

2021 CMAQ AND RSTP PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS: REQUESTS FOR FY 2028 FUNDING



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Background

- The HRTPO is responsible for project selection and funding allocation for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)
- CMAQ provides federal funding for projects that primarily help improve air quality
- RSTP provides federal funding for a wide variety of projects

2021 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process

- As part of the current 2021 CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process, all current CMAQ and RSTP projects are reviewed to identify any cost or schedule changes that will need to be considered.
- Similarly, current CMAQ and RSTP projects with funding requests for FY 2028 are reviewed.
- HRTPO policy is to fund previously approved projects before considering new candidate projects.

Current 2021 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process Schedule

CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process Steps and Deadlines

8/2/2021

- Deadline for Public to submit projects to be considered for CMAQ/RSTP funding.

8/16/2021

- Deadline for Applications for project proposals from localities, transit agencies and state transportation agencies.

9/30/2021

- Project evaluations completed by HRTPO staff.

10/15/2021

- Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) meeting to review proposed projects and recommend funding allocations.

11/03/2021

- Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) meeting to consider recommendations of the TPS and makes a recommendation for consideration by the HRTPO Board.

11/18/2021

- HRTPO Board meeting to consider TTAC recommendations regarding CMAQ/RSTP projects and funding allocations for final approval.

FY 2028 CMAQ and RSTP Funding Requests: Previously Approved Projects

FY 2028 estimated CMAQ funding available	\$13,516,489
FY 2028 requests from previously approved CMAQ projects	\$12,423,360
FY 2028 CMAQ funding available for new projects	\$ 1,093,129
FY 2028 estimated RSTP funding available	\$33,367,520
FY 2028 requests from previously approved RSTP projects	\$49,753,503
FY 2028 RSTP funding available for new projects	(\$16,385,983)

FY 2022-2027 FAST Act Reductions

- The VDOT Six-Year Financial Plan (SYFP) and budget development estimates have included growth assumptions consistent with FAST Act funding expectations. However, since Federal funding, through the FAST Act held Federal FY 2021 funding at FY 2020 levels, adjustments were made in the department's estimates to reflect no growth.
- For Hampton Roads, the growth rate accounted for approximately \$38M for CMAQ (\$11.4M) and RSTP(\$26.7) in combined reductions for FY 2022-FY 2027.
- In order to balance the FY 2022-FY 2027 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), VDOT worked with HRTPO Staff to make changes to the program that would require some CMAQ and RSTP allocations to be moved out to FY 2028.

Proposed Solution to 2021 CMAQ/RSTP PSP Funding Shortfall

- The Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) recommended to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) that the 2021 CMAQ/RSTP PSP be suspended temporarily. The TTAC and HRTPO Board will consider this approach at their May 2021 meetings.
- The temporary suspension of the process will be revisited in the event of FAST Act funding adjustments and/or the availability of additional funding through a new Federal Infrastructure package.

Questions?

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