

Quick Stats

\$49.9M expended on 217 projects:

- 144 projects with Preliminary Engineering (PE) expenditures
- 45 projects with Right-of-Way (RW) expenditures
- 111 projects with Construction (CN) expenditures

Twenty-six (26) CMAQ/RSTP projects were flagged for having no expenditures in the past two quarters.

Project Highlight: Shore Drive Bridge Replacement – Lesner Bridge

The Lesner Bridge Replacement project in Virginia Beach (UPC #97737) will replace the existing structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge over Lynnhaven Inlet with a new facility. The current Lesner Bridge includes twin two-lane bridges-the eastbound span was completed in 1958 and the parallel westbound span was completed in 1967. According to VDOT, recent rehabilitation and maintenance work has extended the life of the bridge, but the harsh marine environment has caused extensive corrosion to bridge piers which necessitate replacement of the bridge.



Although the project scope calls for two lanes in each direction, the new crossing will accommodate three lanes in each direction if needed to handle future traffic demands. The project includes 10 foot wide shared use paths on each side of the facility for use by pedestrians and bicyclists. The \$87 million project is funded with a combination of federal, state and local funds.



Rendering of the Completed Lesner Bridge Structure
Photo Credit: City of Virginia Beach

During the last quarter, the Lesner Bridge Replacement project had its first construction phase expenditures. Construction will be staged to limit traffic disruptions. In the first phase, the new westbound span will be built just north of the current bridge, which will remain open to traffic in the interim. Next, traffic will be moved to the new single span which will temporarily accommodate four lanes while the old bridge is demolished and the new eastbound span is built on the site of the old bridge. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2017.

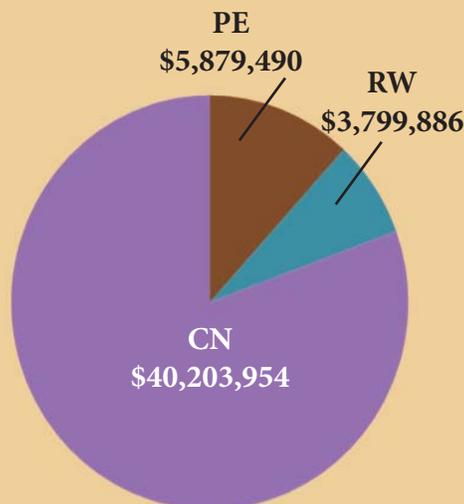
For more information visit the [City of Virginia Beach's project page](#).

Expenditures

During the past quarter, over \$49 million dollars was spent on 217 projects in Hampton Roads. A total of \$15.4 million was spent on the following projects:

- Nimmo Parkway Construction (UPC #52058)
- Middle Ground Boulevard Extension (UPC #11816), and
- I-264 Pavement Rehabilitation (UPC #104331).

There were 10 other major projects across the region with expenditures in excess of \$1 million.



Tracking CMAQ & RSTP Projects

HRTPO staff identified 26 projects with CMAQ and/or RSTP allocations through FY 2014 that had no expenditures since January 2014. Out of the 26 projects: 13 projects are completed/cancelled awaiting financial close, 6 are active projects with delayed or unknown status, and 7 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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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) also includes an interactive mapping tool that allows the user to access project information by location.

