TIP Amendment 83
Richmond Regional TPO
Policy Board Meeting
May 7, 2020
Overview

• GRTC request to add new project to TIP to purchase articulated vehicles
• Project uses 5307 funds (FY21 $672,000)
• TAC has reviewed the proposed amendment and recommended approval
Requested Action

• **RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization policy board amends the *FY18 – FY21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* adding the following new project; and
Requested Action

• **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this project is considered exempt from conformity under provisions contained in section 93.126 of the conformity rule as follows:
  
  • UPC GRTC00000: Expansion Vehicles – Articulated Vehicles – GRTC Transit System. FTA Section 5307 funds (FY21 $672,000) will be used for this project; exempt under purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet.
RSTP/CMAQ New Project Prioritization
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STBG Program Overview

• Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds are a flexible source of funding for transportation improvements
• RRTPO receives around $20M in STBG funds each year
Project Prioritization

• Development of the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) is currently suspended

• New projects need to be prioritized to develop draft allocations

• Projects were scored by a team of TPO, VDOT, and DRPT staff

• TAC recommended prioritization included in agenda packet (pg. 33)
CMAQ Program Overview

• Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are dedicated to improving air quality in the region

• While in attainment for all NAAQS, the region continues to receive funding for the former non-attainment area

• CMAQ funds total approximately $8M each year
Project Prioritization

- Projects evaluated by VDOT environmental staff
- Focus on emissions reduction for NOx and VOC (ozone precursors)
- TAC recommended prioritization included in agenda packet (pg. 34)
Requested Action

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization policy board approves the prioritization of new FY21 – FY26 RSTP/CMAQ projects as presented.
Overview

• Conformity is a demonstration of compliance with the Clean Air Act and is a required part of adopting the TIP or long-range plan

• Richmond area is in compliance with all national standards

• Must still undertake conformity analysis for older 1997 8-Hour Ozone
Interagency Consultation

• State, federal, and local agencies (including Tri-Cities representatives) meet to review the conformity analysis

• Meeting held on February 11, led by VDOT staff

• Changes from TAC members and other ICG members incorporated into final report
Public Engagement

• A 30 day public comment period was held on the conformity report between Feb 17 and Mar 18
• Website with comment form and draft
• Shared via social media, email to interested parties; newspaper ad for TIP
• Open House cancelled due to COVID-19
• No additional comments received
Requested Action

• **RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization policy board approves the Richmond and Tri-Cities Regional Conformity Report as presented.