

**Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission**

**FY-2012 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program**

**July 01, 2011 – June 30, 2012**



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## **Purpose and Objective**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Rural Transportation Planning (RTP) Program was created to aid the State in fulfilling the requirements of the State Planning Process to address the transportation needs of non-metropolitan areas. Funds appropriated under 23 U.S.C. 307(c) (SPR funds) are used in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia for transportation planning as required by Section 135, Title 23, U.S. Code. These Federal funds provide 80 percent funding and require a 20 percent local match.

In FY-2012 each planning district commission / regional commission will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program and each planning district commission / regional commission will provide a local match of \$14,500 to conduct rural transportation planning activities. This resource may be supplemented with additional planning funds, but note that the arrangement of all such funds involves development of a scope of work, approval and other coordination in TMPD administrative work programs.

The scope of work shall include specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work may also include activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that may be of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 307 (c), State Planning and Research.

## **Tasks to be included in the FY-12 Rural Work Program Activities**

- Prioritize recommendations from the RLRP into two categories: 1) by jurisdiction and 2) by region. These lists will be provided to VDOT staff (District Planning and Investment Manager) to be used for consideration in developing the draft Six-Year Improvement Program. Examples of prioritization process used in the past include the VDOT prioritization process and the Hampton Roads TPO prioritization process:



Prioritization  
Presentation

[http://www.hrtpo.org/MTG\\_AGNDS/HRTPO/2010/July2010/P11\\_TPO\\_Prioritization.pdf](http://www.hrtpo.org/MTG_AGNDS/HRTPO/2010/July2010/P11_TPO_Prioritization.pdf)

- Identify possible strategies, funding, development opportunities, etc. for implementing the top 3 recommendations in each of the two categories 1) by jurisdiction and 2) by region.
- Coordinate, as appropriate, with the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to identify specific locations within the Corridors of Statewide Significance in your region as identified in VTrans 2035 that would be a candidate for further study. This list will be used to assist the CTB and VDOT in determining which locations within the CoSS to study in the future.
- Coordinate, in conjunction with VDOT, a local review (through the rural technical committee) of data and information related to Virginia's freight initiatives, including identifying the location and classification of freight activity zones and responding to freight surveys prepared by VDOT.
- Compile a list of local and regional bicycle and pedestrian recommendations and include the source of each of the recommendations. These will be used in the development or enhancement of local bike plans. The identified projects will be used by VDOT to strengthen the bicycle and pedestrian element of the next Surface Transportation Plan, allow VDOT to map the planned recommendations and provide an inventory of which jurisdictions have bicycle / pedestrian plans.
- Coordinate and host in each member jurisdiction a day to ride and inventory major roads. The purpose is to discuss problems and potential solutions. (VDOT to provide transportation.) Participants on the ride should include: 1) the VDOT Representative on Rural Technical Committee, 2) District Local Liaison (if available), 3) City / County Engineer / Planner, 4) PDC Planner. These field trips will help build working relationships and provide an opportunity to gain local / state perspective on transportation challenges.
- The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission Transportation Committee will also assist Northampton County to update its Transportation Element as part of its Comprehensive Plan update in the Fall of 2011.

**FY 2012 - Program Administration (\$14,500)**

***Background and Objective:*** The purpose of this work element is to facilitate regional participation and consensus building on transportation-related issues through a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated planning process.

1. *Technical Advisory Committee staffing* - \$11,000.00
2. *Prepare Financial and Quarterly Reports* - \$ 3,500.00

<b>SPR Funds (80%)</b>	\$11,600.00
<b>PDC Funds (20%)</b>	\$ 2,900.00

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<b>Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration</b>	\$14,500.00
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**FY 2012 - Program Activities (\$58,000)**

**Background and Objective:** Address regionalized transportation issues that are identified by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee and the Planning District Commission. Individual projects and work elements are described below:

1. *Update and present Bicycle Plan for adoption by counties and towns, pursue funding for construction of bicycle plan, and involve the public more closely in planning, constructing and promoting regional bicycle facilities.* - \$14,000.00
2. *Transportation Planning Assistance for localities* - \$14,000.00
3. *Assist localities, VDOT, and its consultants in presenting and implementing Rural Long Range Plan goals and objectives* - \$ 6,000.00
4. *Assist localities and organizations with active TEA-21 grants to substantially advance or finish their projects* - \$12,000.00
5. *Provide assistance to Northampton County in revising its Transportation Element as part of its Comprehensive Plan update in the Fall of 2011* - \$12,000.00

<b>SPR Funds (80%)</b>	\$46,400.00
<b>PDC Funds (20%)</b>	\$11,600.00
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<b>Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities</b>	<b>\$58,000.00</b>

## FY-2012 Budget Summary

Tasks	VDOT (SPR) 80%	PDC (Match) 20%	Total 100%
<b><u>Program Administration</u></b>			
1. <i>Technical Advisory Committee staffing</i>	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$11,000.00
2. <i>Prepare financial and quarterly reports</i>	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,500.00
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.00</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b><u>Program Activities</u></b>			
1. <i>Update and present Bicycle Plan for adoption by counties and towns, pursue funding for construction of bicycle plan, and involve the public more closely in planning, constructing and promoting regional bicycle facilities.</i>	\$11,200.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$14,000.00
2. <i>Transportation planning assistance for localities</i>	\$11,200.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$14,000.00
3. <i>Assist localities, VDOT, and its consultants in presenting and implementing Rural Long Range Plan goals and objectives</i>	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 6,000.00
4. <i>Assist localities and organizations with active TEA-21 grants to substantially advance or finish their projects</i>	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$12,000.00
5. <i>Provide assistance to Northampton County in revising its Transportation Element as part of its Comprehensive Plan update in the Fall of 2011</i>	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$12,000.00
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities</b>	<b>\$46,400.00</b>	<b>\$11,600.00</b>	<b>\$58,000.00</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities</b>	<b>\$58,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>	<b>\$72,500.00</b>