrans Mid-term Needs**.

GAP - TA Background: For several years, OIPI has taken a leadership role in promoting the intent of [Virginia Code § 15.2-2223.1](#), which seeks to align infrastructure development with designated Urban Development Areas (UDAs) or growth areas to improve efficiency and effectiveness. OIPI has received valuable feedback over the years from various jurisdictions, agencies, and policy makers. This feedback has been used to develop an expanded but more streamlined and focused Technical Assistance Program that includes the following:

- GAP Component 1: Conduct multimodal planning within existing or planned UDAs or Growth Areas.
- GAP Component 2: Develop or evaluate strategies to address emerging planning issues.
- GAP Component 3: Develop an accessibility planning process.
- GAP Component 4: Conduct multimodal planning outside urbanized areas.

Who can apply: The following entities can apply for one or more of the GAP components of listed above:

- Planning District Commissions (PDCs)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Counties
- Cities
- Towns responsible for development and amendments of comprehensive plans per Virginia Code [§ 15.2-2223](#) and maintain their own infrastructure and qualify to receive payments pursuant to Virginia Code [§33.2-319](#)
- Transit Operators

How to apply: An online form will be available starting November 18th, 2020. The intake will end on January 15th, 2021.

Gather more information:

- A program guidance document and a webpage with relevant information will be available starting November 18th.
- OIPI will host two informational webinars on the GAP Technical Assistance Program. If you are unable to join, the webinars will be recorded and posted to the VTrans website. Interested participants may register at links provided below:
 - Wednesday, November 18th, 2020: 10:00am - 11:00am ([Registration link available here](#))

Wednesday, December 9th, 2020: 2:00pm - 3:00pm ([Registration link available here](#))

A REMINDER:

The **Draft Policy for the Prioritization of the 2019 VTrans Mid-term Needs** became available for a 30-day public review and comment period starting October 28th and ending on November 30th, 2020.

OIPI has hosted two workshops focused on introducing and explaining the methodology for the Draft Prioritized Needs. If you were unable to join, links to workshop materials, recordings and other resources are available below:

- [Workshop 1](#) and [Workshop 2](#) materials and recordings
- [Documents for review, results, and reference documents](#)
- [Downloadable ArcGIS map package](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

The second set of upcoming workshops are question-and-answer (Q&A) sessions. Interested participants may register at links provided below:

- 2020 VTrans Workshop 3 on Friday, November 13th from 10:00am to 11:30am
([Register using this link](#))
- 2020V Trans Workshop 4 on Tuesday November 17th from 1:30pm to 3:00pm
([Register using this link](#))

Please do note that, depending on the number of questions, the Q&A workshops may end early.