

ACTION ITEM June 11, 2024

TO Technical Advisory Committee

SUBJECT FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –
Maintenance/Admin Facility Expansion GRTC050

BRIEF:

GRTC submitted a request to add a new project to the TIP. The project was in the previous FY21 - FY24 TIP, but the funds were never obligated. This project supports expansion of the GRTC maintenance and administration facilities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) should recommend approval of the proposed TIP amendments as requested by GRTC.

DISCUSSION:

Under Federal law and agreements with state agencies, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) has authority to select projects and program regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, including the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside.

For other funding programs, the RRTPO does not have authority to select projects but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional long-range transportation plan, ConnectRVA 2045, and the regional conformity assessment. All proposed revisions are also evaluated for fiscal constraint, or the ability to fund the project with projected revenues.

The proposed amendment requested by GRTC has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval. The draft TIP block can be found in Attachment A. A summary of the findings for each requirement is included below.

Project Overview:

In 2016 GRTC acquired the parcel at 325 East Belt Boulevard, the property adjacent to GRTC Headquarters. The purchase was made to secure the property for future expansion of the headquarters parking lot and/or future expansion of administrative office space. GRTC is working to complete an Environmental Assessment, remediation plan, remediation, and demolition of the existing improvements on the property. The current condition of the property poses a

potential public safety and public health risk to both GRTC staff and the surrounding community.

ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency: ConnectRVA 2045 establishes categories of projects which are regional in nature and must be included in the constrained long-range plan (CLRP) prior to inclusion in the TIP. Conversely, other project types are considered either local or programmatic in nature and can advance without being specifically listed. The project types under each category can be reviewed in Chapter 5 of ConnectRVA 2045. Figure 1 graphically shows the consistency review process. Transit operations, including administrative and maintenance facilities, are considered local/programmatic and consistent with ConnectRVA 2045.

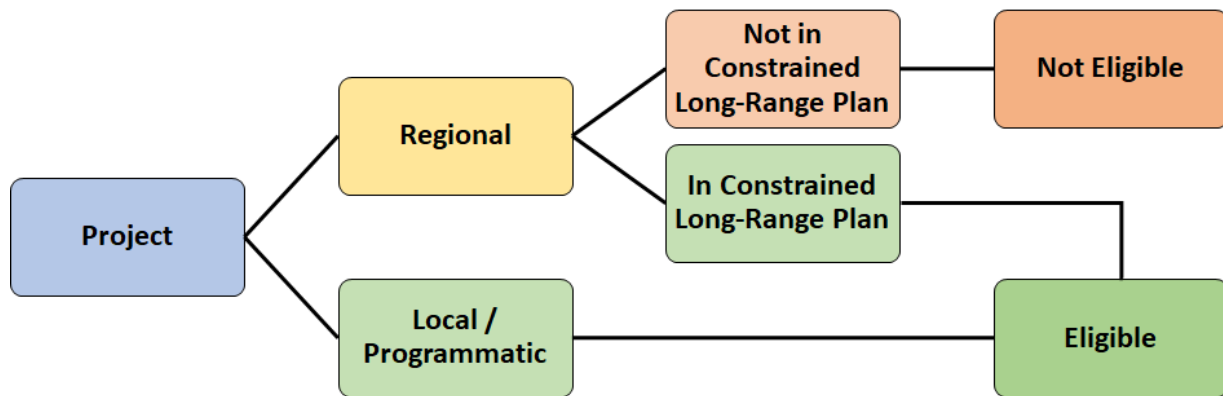


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

Air Quality Conformity: Portions of the RRTPO were formerly part of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area and projects in these areas must either be part of the Regional Conformity Assessment or must be exempt from air quality conformity analysis under federal regulations prior to being added to the TIP. This project is in the predefined area and has previously been determined not to be regionally significant for air quality.

Fiscal Constraint: This project is already funded via FTA 5307, state, and local funds. The proposed obligations are consistent with funding allocated in the six-year improvement program.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions:

FTA 5307 - The Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) makes federal resources available to governors and other recipients for transit capital and operating assistance and transportation-related planning in urbanized areas. An urbanized area is an area that has been defined and designated by the U.S.

Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census as an 'Urban Area' with a population of 50,000 or more.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Draft TIP Project Block

Draft TIP Project Block

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| STIP ID | GRTC050 | SCOPE | Transit | | | |
| SYSTEM | Public Transportation | RECIPIENT | Greater Richmond Transit Company | | | |
| PROJECT | Maintenance/Admin Facility Expansion | | | ADMIN BY | GRTC | |
| MPO NOTES | TIP AMD: Add new project | | | TOTAL | \$1,190,200 | |
| | FUND SOURCE | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY27 | |
| | Federal - FTA 5307 | \$952,152 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | State | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | Local | \$238,048 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |