

TIP Amendment GRTC Request

TAC Meeting
July 7, 2021

Overview

- GRTC submitted 1 TIP request
- Request would add a new project to the TIP
- New projects require TIP amendment:
 - Air Quality Conformity (CAA)
 - Fiscal Constraint
 - Public Review
 - TAC & Policy Board Review

GRTC069

Description: GRTC Shop
Equipment Shed
(Contract 73021-89)

Air Quality: Exempt -
Reconstruction or renovation
of transit buildings and
structures

Planned Obligations

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
FTA 5307	\$ 7,000			
State	\$ 17,000			
Local	\$ 1,000			
TOTAL	\$ 25,000			

Action Requested

Recommendation on the following resolution

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board amends the FY21 – FY24 Transportation Improvement Program(TIP) adding the following new project and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project is considered exempt from conformity under provisions contained in section 93.126 of the conformity rule

HIP Funding

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- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021 included \$9.8 billion for the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)
- RRTPO has **\$7,642,406** in additional HIP funding for FY22 to allocate
 - HIP > 200k: \$1,166,204
 - HIP-CRRSAA > 200k: \$6,476,202

Limitations

- Funds can be used for anything STBG-eligible
- HIP-CRRSAA also has special authorized uses:
 - Routine and Preventative Maintenance
 - Operations
 - Personnel
 - Debt Service
 - Availability Payments
 - Other Lost Revenues
- Funds must be obligated by Sept 2024, expended by 2029 or lost

Allocation Approach

- VDOT *strongly* recommends limiting funding to existing projects already in the SYIP
- Staff has heard from localities that there is interest in advancing other projects not already funded through TPO program
- Staff has prepared 3 options for the TAC to consider

Option 1

- HIP funding used to replace STBG/CMAQ funds on existing TPO projects for next phase not yet authorized
- Surplus STBG/CMAQ funds to be reallocated during the FY23 – FY28 cycle (application period planned for October)
- Help address large balances in STBG program which resulted from funding reduction
- Approach most in line with VDOT recommendation

Option 2

- Mostly same approach as Option 1
- Limited application period for **studies only**
- No new studies in past round of STBG allocations
- Studies can be obligated quickly and are only a single phase
- Increased risk as some TPO funded studies have experienced delays or were not completed in the past

Option 3

- Full application cycle
- Open to all existing projects in the SYIP (both TPO funded and outside funded)
- Difficult to administer
- TPO unable to transfer STBG/CMAQ to ensure project moves forward if not already TPO funded
- Most risk for TPO

Staff Recommendation

- Due to strict obligation deadline and risks, staff recommends **Option 1**
- With TAC direction, staff will work with VDOT to prepare allocation plan for approval

Requested Action

***Resolved**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee directs staff to develop an allocations plan for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds to replace Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) allocations on existing TPO projects as outlined in Option 1.*

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Background

- No action requested
- Pre-application period closed this month
- All applications need MPO endorsement
- Email Myles Busching projects for endorsement resolution by July 23, 2021
 - Project Name
 - Description
 - Estimated Cost
 - Requested Amount of TA Funding