



HAMPTON ROADS INTER-AGENCY CONSULTATION
GROUP (ICG) MEETING:
REGIONAL CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT (RCA) FOR THE
2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN &
FY 21-24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Hampton Roads TTAC Meeting
March 4, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
HRTPO Regional Boardroom

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Agenda

- **ICG Membership**
- **South Coast II Court Ruling (2/16/2018) & Federal Guidance**
- **Conformity Criteria, Project List & Schedule**
- **Requested Action**

Hampton Roads Interagency Consultation Group (ICG)

As of 2/25/2020

Agency	Member	Alternate	Agency	Member	Alternate
City/County City of Chesapeake City of Hampton City of Newport News City of Norfolk City of Poquoson City of Portsmouth City of Suffolk City of Virginia Beach City of Williamsburg Gloucester County Isle of Wight County James City County York County	Earl Sorey Michael Hayes Bryan Stilley Rob Brown Dannan O'Connell James Wright Robert Lewis Tara Reel Carolyn Murphy Carol Rizzio Richard Rudnicki Paul Holt Timothy Cross	Troy Eisenberger Bridjette Parker Amy Inman Deborah Vest Carl Jackson Jason Sauders Katie Shannon Aaron Small Anne Ducey-Ortiz Jamie Oliver Tammy Rosario	State Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality* Virginia Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation Virginia Dept. of Transportation – C/O Environmental Virginia Dept. of Transportation – C/O Planning Virginia Dept. of Transportation – HR District Planning	Tom Ballou Jennifer DeBruhl Jim Ponticello Peng Xiao Eric Stringfield	Sonya Lewis-Cheatham Chris Arabia Christopher Voigt Ray Hunt
			Federal Environmental Protection Agency Federal Highway Administration Federal Transit Administration	Gregory Becoat Ivan Rucker Melissa McGill	
			Non-Voting US Navy	Michael King	
Regional Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Hampton Roads Transit Williamsburg Area Transit Authority Hampton Roads Air Quality Committee (HRAQC)	Dale Stith Jamie Jackson Josh Moore VDEQ Proxy*	Theresa Brooks Keisha Branch Barbara Creel	* The VDEQ representative also serves as the HRAQC/LPO representative as needed.		

South Coast II (SC II) Court Ruling (2/16/2018)*

Reinstated federal transportation conformity requirements nationwide for the 1997 national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone, which EPA had revoked in 2015 (80 FR 12264, 3/6/15 eff. 4/6/15)

Transportation Conformity Guidance
for the *South Coast II* Court Decision

Transportation Conformity Determination Report for
the 1997 ozone NAAQS

[Insert MPO name]

[Optional - insert name of
applicable Metropolitan
Transportation Plan and
Transportation
Improvement Program on
which conformity is being
demonstrated]

[insert date]



- **Hampton Roads RCA 2018**
 - Expedited, including detailed modeling
- **Subsequent federal guidance:**
 - ***EPA Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision, Nov. 2018***
 - ***“...a regional emissions analysis is not required for conformity determinations for the 1997 ozone NAAQS because that NAAQS has been revoked (80 FR 12264)”***, Section 2.4, p.11
 - Provides an abbreviated list of criteria for conformity determinations, i.e., without modeling
 - **FHWA Regional Conformity Template Report, Jan. 2019**
 - Implements EPA guidance (i.e., for conformity analyses without modeling) for areas affected by the SC II court ruling
 - Streamlined (main report & exec. summary only seven pages) and standardized, so may streamline federal reviews
 - **New Hampton Roads Template Report:**
 - **Based on the new FHWA template report**
 - **To be applied for all future Regional Conformity Assessments (RCAs) for Hampton Roads for the 1997 ozone NAAQS**

* Decision by the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit in *South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA* (“South Coast II,” 882 F.3d 1138). [https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/217B6778AE3EC89C8525823600532AE0/\\$file/15-1115-1718293.pdf](https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/217B6778AE3EC89C8525823600532AE0/$file/15-1115-1718293.pdf)

EPA Conformity Rule Criteria Applicable for Hampton Roads

Transportation Conformity Regulations
as of April 2012

40 CFR Section:	Regional Criteria (93.108 and list from 93.109)	Demonstrated by the LRTP & TIP
93.108	Fiscal constraint (Prerequisite)	<i>Met by reference to HRTPO Documentation</i>
93.110	Latest planning assumptions (<i>modeling assumptions</i> including effectiveness of TCMs)	<i>n/a*</i>
93.111	Latest emissions model	<i>n/a</i>
93.112	Consultation	
93.113(b) & (c)	Timely Implementation of TCMs	<i>n/a*</i>
93.118	Emissions Budget	<i>n/a</i>

*The 2007 air quality (maintenance) plan for Hampton Roads did not include TCMs (transportation control measures.)

Hampton Roads 2005 Inter-Agency Consultation Procedures for Conformity



Consultation Procedures
 For the
Hampton Roads Ozone Nonattainment Area
 In Support of the Transportation
 Conformity Regulations
 Revised July 18, 2005

Appendix B: “Worksheet for the Conformity Consultation Process in Hampton Roads”	Demonstrated by the LRTP & TIP
Conformity Project List*	
Conformity Schedule	
<i>Latest Planning Assumptions</i>	<i>n/a</i>

** The conformity project list is also needed for NEPA (environmental) clearances for individual projects, per 40 CFR 93.115(a): “The project must come from a conforming plan and program...” It is generally prepared by HRTPO staff with input from VDOT District/planning staff.*

HAMPTON ROADS AMENDED 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND
 FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT CONFORMITY LIST
 REGIONALLY-SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

Draft Conformity Project List

(page 1 of 29 shown)

UPC	Locality	Project Name	From	To	Improvement Type	Existing Lanes	Proposed Lanes	Estimated Opening Year	In FY 21-24 TIP	In 2040 LRTP
107350	Chesapeake	#SGR - CENTERVILLE TURNPIKE BRIDGE REHAB			Bridge Rehab w/o Added Capacity	2	2	N/A	No	N/A
T21292	Chesapeake	#SGR - INDIAN RIVER ROAD (RTE 407) OVER INDIAN RIVER			Bridge Replacement	6	6	N/A	No	N/A
111220	Chesapeake	#SGR - SUNRAY OVERPASS SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT			Replacement	4	4	N/A	No	N/A
111032	Chesapeake	#SGR - TRIPLE DECKER BRIDGE - LOWER LEVEL			Bridge Replacement	4	4	2021	No	N/A
111002	Chesapeake	#SGR - TRIPLE DECKER BRIDGE - UPPER LEVEL			Bridge Replacement	4	4	2021	No	N/A
109382	Chesapeake	Deep Crk A/W Bridge Replacement and G.W. Hwy (US 17)/Moses Grandy Trail Intersection Improvements	Mill Creek Pkwy	Diamond Ave	Bridge replacement, widening	2	5	2021	Yes	Yes
56187	Chesapeake	Dominion Blvd	0.05 mi N. of Great Bridge Blvd	0.75 mi S. of Cedar Rd	Widening	2	4	N/A	No	Completed
56187	Chesapeake	Dominion Blvd Phase II	0.75 mi South of Cedar Rd	Existing 4-lane Segment South of Cedar Rd	Widening	2	4	2017	No	Completed
	Chesapeake	Freeman Ave			Replace existing at-grade railroad crossing with an overpass	2	2	2040	No	Yes
	Chesapeake	George Washington Highway	Yedkin Road	Canal Drive	Widening	2	4	2024	No	Yes
1904	Chesapeake	Gilmerton Bridge	0.36 mi E. of Bridge (Bainbridge Blvd)	0.42 mi W. of Bridge (Shell Rd)	Reconstruct Bridge, Widening	2	4	N/A	No	Completed
84359	Chesapeake	Mount Pleasant Road	Chesapeake Expressway (Route 168)	Etheridge Road	Reconstruction w/ Added Capacity	2	2	N/A	No	Completed
	Chesapeake	Portlock Rd			Replace existing at-grade railroad crossing with an overpass	N/A	N/A	2040	No	Yes
18591	Chesapeake	Portsmouth Blvd	Jolliff Rd	Suffolk CL	Widening	2	4	2018	Yes	Completed
	Chesapeake	Woodlake Dr	Battlefield Blvd	Existing Woodlake Dr	New Alignment	0	2	N/A	No	Completed
110627 (Phase 1 to Hook Rd)	Gloucester County	G.W. Mem Hwy (US 17)	1 mi North of Coleman Bridge	Main St (@ Walmart)	Widening	4	6	2028	Yes	Yes
108731	Hampton	Coliseum Drive Extension	Hampton Roads Center Parkway	Butler Farm Rd	New Alignment	0	4	2021	Yes	Yes
	Hampton	I-64 at Settlers Landing Rd	N/A	N/A	Ramp Modifications	N/A	N/A	2030	No	Yes

Conformity Schedule

March 4	ICG meeting (<i>today's meeting, held with TTAC</i>)
March 4-18	Public Consultation on the draft RCA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14-day public review period, as specified in the Hampton Roads Public Participation Plan
March 19	HRTPO Approval of draft RCA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HRTPO provides letter documenting approval for inclusion in the appendices of the RCA• VDOT sends the RCA to FHWA to initiate the federal review and approval process
March 20-?	Federal Review and Approval Process <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typically 45 days in past for RCAs <i>with</i> regional emission analyses• <i>May</i> be shorter now as the RCA is streamlined following EPA/FHWA guidance and based on the new standard FHWA template report

Requested ICG Approvals (see agenda)

- **Draft Schedule (Attachment 9)**
- **Draft List of Regionally Significant Projects for Conformity (Enclosure 9)**
 - *With any amendments to the LRTP and/or TIP subject to approvals by the TTAC and/or HRTPO Board as needed.*