When considering whether or not specific projects are required to be included in the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), there are several sections of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that should be referenced. The following list provides links to the applicable sections of the electronic CFR regarding the content of the MTP.

- 23 CFR Part 450.322 lists all requirements for the development and content of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
  
  Click here to link to 23 CFR Part 450.322

  Please refer to Section (f) for a full listing of the minimum requirements for what projects are required to be included in the MTP.

- Federal regulations require that all projects listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be consistent with the approved MTP. Therefore, the regulations guiding what projects must be listed in the TIP also apply to the projects listed in the MTP. Please refer to 23 CFR 450.324 (c) and (d) for a description of what projects must be included in the TIP.

  Click here to link to 23 CFR Part 450.324

- In some cases, the regional significance of a project must be considered and determined. Please refer to 23 CFR Part 450.104 for the definition of a Regionally significant project.

  Click here to link to 23 CFR Part 450.104

  The definition of Regionally significant project contains a reference to EPA’s transportation conformity rule regarding exempt projects. The referenced description and list of exempt projects in this rule can be found in 40 CFR Part 93.126.

  Click here to link to 40 CFR Part 93.126

Again, please remember that when questions arise regarding specific projects in a metropolitan region, it is expected that all projects will be evaluated on a case by case basis. For additional clarification on any transportation planning issue in the Hampton Roads region, please contact Unwanna Dabney with the Virginia Division of the Federal Highway Administration at 804-775-3335 or unwanna.dabney@dot.gov.