

and Transit Data Map on behalf of the Tri-Cities Area MPO.

## 2010 Tri-Cities Area Transit Development Plan (TDP)

- The 2010 Transit Development Plan (TDP) is a six-year planning document prepared for the purpose of identifying mass transit capital and operating improvements in the Tri-Cities Area. The 2010 TDP includes an assessment of the operational efficiencies of current routes operated by Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) and addresses the feasibility of additional routes in the Tri-Cities. This document was adopted in January 2011 by the MPO and by the Petersburg City Council in November 2011. PAT is owned and operated by the City of Petersburg.
- During calendar year 2012, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation sponsored a multimodal station study to present comparative data points for two alternate sites: Ettrick and Collier. The purpose of the study was to offer local, regional and state officials an understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of each location for a future passenger rail station provision for the Tri-Cities Area.

## Bikeway Plan

- In September 1979 the MPO adopted a bikeways plan for the region. In August 2003, a plan update was completed. The Transportation Technical Committee adopted the updated bikeways plan in March, 2004. An update of the March 2004 plan is underway. The update is focusing on non-motorized forms of transportation, including bikeways.

## Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - FY's 2012-2015

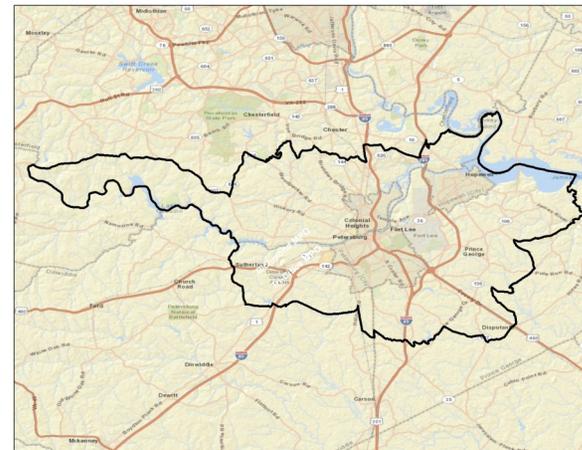
- The TIP consists of several program listings of highway and transit projects anticipated to receive federal funding during the next four-year period. The Tri-Cities Area MPO has project selection authority for Section 5307 transit projects, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Projects (CMAQ) and, after July 2004, Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) projects. The Commonwealth Transportation Board selects other projects listed in the TIP for federal and State funding.

"The Tri-Cities Area MPO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities." For more information see [www.craterpdc.org](http://www.craterpdc.org) or call 804-861-1666

## Member Jurisdictions

Colonial Heights  
Hopewell  
Petersburg  
Chesterfield  
Dinwiddie  
Prince George

## Regional Planning Responsibilities:



The Tri-Cities MPO, located in southeastern portion of Virginia, is within the I-85, I-95 and I-295 travel corridors. The Tri-Cities MPO supports a multi-modal transportation system with highway, transit, rail, pedestrian and bicycle transportation accessible to its population.

## Funding:

Tri-Cities MPO currently receives approximately \$3.7million State and federal sub-allocation for regionally prioritized transportation improvement projects under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Programs (RSTP). The Tri-Cities MPO currently has 20 active CMAQ projects and 17 active RSTP projects. These projects are in varying stages of preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition or construction.

**How Can I Get Involved?** Attend Policy & Technical Committee Meeting, and provide comments of transportation related projects to the MPO ([jvinsh@craterpdc.org](mailto:jvinsh@craterpdc.org) or [cnicholas@craterpdc.org](mailto:cnicholas@craterpdc.org))

## What is an MPO?

MPO stands for Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Tri-Cities MPO serve as the regional transportation planning organization for an estimated 129,070 residents living in the southern portion of the Richmond, Virginia urbanized area. The 2010 Census estimated the total population the Richmond urbanized area was 953,556.

The MPO serves as a liaison between local government and state and federal agencies in matters involving major regional needed transportation improvements. All urban areas in the U.S. with a population over 50K are required by federal regulations stemming from the 1973 Highway Act to have an MPO structure in place to administer transportation planning programs. The state and federal government recognize the MPO as the official forum for regional transportation planning undertaken in cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive manner in order to maximize the benefit and expenditure of federal and state monies in transportation planning and programming.

## When and Where are the Meeting?

The **Policy Committee** endorses the expenditure of federal transportation funds for highway, transit, bikeways and other transportation related projects. This Committee is comprised of local elected officials member jurisdictions and agency appointees. Regular meetings of the MPO Policy Committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Petersburg Union Train Station located 103 River Street in Petersburg. Scheduled meeting dates may change or be cancelled.

The **Technical Advisory Committee** provides technical review and advice to the Policy Committee on metropolitan transportation plans and programs. It consists of a variety of key planning, transportation, and engineering staff from member jurisdic-

tions and agencies. Regular meetings of the MPO Technical Committee are held on the first Friday of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the Colonial Heights Public Library located at 1000 Yacht Basin Drive, Colonial Heights, VA.

**\*All meeting are open to the public**

Transportation documents, meeting minutes, agendas, and schedules of the two MPO Committee and other transportation resources are available online: <http://www.craterpdc.org/transportation/index.htm>

## Transportation Plans/ Programs

### **2035 Long Range Transportation Plan**

- The long-range plan represents the vision for transportation improvements in the regional transportation system. The intent of the 2035 Plan is to meet future-oriented, multi-modal transportation needs of the region, such as autos, transit, bicycling and pedestrians. The long-range plan is updated on a 4-year cycle. The plan was adopted in June 2012 and is consistent with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) as established under federal law in 2005.

### **2013 Land Use and Transportation Performance Measures Report**

- The Virginia General Assembly adopted legislation during the 2009 session requiring each MPO serving an urbanized area greater than 200,000 in population to identify and annually monitor land use and transportation performance measures. The categories of measures being monitored were prescribed by the State. MPOs produced a template for the regional performance measures. The staff of the Crater Planning District Commission prepared the 2013 Report

Map 1: Transportation Study Area Boundary

