

**TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PLAN 2045 COMMITTEE  
Meeting Agenda**

Colonial Heights Public Library  
1000 Yacht Basin Drive, Colonial Heights, VA

August 6, 2021  
10:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85014587655?pwd=dnc4MU1RUJFZQ0lzTnU1Y0NRNUlvQT09>

Meeting Type:     Annual  
 Regular  
 Special (Called)

TAC Voting and Non-Voting member Invitees:

**Agency**

Chesterfield County  
City of Colonial Heights  
Dinwiddie County  
City of Hopewell  
City of Petersburg  
Prince George County  
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Petersburg Area Transit  
Virginia Department of Rail and Public  
Transportation (VDRPT)  
Crater Planning District Commission  
Fort Lee  
Petersburg National Battlefield Park  
RideFinders (A Division of GRTC)  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

**Name**

Ms. Barb Smith  
Mr. Todd Flippen, P.E. (Chair)  
Mr. Mark Bassett (Vice Chair)  
Mr. Johnnie Butler  
Mr. Lionel Lyons  
Ms. Julie Walton  
Ms. Liz McAdory  
Mr. Charles Koonce  
Ms. Tiffany Dubinsky  
  
Mr. Ron Svejksky (Secretary)  
Mr. Fritz Brandt  
Ms. Alexis Morris  
Ms. Brigitte Tanner Carter  
Mr. Ivan Rucker  
Mr. Ryan Long

**1. Call to order**

**2. Public Comment Period**

TAC ACTION ITEMS:

3. Approval of Agenda Approval
4. Approval of minutes from June 4, 2021, meeting – Attachment 1 Approval
5. FFY 2021-2024 MTIP Amendment for transit projects – Att 2 Recommendation

FTA has asked PAT to have the TCAMPO's FFY 2021-24 MTIP amended to shift the FFY22 Section 5339 projects to FFY2021, since they will be obligated in FFY 2021. **Attachment 2** includes the changes to pages 33-37 of the FFY 2021-2024 MTIP. Three projects are affected (PAT0013, PAT0020, and PAT0021)

***Action requested:** MPO Staff concurs, and requests TAC recommend Policy Committee approval of the FFY 2021-2024 MTIP amendment for transit projects.*

6. Updated FY22-27 RSTP allocations – Attachment 3 Recommendation

As noted in previous meetings, we have received Coronavirus Response HIP funds which were put into UPC 70725 (TCAMPO RSTP Balance Entry). Since we are working with only \$732k of HIP funds, VDOT and MPO staff recommend using these funds for existing projects only, and the excess RSTP (non-HIP) funds would be put into the TCAMPO RSTP Balance Entry account (and any resulting excess CMAQ funds put into the CMAQ Balance Entry account). **Attachment 3** includes the proposed Revised FY22-27 RSTP and CMAQ Allocations tables.

The proposed "HIP allocation plan" proposes to:

- Swap \$427k of the HIP funds with the existing CMAQ-funded ART – Patton Park and Southern End of Fall Line Trail project (UPC 118948) and move up its schedule; the resulting surplus CMAQ funds would be placed into the CMAQ Balance Entry account (UPC 70722), and
- Swap the rest of the HIP funds with the existing RSTP-funded Lakeview Road/Branders Bridge Road Roundabout project (UPC 109229); the resulting surplus RSTP funds from UPC 109229 would be placed in the RSTP Balance Entry account (UPC 70725).

***Action requested:** MPO Staff requests TAC recommend Policy Committee approval of the Revised FY22-27 RSTP allocations.*

**Plan2045 COMMITTEE ITEMS:**

**7. Vision, Goals, and Strategies Status**

**Information**

Metroquest Problems, Issues, and Needs Survey - MPO staff advertised the Metroquest survey in Facebook (and Facebook groups), Instagram, the Crater PDC newsletter, TCAMPO's webpage, TAC distribution list with media, previous Metroquest survey takers who signed up, etc. We ask that the word be spread to others, since **the survey ends August 15**.

Survey link: [TriCitiesAreaMPO2045LRTP.MetroQuest.com](https://TriCitiesAreaMPO2045LRTP.MetroQuest.com)

Also, the public is not only being asked to identify and map the problems, issues, and needs in the Tri-Cities Area in the survey, but is also being asked to comment/respond to the "Basic Transportation Vision" the TAC selected:

Basic Transportation Vision - Encourage a transportation system that equitably improves safety, economic vitality, and quality of life for people living and working in the Tri-Cities area.

Staff will report on the status of the survey so far and give a full report at the September 3 TAC meeting.

**8. Plan2045 Document – Attachment 4**

**Information**

**Attachment 4** includes 1) a draft outline of *Plan2045* including appendices, links. etc.; and 2) the draft introduction.

**9. Project Prioritization and Candidate Projects – Attachment 5**

**Information**

a. Candidate Projects - As noted in earlier meetings, Regionally Significant projects are required to be listed in the Financially Constrained List of PLAN2045 and the Air Quality Conformity List, regardless of funding source. Regionally Significant projects include (regardless of funding source):

- Add a travel lane both ways to an arterial, freeway, or interstate
- Construct a new arterial
- Construct a new freeway interchange

MPO staff took the TAC-approved tentative list and did a more detailed review by removing projects that are outside TCAMPO's planning area, removing duplicates, and focusing on truly Regionally Significant projects (**Attachment 5**). *This List is also still tentative*, depending on the presentation by VDOT at this meeting and the responses from the Metroquest Problems, Issues, and Needs survey currently underway. The number of Regionally Significant projects in the List was reduced from 27 to 22.

We will approve the final List in September or October for scoring and then select the projects for the CLRP (and as Regionally Significant for the Air Quality Conformity List) in early 2022.

- b. Revenue Forecasts - **Attachment 5** also includes a summary of the Revenue Forecasts provided by VDOT this Spring. MPO staff has included notes suggesting what types of projects to expect for each fund source.

For the Regionally Significant Projects/CLRP List scoring and selection, MPO staff recommends assuming that the \$68 million SMART SCALE High Priority Program funds are the only reasonably expected funding source for these *Plan2045* CLRP Candidate projects.

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**TAC INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**10. SMART SCALE Round 5 and Candidate *Plan2045* Projects** **Information**

VDOT Richmond District Planning will present a brief summary of the Tri-Cities MPO's Round 4 SMART SCALE applications and scores. Additionally, VDOT will present OIPI's VTrans Needs that fall within the MPO area in order to identify and discuss potential regional and/or local priorities. VDOT will also discuss recent and/or on-going planning studies, as well as steps needed to develop a study recommendation that meets SMART SCALE eligibility and readiness requirements.

**11. Congressional Earmark Requests Status** **Information**

MPO/PDC staff applied for the Fall Line Trail project (Patton Park through VSU to River Road) and served as the applicant for the Petersburg – Colonial

Heights Connector project (the FOLAR project that had been applied for under SMART SCALE) for Congressman McEachin; and provided a letter of support to Prince George County for the Jefferson Park/Middle Road Roundabout project by the April 16 deadline.

On May 28, the MPO/PDC submitted these same project requests to the Senators as above (plus the Museum Enclave) and also sent letters of support to Prince George County for the Jefferson Park/Middle Road Roundabout project and to Hopewell for the Courthouse Road project.

At this point Congressman McEachin has announced that the Prince George County: Roundabout at the Intersection of Middle Rd. and Jefferson Park Rd. (\$3,540,806) was selected by the House in the INVEST in America Act. Congressman McEachin also announced that the Ettrick Train Station Revitalization - Bessie Lane Realignment and Reconstruction (\$1,000,000) project was selected under the Community Project Funding program.

Senators Warner and Kaine announced that they both submitted:

- TCAMPO: Fall Line Trail project (\$8,500,000)
- Hopewell: Courthouse Road bus shelters and sidewalk (\$1,000,000)
- Prince George County: Roundabout at the Intersection of Middle Rd. and Jefferson Park Rd. (\$3,540,806)
- Ettrick Train Station Revitalization - Bessie Lane Realignment and Reconstruction (\$1,000,000)

MPO staff will update the TAC and Policy Committee as these projects are reviewed and hopefully selected for funding.

## **12. RAISE Grant Applications - Status**

## **Information**

As promised, MPO staff applied by the July 12 deadline for:

- "Fall Line Trail (Patton Park through VSU to River Road)" Capital Grant
- "I-85 NB to I-95 SB (Planning and Conceptual Design)" Planning Grant, and
- "Multimodal Mobility Planning in Areas of Persistent Poverty (APP) in Tri-Cities MPO Area" Planning Grant.

MPO staff will update the TAC and Policy Committee members as the review process continues. The MPO and PDC thank the members and other groups for their assistance with the applications and letters of support.

### **13. FY23-24 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Applications** **Information**

Pre-applications were due July 1. Any applications in an MPO area will need an MPO resolution of endorsement, so localities are being asked to provide TA application information (project name, project description, estimated cost, and requested amount of TA funding) to MPO staff by **August 20** so we can bring an MPO resolution of endorsement to our September round of meetings.

### **14. Interstate Operations and Enhancements Policy** **Information**

The Policy was approved in June, results of the prioritization effort and staff recommended IOEP funding scenario were presented to the CTB on July 20.

The Link to the presentation:

[http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2021/july/pres/5\\_interstate\\_prioritization\\_projects.pdf](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2021/july/pres/5_interstate_prioritization_projects.pdf)

The link to the Draft Funding Scenario list:

[http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2021/july/pres/5\\_interstate\\_prioritization\\_projectsatta.pdf](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2021/july/pres/5_interstate_prioritization_projectsatta.pdf)

Of note, the Draft Funding Scenario list of improvements recommends funding for:

- A new Park and Ride Lot at Exit 58 (Woods Edge)
- Extending the I-95 SB acceleration lane at Exit 53 (Southpark) in Colonial Heights

Recommended Operational Improvements also include:

- CCTV cameras, CMS, SSP Route, and Portable CMS on I-85
- CCTV cameras, CMS, SSP Route, and High Wind Warning on I-295

The estimates will be finalized in mid-August and the CTB will amend the SYIP with the final prioritized project selections in September.

### **15. DRPT Report** **Information**

**16. VDOT Report**

**Information**

**17. Upcoming**

**Information**

August 25-26:

- FHWA-FTA federal certification at TCAMPO, including public meetings August 25 p.m. and August 26 a.m.

September 3:

- GAP consultant presentation re: Performance-Based Planning and Programming
- Endorse FY23-24 TAP Applications

October 1:

- Approve the Plan2045 Goals and Measures
- Approve the Plan2045 Regionally Significant Projects Candidates List for scoring and CLRP prioritization
- Approve Revenue Forecasts (VDOT and DRPT)

**18. Other Business**

**19. Adjournment**

*Next meeting: Friday, September 3, 2021 (in person!)*