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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.



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RSTP/CMAAQ 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.



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Air Quality Conformity

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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.