Quarterly Snapshot #4: December 2012 - February 2013

Quick Stats
$70M expended on 273 projects:

- 155 projects with Preliminary Engineering (PE) expenditures
- 34 projects with Right-of-Way (RW) expenditures
- 84 projects with Construction (CN) expenditures

19 projects completed/closed
17 CMAQ/RSTP projects were flagged for having no expenditures in the past two quarters

Project Highlight:
Dominion Boulevard Bridge Replacement–Steel Bridge

This project (UPC #56187) will widen Dominion Boulevard to four-lanes from Great Bridge Boulevard to Cedar Road and replace the existing drawbridge over the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake with a 95 foot high, four-lane, double span bridge. The new fixed-span bridges will eliminate traffic flow issues associated with the numerous drawbridge openings per day, as well as add needed capacity to one of Virginia's most heavily traveled two-lane roadways. Interchanges at Cedar Road, Great Bridge Boulevard, and Dominion Lakes, mean drivers will not encounter a traffic signal between I-64 and Cedar Road.

During the last quarter, the Dominion Boulevard project had its first expenditures in the construction phase. Completion of the entire project is scheduled for April 1, 2017 - with the northbound span constructed first and the southbound span to follow. Project phasing will allow for continued use of the Steel Bridge in the interim. The City of Chesapeake is currently considering a project to widen the remaining two-mile, two-lane portion of Dominion Boulevard south of Cedar Road.

Expenditures
During the past quarter, nearly $70 million dollars was spent on 273 projects in Hampton Roads. A total of more than $34 million was spent on the following projects: Midtown Tunnel Debt Service (UPC #103036); the widening of Dominion Boulevard/Steel Bridge (UPC #56187); and Nimmo Parkway Construction in Virginia Beach (UPC #52058) There were 8 other projects across the region with expenditures in excess of $1 million.

Projects Completed This Quarter
1. Military Highway Intersection Improvements at Galberry Road in Chesapeake (UPC #86502)
2. Fort Eustis Boulevard Widening in multiple localities (UPC #92992)
3. I-664 Maintenance – ARRA in multiple localities (UPC #93861)
4. Carrsville Highway Roadway Maintenance – ARRA in Isle of Wight (UPC #95032)
5. James City County Roadway Maintenance – ARRA in James City County (UPC #92553)
6. Mariner’s Museum Restoration – Phase II in Newport News (UPC #82542)
7. Attucks Historic Pedestrian Improvements – Phase II in Norfolk (UPC #80487)
8. Portsmouth Signal System Improvements – ARRA in Portsmouth (UPC #94540)
9. Airline Boulevard Signal Upgrade at Greenwood Drive/Hodges Ferry Road in Portsmouth (UPC #95986)
10. Elm Avenue Signal Upgrade at County Street in Portsmouth (UPC #96035)
11. High Street Signal Upgrade at Tyre Neck Road in Portsmouth (UPC #96036)
12. Victory Boulevard Signal Upgrade at Victory Boulevard in Portsmouth (UPC #96037)
13. Effingham Street Signal Upgrade at High Street in Portsmouth (UPC #96038)
14. Holland Road Signal Timing Improvements in Suffolk (UPC #52371)
15. Godwin Boulevard Signal Timing Improvements in Suffolk (UPC #52372)
16. Pruden Boulevard Signal Timing Improvements in Suffolk (UPC #52373)
17. Carolina Road Signal Timing Improvements in Suffolk (UPC #52381)
18. Nansemond Parkway Signal Timing Improvements (UPC #52382)
19. Route 143 Signal Upgrades at Route 132 in York County (UPC #94127)

Projects with No Expenditures
HRTPO staff identified 17 projects with CMAQ and/or RSTP allocations through FY 2013 that had no expenditures since September 2012. Out of the 17 projects, 11 were on the list last quarter. HRTPO staff will work with locality/agency staff to determine the status of the projects on the list. For the list of projects, click here for the full presentation and see page 9.

For more information on the HRTPO TIP visit: www.hrtpotip.org.
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.

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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.

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