

# CRRSAA HIP Funds

TAC Meeting

August 10, 2021

# Overview

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021 included \$9.8 billion for the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)
- RRTPO has **\$7,642,406** in additional HIP funding for FY22 to allocate
  - HIP > 200k: \$1,166,204
  - HIP-CRRSAA > 200k: \$6,476,202

# Limitations

- Funds can be used for anything STBG-eligible
- Funds must be obligated by Sept 2024, expended by 2029 or lost
- HIP-CRRSAA also has special authorized uses:
  - Routine and Preventative Maintenance
  - Operations
  - Personnel
  - Debt Service
  - Availability Payments
  - Other Lost Revenues

# Allocation Approach

- As directed at July meeting, HIP funds allocated to existing projects to replace existing allocations or reduce balance to complete
- Funds mostly used to replace STBG (formerly RSTP) allocations on existing projects starting a new phase in FY22 or FY23
- Funds also used to advance a CMAQ-funded Fall Line project

# Proposed Allocations

UPC	Program	HIP Funds	Replaced Funds	Surplus Year
113846	STBG	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	FY23
13551	STBG	\$1,869,997	\$1,638,526 \$ 231,471	FY23 FY24
112042	STBG	\$2,910,512	\$ 638,725 \$2,271,787	FY23 FY24
118153	CMAQ	\$2,711,897	N/A	Unfunded Balance

113846 – Early Settlers Rd Sidewalk – Chesterfield

13551 – Rte 360 Widening – Hanover

112042 – Rte 1 Improvements – Ashland

118153 – Brook Rd & Hilliard Rd Trail - Henrico

# Outcome of Allocations

- Free up STBG funds in FY23 and FY24 for reallocation
  - FY23 → \$2,427,251
  - FY24 → \$2,503,258
- Reduce CMAQ balance to complete by \$2,711,897, or 27%
- Advance funding for Brook Rd & Hilliard Rd segment of the Fall Line to allow PE to start this year (originally scheduled for FY24)

# Requested Action

Recommendation on the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021 appropriated nearly \$10 billion in supplemental funding to FHWA for the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization share of the HIP funding is \$7,642,406; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization policy board allocates the available HIP funds as follows:

- \$150,000 to UPC 113846
- \$1,869,997 to UPC 13551
- \$2,910,512 to UPC 112042
- \$2,711,897 to UPC 118153

# Requested Action

Recommendation on the following resolution:

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization policy board approves the transfer of regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding from the recipient projects to the RRTPO balance entry as follows:

- \$150,000 in FY23 funds from UPC 113846
- \$1,638,526 in FY23 funds from UPC 13551
- \$231,471 in FY24 funds from UPC 13551
- \$638,725 in FY23 funds from UPC 112042
- \$2,271,787 in FY24 funds from UPC 112042



# Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside

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# Overview

- TA Set-Aside is funding for “transportation alternatives,” primarily active transportation projects
- All applications require MPO endorsement
- At July TAC, staff requested project sponsors submit project details for inclusion in the resolution

# Requests Received

Sponsor	Projects for Submission
Chesterfield County	5
Hanover County	1
Henrico County	4
Richmond City	11

Full list of projects and brief description included in the staff report

# Requested Action

Recommendation on the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Guidance requires all Transportation Alternatives applications located within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization to obtain a resolution of endorsement from the appropriate MPO; and

**WHEREAS**, Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico counties and the City of Richmond have indicated their intent to submit FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternatives applications for the following projects: [List Included]

# Requested Action

Recommendation on the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization endorses these projects as applications for the FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside process.

# STBG/CMAQ VDOT Coordination

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- No action requested
- Policy Board adopted new STBG/CMAQ guidelines this summer
- New guidelines require sponsors to coordinate with VDOT on estimates and schedules for construction projects before submitting applications for funding
- Purpose is to ensure VDOT administered projects are funded to the right level and schedule and assess risk of projects proposed for local admin.

# Process

1. Email RRTPO staff ([mbusching@planrva.org](mailto:mbusching@planrva.org)) with proposed project including:
  1. Brief Description/Improvements
  2. Location
  3. Program (STBG or CMAQ)
2. RRTPO staff reviews project for eligibility and sends verification to VDOT district & sponsor
3. Sponsor contacts VDOT Richmond District planning to initiate project validation
4. VDOT district will provide validation memo



# Timeline

- Coordination is available year round
- VDOT has the most time available for STBG/CMAQ between July and October
- Validation requires at least 3 weeks; sponsors highly encouraged to submit early
- Requests for validation will be accepted by RRTPO staff until September 29, 2021, for the FY23 – FY28 application cycle

# Other Coordination Opportunities

- VDOT can provide additional coordination beyond cost & schedule validation
- Other options include:
  - Refine project concept
  - Detailed studies of transportation issues or corridors:
    - Arterial Management Study
    - STARS Study
    - Safety Study
    - Operational Study
- Longer coordination period for these options