

## Quick Stats

\$112M expended on 205 projects:

- 132 projects with Preliminary Engineering (PE) expenditures
- 36 projects with Right-of-Way (RW) expenditures
- 83 projects with Construction (CN) expenditures

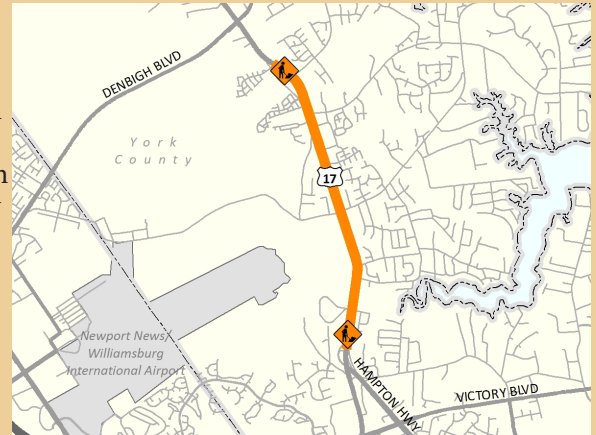
Five (5) projects completed

Six (6) CMAQ/RSTP projects were flagged for having no expenditures in the past two quarters

## Project Highlight:

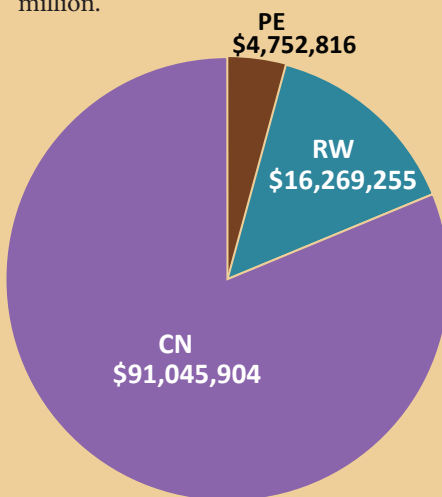
### Route 17 - George Washington Memorial Highway

The Route 17 - George Washington Memorial Highway project in York County (UPC #60843) will increase roadway capacity between Hampton Highway and Wolf Trap Road from four lanes to six lanes - three lanes in each direction. Route 17 is currently plagued by traffic congestion during peak commuter travel periods. In 2010, this segment of Route 17 carried an average daily traffic volume of 56,000 vehicles. According to VDOT projections, traffic volumes are expected to reach nearly 90,000 vehicles a day by 2035.



## Expenditures

During the past quarter, over \$112 million dollars was spent on 251 projects in Hampton Roads. A total of nearly \$76 million was spent on the following projects: Route 460 Construction (UPC #103803); Gilmerton Bridge Replacement (UPC #1904); and the widening of Dominion Boulevard/Steel Bridge (UPC #56187). There were 8 other projects across the region with expenditures in excess of \$1 million.



Aside from additional vehicle lanes, the \$57.7 million project calls for installing a raised median, providing a shared-use path parallel to the northbound lane from Mill Road to Showalter Road, and replacing two existing bridges over the Poquoson River with one bridge carrying six lanes of traffic. Construction will be done in three phases, beginning at the southern end of the project and focusing first on the bridge replacement. Phase I construction will extend northward to Lakeside Drive and should be completed by the winter of 2015. Phase II work will cover the segment between Lakeside Drive and Washington Square Shopping Center with an expected completion date in the fall of 2015. Phase III will extend construction to the termini of the project at Wolf Trap Road. The speed limit will be decreased to 35 mph through the entire work zone for the duration of the project.

During the last quarter, the Route 17 project had its first expenditures in the construction phase. Completion of the entire project is scheduled for the fall of 2016. Lane closures associated with construction will primarily take place on weeknights between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m., however drivers should expect some construction activity to occur during daytime hours.

## Projects Completed This Quarter

1. Ironbound Rd. Reconstruction, James City County (UPC #50057)
2. Newport News Signal System Improvements, Newport News (UPC #52350)
3. Norview Ave. Signal Upgrades at Military Highway, Norfolk (UPC #86491)
4. Norview Ave. Bridge Rehabilitation, Norfolk (UPC #101805)
5. Military Hwy. Signal Timing Improvements at Azalea Garden Rd., Norfolk (UPC #86499)

## Projects with No Expenditures

HRTPO staff identified 6 projects with CMAQ and/or RSTP allocations through FY 2013 that had no expenditures since December 2012. Out of the 6 projects, 5 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 6.

## 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](http://www.hrtpotip.org)) also includes an interactive mapping tool that allows the user to access project information by location.

