Quick Stats
$92.9M expended on 219 projects:
• 123 projects with Preliminary Engineering (PE) expenditures
• 30 projects with Right-of-Way (RW) expenditures
• 104 projects with Construction (CN) expenditures

Twenty-five (25) CMAQ/RSTP projects were flagged for having no expenditures in the past two quarters.

Expenditures
During the past quarter, over $92 million dollars was spent on 219 projects in Hampton Roads. There were 17 major projects across the region with expenditures in excess of $1 million. A total of $20 million was spent on these three major projects:

• I-264 Pavement Rehabilitation (UPC #104331)
• Hampton Boulevard Reconstruction (UPC #14672) and
• Middle Ground Boulevard Extension (UPC #11816).

Project Highlight:
Interstate 64 Peninsula Widening – Segment 1

The I-64 Peninsula Widening – Segment 1 project in Newport News (UPC #104905) will result in the widening of I-64 to six lanes from Jefferson Avenue at exit 255 to Yorktown Road at exit 247. The project scope calls for a new 12-foot wide travel lane and 12-foot wide shoulder to be added in both directions. Construction of the new travel lane and shoulder will occur in the median area of the existing highway and will therefore not require costly modifications to existing interchanges.

In the recently released Hampton Roads Congestion Management Process – System Performance and Mitigation Report, HRTPO staff found that this segment of I-64 is typically congested for an hour and a half during the weekday afternoon peak period, resulting in average travel times that are 32-46% slower than free-flow speeds. The primary goal of the I-64 widening project is to provide immediate congestion relief. According to VDOT, additional benefits of widening I-64 will include reducing structural deficiencies on bridges, providing more lanes for evacuation, and improving safety.

The $144 million project is currently fully funded through construction in VDOT’s Six-Year Improvement Program. Project funding includes an allocation of $44 million from the regionally generated Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF). This allocation was the first use of the HRTF, which was created as part of the Commonwealth’s 2013 transportation funding legislation, HB2313.

The HRTPO Board’s commitment to I-64 Peninsula Widening - Segment 1 as one of the region’s highest priority projects has resulted in the project timeline for construction being fast-tracked by VDOT. During the last quarter, I-64 Peninsula Widening – Segment 1 had its first expenditures in the construction phase and the project is now scheduled for completion as early as the winter of 2017-2018.

For more information visit VDOT’s project website: I-64 Peninsula Widening – Segment 1.

Tracking CMAQ & RSTP Projects
HRTPO staff identified 25 projects with CMAQ and/or RSTP allocations through FY 2015 that had no expenditures since April 2014. Out of the 25 projects: 20 projects are completed/cancelled awaiting financial close, 2 are active projects with delayed or unknown status, and 3 are newly active projects still awaiting first expenditure. HRTPO staff will work with locality/agency staff to advance projects on the list.

Click here for the full presentation of quarterly snapshot results.

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 and the Governor, 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. For a listing of the current funding sources, see Section III, page 4 of the TIP Document.

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 the 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.