

INVESTING YOUR DOLLAR\$ IN TRAN\$PORTATION

What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?

The HRTPO TIP is a four-year program for the implementation of surface transportation projects in Hampton Roads. These projects include transit, highway, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight-related projects. Before any federally-funded and/or regionally-significant project can be built in Hampton Roads, it must be approved by the HRTPO Board and included in the TIP.



What is the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization?

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is a federally mandated transportation policy board comprised of representatives from local, state, and federal governments, transit agencies, and other stakeholders. Responsible for transportation planning and programming for the Hampton Roads area, one of the core functions of the HRTPO is the development and maintenance of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

How is the TIP created?

The TIP is developed by the HRTPO in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and local public transit agencies. In addition, the public is provided opportunities to review and comment at various stages during the development of the TIP. Once the TIP has been approved by the HRTPO Board, it is incorporated into the statewide TIP, which is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for approval.



How are projects in the TIP funded?

Projects in the TIP may be funded by federal, state, local or private funds, or any combination of such funds.

Can the TIP be changed?



Yes, changes are routinely made to the TIP by way of amendments or administrative modifications. The TIP may be amended in order to add, change, or delete projects. TIP amendments must be approved by the HRTPO Board. The TIP amendment process also includes opportunities for public review and comment. By signing up for the HRTPO E-Newsletter, you can ensure that you will be notified of opportunities to comment on TIP amendments. Proposed TIP amendments are also posted on HRTPO website under Public Notices. Administrative modifications involve minor changes to projects that do not involve Board approval or public review.

Why is the TIP important to me?

There is never enough funding available to make all of the transportation improvements desired, and since the vast majority of transportation funding comes from federal and state taxes, it is important that the public have a say in how and where transportation dollars are spent. The TIP provides that information for each project, including cost estimates, schedules, funding allocations, and expenditures. The TIP website (www.hrtpotip.org) also includes an interactive mapping tool that allows the user to access project information by location.



Quick Stats

- \$50 Million expended on 244 projects
 - 168 projects with Preliminary Engineering (PE) expenditures
 - 44 projects with Right-of-Way (RW) expenditures
 - 106 projects with Construction (CN) expenditures
- 10 projects completed
- 15 CMAQ/RSTP projects were flagged for having no expenditures in the past two quarters

Project Highlight:

Capitol Landing Road Bicycle Improvements

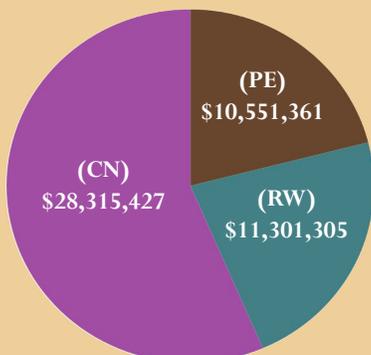
The Capitol Landing Road Bicycle Improvements project (UPC# 84484) will provide four-foot wide shoulder bike lanes on both sides of Capitol Landing Road between East Rochambeau Drive and the Queens Creek Bridge at the York County/Williamsburg line, closing a gap between existing shoulder bike lanes. This will provide a continuous bicycle route linking the College of William and Mary, Colonial Williamsburg, Bruton High School, and Waller Mill Park. The project



had its first construction phase expenditures during the past quarter. It is expected that closing the gap in the bikeway system in this area will greatly improve accessibility to park and athletic facilities, thereby reducing auto trips and related vehicular emissions.

Expenditures

During the past quarter, over \$50 million dollars was spent on 241 projects in Hampton Roads. A total of more than \$15 million was spent on the following projects: Middle Ground Boulevard Extension (UPC# 11816); the widening of Dominion Boulevard/Steel Bridge (UPC# 56187); and the Route 460 Relocation PPTA project (UPC# 84272). There were 11 other projects across the region with expenditures in excess of \$1 million.



Projects Completed This Quarter

- Jefferson Avenue Widening in Newport News (UPC# 13429)
- Western Freeway Interchange Construction at APM/Maersk Terminal in Portsmouth (UPC# 70552)
- Moore Avenue, RR Crossing Improvements in Suffolk (UPC# 89591)
- Pine Street RR Crossing Improvements in Suffolk (UPC# 89593)
- I-264 /Lynnhaven Interchange Improvements - ARRA in Virginia Beach (UPC# 94544)
- North Main Street RR Crossing Improvements in Suffolk (UPC# 93027)
- Volvo Parkway Signal Upgrades - ARRA in Chesapeake (UPC# 95427)
- Johnstown Road Signal Upgrades at Hanbury Road in Chesapeake (UPC# 95428)
- Bainbridge Boulevard Signal Upgrades at Freeman Avenue in Chesapeake (UPC# 95430)
- Liberty Street Signal Upgrade at 22nd Street in Chesapeake (UPC #95431)

Projects with No Expenditures

HRTPO staff identified 15 projects with CMAQ and/or RSTP allocations through FY 2012 that had no expenditures since June 2012. Out of the 15 projects, 12 projects were on the list last quarter, and HRTPO staff has worked with the localities to determine which projects have been completed or cancelled, which ones are near completion, and which ones are still in progress. HRTPO staff will determine the status of the three other projects on the list, as well as work with the localities to close out the completed/cancelled projects.