

ACTION ITEM June 11, 2024

TO Technical Advisory Committee

SUBJECT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Funding Request - #FLT Rt. 1
(Gettings - Dwight) SW/Bike project (UPC 118067)

BRIEF:

Selecting and prioritizing projects for funding is one of the primary roles of the RRTPO in developing the regional transportation system. Projects selected by the TPO to receive funding are included in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for adoption by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). The RRTPO has received a request for additional Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding for the #FLT Rt. 1 (Gettings - Dwight) SW/Bike project (UPC 118067), a segment of the Fall Line. VDOT has confirmed the RRTPO has sufficient previous funding in balance entry for this request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) should review the proposed award of TA funds to address the deficit on this Fall Line project and recommend approval.

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.

Request Overview: The proposed request seeks to fund a \$184,332 deficit on the #FLT Rt. 1 (Gettings - Dwight) SW/Bike project. Per the regional funding framework, projects are eligible to request additional funding outside of the usual cycle for the construction phase. This project is ready to advertise, pending resolution of the deficit. The reason for the increase to the estimate involves redesign and construction costs associated with increasing the trail and buffer width to the desired typical section for the Fall Line trail.

The table below shows the proposed approach to funding the deficit. The proposed solution would cover the entire deficit with federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding. Chesterfield already has an additional \$93,140 in local money on the project beyond the currently required match, and a portion of this money would serve as the match for the additional TA funds. VDOT has confirmed that the RRTPO has previous TA funds in balance entry to cover this request.

	Previous	New/Proposed	Delta
Estimate	\$ 668,140	\$ 852,332	\$ 184,192
Total Allocations	\$ 668,140	\$ 852,332	\$ 184,192
Transportation Alternatives (TA) - Federal	\$ 460,000	\$ 644,192	\$ 184,192
Transportation Alternatives (TA) - Match	\$ 115,000	\$ 161,048	\$ 46,048
Local/No Post	\$ 93,140	\$ 47,092	\$ (46,048)

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.

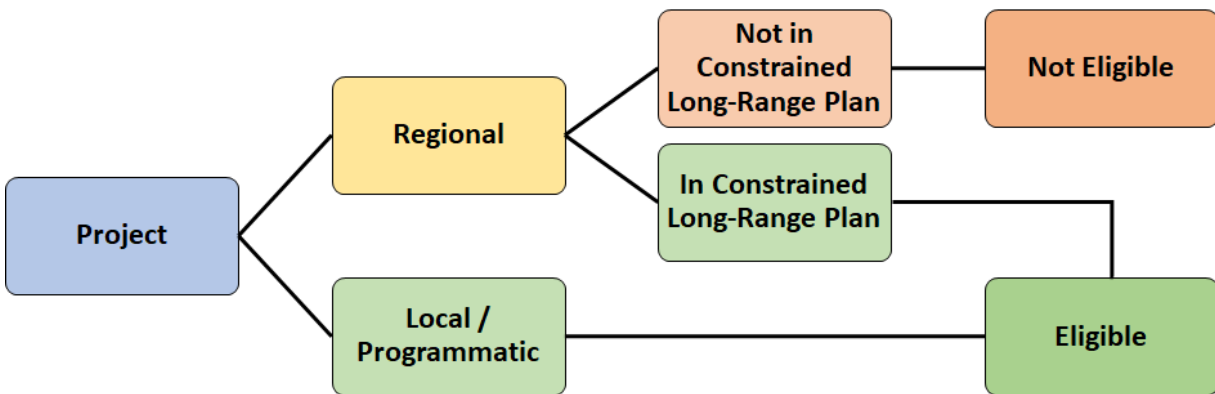


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

All sections of the Fall Line are regional and included in the constrained plan. The financial plan also envisions regional TPO funds being used to advance regional projects. This proposal is consistent with the long-range transportation plan.



Item 7.

For more information, please contact Myles Busching at 804-923-7035 or mbusching@planrva.org.