



Richmond/Tri-Cities Regional Conformity Analysis Results
FY 18-21 Transportation Improvement Program and
2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

RRTPO

September 6th , 2018–9:30 a.m.
RRPDC Board Room

Trigger for Conformity

- **February 16, 2018, the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit ruled that, among other things, “the revocation of the 1997 NAAQS does not waive the unambiguous mandate that conformity requirements apply to orphan maintenance areas.”**
- **April 23, 2018, FHWA/FTA issued Interim Guidance on Conformity essentially placing TIP/STIP/LRTP updates/amendments that include non-exempt projects “on hold” until conformity is demonstrated, at least until EPA provides further clarification.**

Richmond 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area



Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

Design Year	VOC (tons/day)	NOx (tons/day)
2018	23.845	26.827

Analysis Years

2018:

Budget Year established in the Air Quality Maintenance Plan

2028 and 2030:

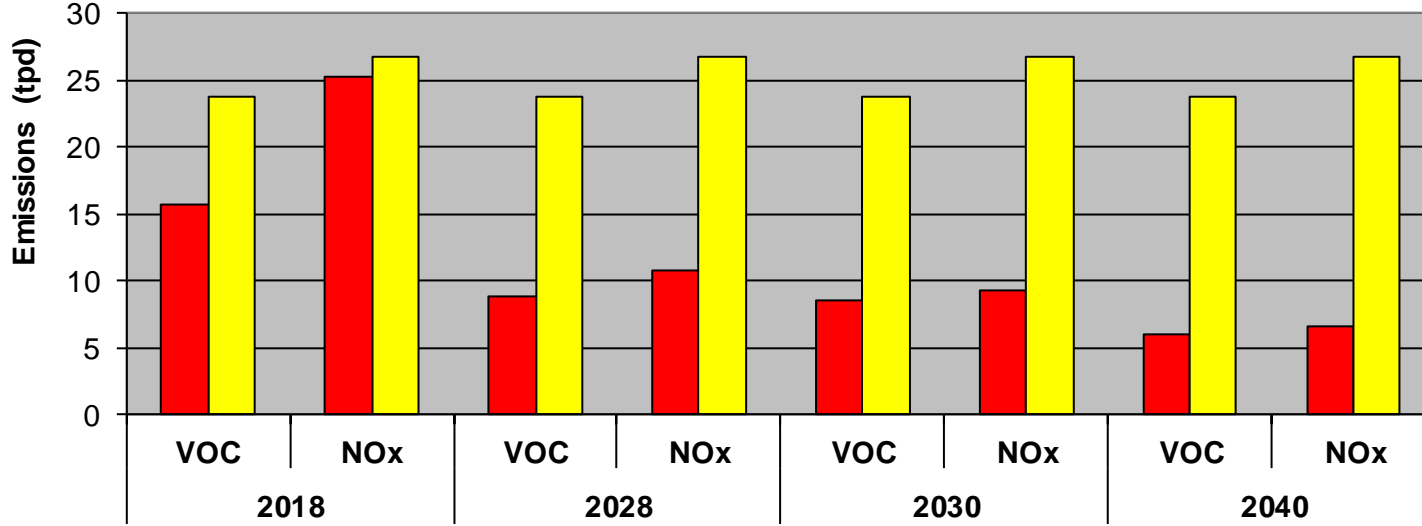
Ten-year interval limit

2040:

Horizon Year of CLRP



Conformity Analysis Results



■ TIP & LRP Emissions
 ■ Emission Budgets

Conformity Analysis Schedule

Completed

- ✓ TCMPO/RRTPPO Interagency Consultation Group Meeting held June 12th , 2018, where approval was obtained for;
 - Models, methods, and planning assumptions
 - Schedule
 - Conformity project list

- ✓ RRTPO TAC approved the report for public review on August 14th

- ✓ August 15th- 29th RRTPO Public review complete. One comment received from the Southern Environmental Law Center.
 - EPA Proposed roll back of CAFE standard and effect on future conformity

Future

- September 9th -TCMPO 30 day public review period complete.
- September 13th-RRTPO executive Committee approves conformity report for FHWA review.
 - (only needed if additional adverse comments received)
- September 13th -TCMPO approves conformity report for FHWA review.
- September 14th- VDOT submits e- copy to FHWA for 45 day federal review period.
- October 29th – Federal Conformity Determination received.

Any Questions?

