

Adapting Planning Efforts in a SMART SCALE Reality

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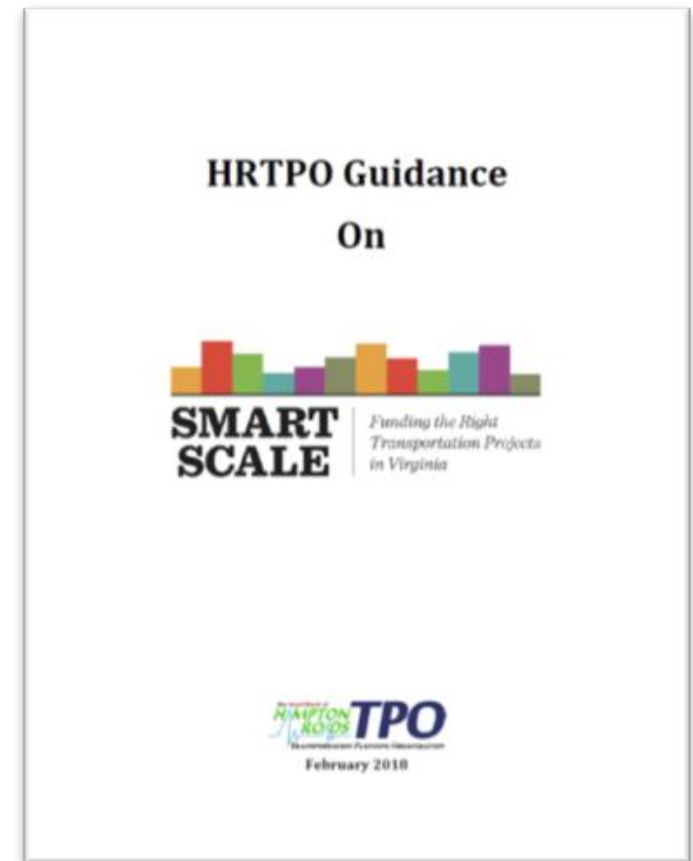
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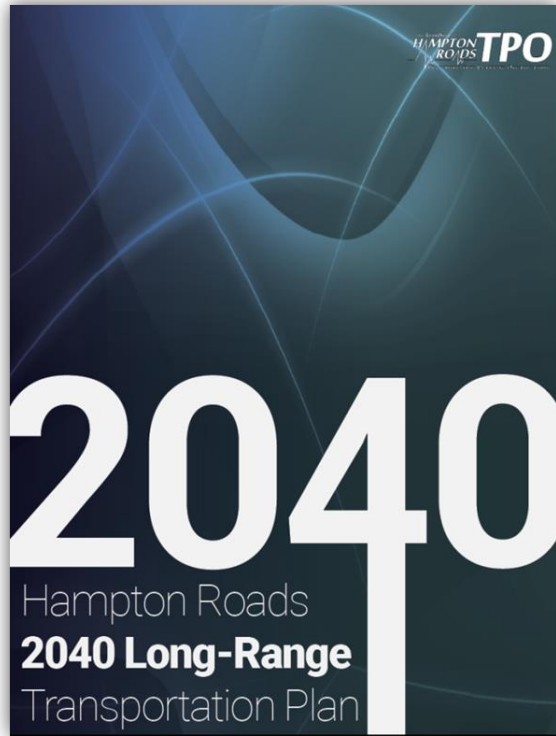
- HRTPO Guidance
- Identified SMART SCALE “funding pots” in LRTP forecast
- Amendments – Amendment Policy
- VMTP – Project Consistency with the LRTP
 - SMART SCALE guidelines updated
- HRTPO – Project Consistency with the LRTP
 - Updated HRTPO Guidance
- Plans to update Project Prioritization Tool

Overview of HRTPO Guidance on SMART SCALE

- What is SMART SCALE
- SMART SCALE Exclusions
- SMART SCALE Project Screening
- SMART SCALE Evaluation Measures
- SMART SCALE Weighting Typologies & Frameworks
- Applicant Eligibility
- Relevant Regional Entities
- SMART SCALE Process Overview
- HRTPO Guidance on SMART SCALE



2040 LRTP Total Forecasted Revenues



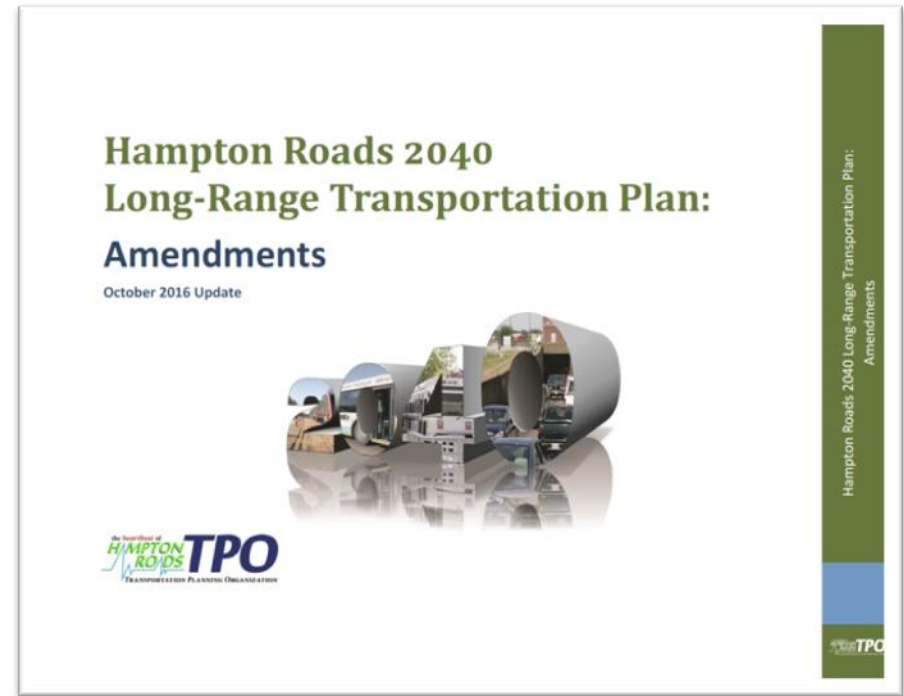
- High-Priority Projects Program revenues are reserved for HRTPO Regional Priority Projects.
- District Grant Program revenues are used to constrain all other projects.

Estimated Revenues for Maintenance (2016-2040)	
Maintenance of Existing Transportation System (VDOT and Localities)	\$12 Billion

Sources of Estimated Revenues for Construction, in Millions (2016-2040)	
HRTF and HRTF Bonds	\$7,936
High-Priority Projects Program (HB2)	\$627
District Grant Program (HB2)	\$627
Other Federal/State/Local	\$2,978
Local (Virginia Beach)	\$1,022
Total Revenues for Construction Projects	\$13,190

Sources: VDOT, HRTAC, Virginia Beach

- 2040 LRTP adopted July 2016
- SMART SCALE Amendments – September 2016
- Triggered policy
 - Vetted through LRTP Subcommittee, TTAC, and approved by the Board (September 2016)



Current LRTP Amendment Policy

- HRTPO staff preference for SMART SCALE applications is for the project to already be included in the current LRTP
- If a locality receives SMART SCALE funding for a regionally-significant project not included in the LRTP:
 - the locality must identify a current LRTP project within its jurisdiction from which to transfer LRTP planning funds
 - if there are insufficient LRTP planning funds on projects within the jurisdiction of the locality receiving SMART SCALE funds, then consensus from the LRTP Subcommittee with a recommendation to TTAC will be needed before an amendment can be considered by the HRTPO Board

Project Consistency with the LRTP:

- HRTPO staff expressed some concern regarding consistency of the VTrans2040 Multimodal Transportation Plan (VMTP) 2025 with the regional LRTP
- Worked cooperatively with VTrans consultant and Secretary Donahue to address these concerns

HRTPO Staff Concerns

How were the 'Unfunded Pipeline Projects' and 'New Project Ideas' identified and selected as a draft recommendation?

- Identified projects from SYIP, LRTPs, TIPs, other project-level plans and studies that met Tier 1 Needs
- Reviewed with VDOT and DRPT staff
- Updated draft list with SmartScale applications
- New project ideas were identified to fill in gaps between VTrans needs and funded/pipeline projects

The potential inclusion of regionally significant project-level recommendations in regional LRTP concerns

- Discussing with

HRTPO Staff Concerns

Not all of the projects from the 2040 LRTP are among the Tier 1 draft recommendations – how will our entire LRTP list of projects be ultimately reflected in the State Plan?

- Not a roll-up of regional/state agency plans
- VTrans recommendations only go out to 2025


There are some regionally significant Tier 1 draft recommendations listed that are not part of our fiscally-constrained LRTP – our concern is that the State plan will include projects that are not consistent with our regional

- Discussing with

VTrans2040 Multimodal Transportation Plan (VMTP) 2025 Consistency with Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan

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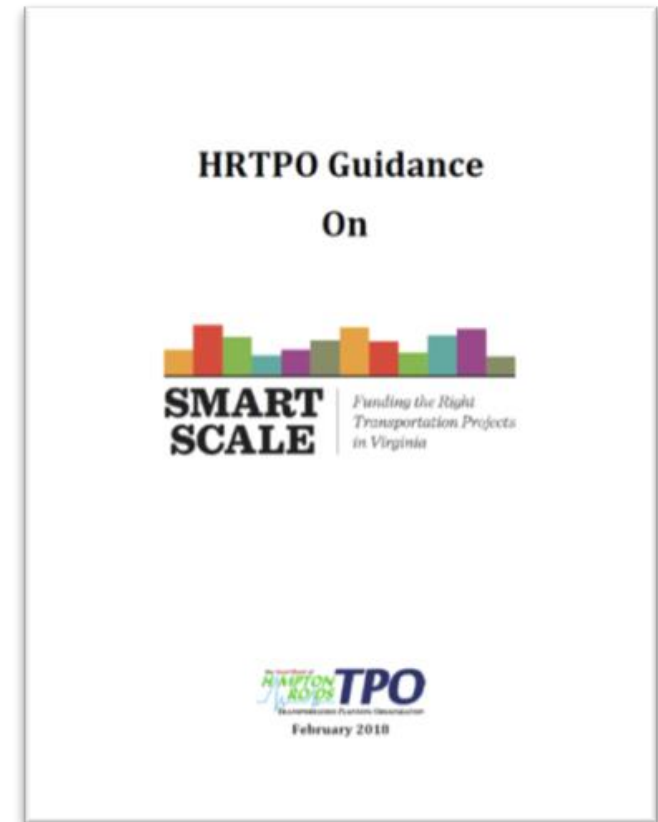
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Project Consistency with the LRTP

- Recent policy changes in the SMART SCALE process requires that **all project submissions must be consistent with the regional fiscally-constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**, or have an accompanying resolution from the MPO
- Per TTAC recommendation, issues discussed in detail with LRTP Subcommittee at its April 4, 2018 Meeting
 - Whether SMART SCALE project submissions relating to studies included in the LRTP should be considered consistent
 - Concern that the regional prioritization process and the Commonwealth's SMART SCALE prioritization process do not evaluate projects using the same metrics

Guidance Regarding Project Submissions by Localities and Transit Agencies:

- In response to a request for HRTPO support of project applications, HRTPO staff will review the proposed projects to ensure they are **consistent** with the current, fiscally-constrained LRTP and the fiscally-constrained TIP, as applicable.
- Resolutions of support was **only issued for projects consistent** with the LRTP



Recommended Action #1

- Modify the *HRTPO Guidance on SMART SCALE* to allow the HRTPO Board to consider issuing resolutions of support for projects not currently included in the fiscally-constrained LRTP as long as said projects are consistent with the goals of the LRTP, and with the understanding that if said projects receive SMART SCALE funding, the LRTP would be amended to maintain fiscal-constraint according to the current LRTP SMART SCALE amendment policy

Recommended Action #2

- Any construction project (or phase of a project) that comes out of a study currently included in the LRTP be considered consistent with the LRTP, and that if said project receives SMART SCALE funding, the LRTP would be amended to maintain fiscal-constraint according to the current LRTP SMART SCALE amendment policy

Process for Requesting SMART SCALE Resolutions of Support

If Project is Consistent with the LRTP

- Resolution of support is not required but if requested, HRTPO will provide one

If Project is Not Consistent with the LRTP

- Request should state how project is consistent with LRTP Goals
- The resolution of support will include **fiscal-constraint** language referenced in the current LRTP SMART SCALE amendment policy

Planned Project Prioritization Improvements

- Include some measures from SMART SCALE
- **Align data where possible**
- Establish a Filter/Factor (to gauge how projects might score/rank in SMART SCALE)

1 Alignment with SMART SCALE

2 Economic Vitality

3 Environmental Considerations

4 RSTP/CMAQ Coordination

5 Transit

6 Social Equity

7 Active Transportation

8 Technology

Thank You!

