

**ACTION ITEM** June 11, 2024

**TO** Technical Advisory Committee

**SUBJECT** FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Multimodal Improvements on S. Laburnum Ave. Over I-64 Henrico (UPC T29562)

**BRIEF:**

Henrico County submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Multimodal Improvements on S. Laburnum Avenue Over I-64 (UPC T29562) project. This new project is estimated to cost \$12,611,366 with \$6,300,000 in funding coming through the Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods Program. The remaining balance will be paid for with local funding.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

**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 VDOT 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: With a successful bid for the Reconnecting Communities FY23 Award, Henrico County was awarded \$6,300,000 to make multimodal improvements on S. Laburnum Ave. over I-64. Laburnum Avenue offers some ability to cross I-64, but a lack of pedestrian or bicycle infrastructure makes the crossing a

safety concern. This project will be used to improve safety and provide better access to places of interest south of I-64.

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. This project is considered local/programmatic in nature due to it being a pedestrian/bicycle improvement and proximity to the existing right-of-way. Figure 1 graphically shows the consistency review process.

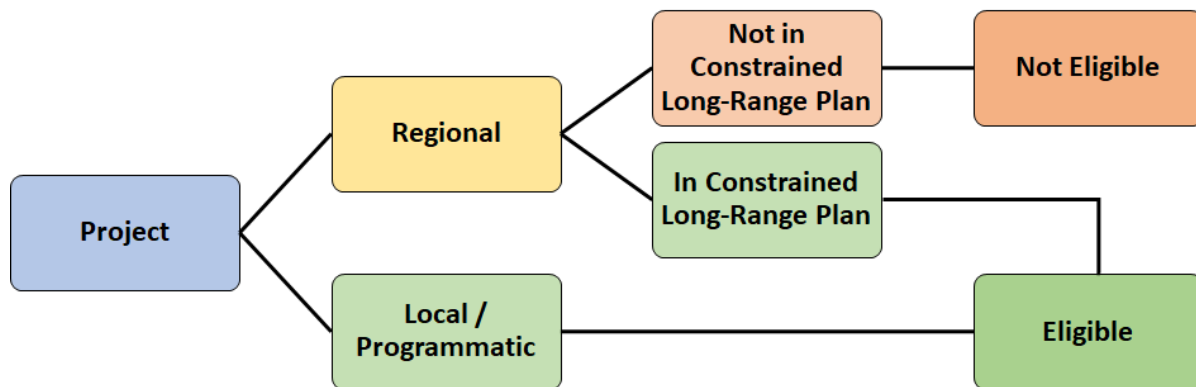


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

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 exempt from Air Quality Conformity due to it providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Fiscal Constraint: The amendment of the TIP is triggered by the addition of funds for this newly created project. \$6,300,000 will be provided through RCN award, and the remaining balance of \$6,311,366 will be funded by local funding.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions:

**RCN** – Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods Program - Provides funds dedicated to reconnecting communities, cut off from opportunity and burdened by past transportation infrastructure decisions. The program funds removing,

retrofitting, or mitigating transportation facilities like highways or rail lines that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Draft TIP Project Block

**Attachment A – Draft TIP Block**

UPC NO	T295562	SCOPE	Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles			
SYSTEM	Secondary	JURISDICTION	Henrico County	OVERSIGHT	NFO	
PROJECT	MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS ON S. LABURNUM AVE. OVER I-64			ADMIN BY	Locally	
DESCRIPTION	FROM: THORNHURST STREET TO: GAY AVENUE					
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD – add \$1,703,335 (AC-Other) FFY24					
ROUTE/STREET	S. LABURNUM AVENUE (9999)			TOTAL COST	\$12,611,366	
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
PE AC	Federal - AC Other	\$0	\$1,703,335	\$0	\$0	\$0