Quick Stats

$77M expended on 176 projects:
- 125 projects with Preliminary Engineering (PE) expenditures
- 32 projects with Right-of-Way (RW) expenditures
- 63 projects with Construction (CN) expenditures

Three (3) projects completed

Twenty-nine (29) CMAQ/RSTP projects were flagged for having no expenditures in the past two quarters

Expenditures

During the past quarter, over $77 million dollars was spent on 176 projects in Hampton Roads. A total of nearly $12 million was spent on the following projects: Nimmo Parkway Construction (UPC #52058), Middle Ground Boulevard Extension (UPC #11816), and Commander Shepard Boulevard-Phase II (UPC #60970). There were four (4) other projects across the region with expenditures in excess of $1 million.

Project Highlight:

1-64 Southside Environmental Study

The I-64 Southside Environmental Study (UPC #104366) had its first expenditure last quarter, marking the formal start of a two-year Environmental Assessment (EA) process. The end product will be an environmental review document meeting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for transportation projects seeking Federal funding. In early 2013, the Virginia General Assembly directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board to allocate $5 million in funding to this study. The project was then added as a study to the Hampton Roads 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in March 2013.

The study focuses on the I-64 corridor from I-464 to the I-664/264 Bower's Hill interchange, including the High Rise Bridge (see map above). According to VDOT, the purpose of the environmental study will be to develop alternative solutions that address insufficient roadway capacity, lane continuity issues and bridge deficiencies throughout the 8-mile corridor. At this time, no funding has been approved for the construction of any highway or bridge improvements.

The EA should be made available for public review and comment in Fall 2014. To view meeting materials, comment online, or for future updates please visit the project website at: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/i-64_widening_and_high_rise_bridgeReplacement.asp

Projects Completed This Quarter

1. I-64 Interchange Improvements at Norview Avenue, Norfolk (UPC #17824)
2. Oak Grove Intersection Improvements at Greentree Road, Chesapeake (UPC #86607)
3. Wythe Creek Road Roadway Maintenance – ARRA, Poquoson (UPC #94435)

Projects with No Expenditures

HRTPO staff identified 29 projects with CMAQ and/or RSTP allocations through FY 2013 that had no expenditures since March 2013. Out of the 29 projects: 12 projects are completed/cancelled awaiting financial close, 11 are active projects with delayed or unknown status, and 6 are newly active projects still awaiting first expenditure. HRTPO staff will work with locality/agency staff to advance projects on the list.

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

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.