

RESOLUTION NO. 17-09

**ENDORING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the George Washington Regional Commission (“the Commission”) is the Planning District Commission serving the City of Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties, known collectively as Virginia Planning District 16, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need to conduct transportation planning activities in its rural areas, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission’s staff, working with the FAMPO Technical Committee, has developed a Rural Transportation Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2018 to benefit the non-urbanized portions of Planning District 16, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission agrees to provide the required 20 percent match of \$14,500 for the \$58,000 in State Planning and Research (SPR) funds for the Rural Transportation Planning Program for a total amount of \$72,500, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission has integrated the transportation planning process of Planning District 16’s rural and urbanized areas, the latter of which being the responsibility of the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the George Washington Regional Commission that it hereby endorses the FY 2018 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program and recommends that it be closely coordinated with the Urban Transportation Planning Program carried out under the policy direction of the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at its duly called meeting of April 17, 2017 in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a quorum being present.

Jeffrey S. Black, Chairman

April 17, 2017

George Washington Regional Commission

FY-2018 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program

July 01, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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-2018 each planning district commission / regional commission that has rural area will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program. The corresponding 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. The arrangement of all such funds involves the development of a scope of work, approval and other coordination in the Transportation & Mobility Planning Division's (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.

FY 2018 - Program Administration (\$5,000.00)

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.

The staff of the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) will coordinate all regional rural transportation activities, as well as maintaining all records, processing all correspondence, and creating quarterly progress reports/invoices associated with these activities.

The Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (FAMPO) Technical Committee will serve as the advisory body for transportation issues and make recommendations to both the FAMPO and GWRC Policy Committees. The GWRC will implement the requirements of the FY-2018 agreement with VDOT for the utilization of Federal/State Planning and Research Funds.

- 1. Work Element** - Provide fiscally sound management and accountability of State Planning and Research (SPR) funds through in-house accounting and control and quarterly reports to VDOT.

Deliverable - Quarterly Reports and Invoices for the FY-2018 Rural Transportation Program as well as the development of the FY-2019 Rural Transportation Work Program. **\$2,500**

- 2. Work Element** - Maintain contacts and attend meetings with the Regional stakeholders, including: local government officials/staff, regional agencies, neighboring PDC's, VDOT representatives, and other federal, state and local agencies concerning transportation issues.

Deliverables - Coordination of rural transportation planning activities with metropolitan planning activities taking place within GWRC/FAMPO as well as the Commonwealth of Virginia and neighboring PDCs. **\$2,500**

SPR Funds (80%)	\$4,000.00
PDC Funds (20%)	\$1,000.00
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Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	\$5,000.00

1. FY 2018 – VDOT Statewide Planning Assistance and Coordination (\$15,000.00)

Tasks for the FY-18 Rural Work Program:

Required:

- Participate in VTrans webinars regarding Needs Consolidation / Recommendations and Smart Scale Regional Meetings
- Participate in meetings with VDOT staff regarding Title VI and Environmental Justice compliance
- Participate in the Fall and Spring Transportation Meeting held in your region and provide a display to serve as outreach to the region’s citizens.
- Participate in any additional outreach meetings that may arise and provide / review data as requested by VDOT throughout the fiscal year.
- Participate with the MPOs and VDOT on setting performance measure goals.
- Coordinate with VDOT as needed concerning Smart Scale Applications
- Coordinate with VDOT as needed concerning STARS studies and other VDOT planning studies

SPR Funds (80%)	\$12,000.00
PDC Funds (20%)	\$ 3,000.00
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Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$15,000.00

2. FY 2018–Local/Planning Assistance/Long-Range Planning (\$52,500.00)

Background and Objective: Address regionalized transportation issues that are identified by the FAMPO Technical Committee, the Planning District Commission and the rural localities in the Region.

FAMPO will continue to update its 2045 Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan. The State Planning and Research (SPR) funds contained in this work program will be used to fund the rural portion (Caroline and King George Counties) of the 2045 LRTP update, which is being undertaken on a Region-wide basis to better coordinate the metropolitan and non-metropolitan planning processes. FAMPO will also support other regional studies and planning efforts in Caroline and King George Counties.

Individual projects and work elements are described below:

- 1. Local Transportation Planning and Analysis Support** - Support and guidance to local governments in local planning efforts, identifying/developing rural transportation projects and technical assistance in cost estimating, transportation planning and transportation analysis including GIS analysis and mapping. Additionally, GWRC/FAMPO staff will assist rural localities with Smart Scale project application development as needed.

Deliverables – Technical memorandums, GIS data and mapping. **\$10,000**

Regional and Long-Range Transportation Planning – In FY-2018, GWRC/FAMPO will continue its 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan(LRTP) effort (for both urban and rural areas). Major elements to the long-range plan update include all requirements for metropolitan long-range planning (Title 23 CFR 450C), highway, freight, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian plans as well as the incorporation of performance metrics, and alternative funding strategy scenario analysis. Additionally, GWRC/FAMPO will use the results of the State GWRC TDM Study and I-95/395 Transit/TDM study to support multimodal planning efforts for the 2045 LRTP and I-95 Phase 2 Study efforts. These efforts will include potential Transit/TDM and Bicycle/Pedestrian improvements within King George and Caroline Counties. The I-95 Phase 2 study effort will include the portion of the I-95 corridor within Caroline County and the rest of GWRC. The 2045 LRTP plan is scheduled for adoption by May of 2018 and I-95 Phase 2 is scheduled for completion by Spring of 2018.

GWRC/FAMPO staff will also support and participate in the State US Rte 301/Rte 207 study and other corridor planning efforts related to the planned capacity expansion at the US Rte 301 Governor Nice Bridge. Staff will also participate in the State DC2RVA Study which includes portions of Caroline County.

Deliverables – updated multi-modal long range transportation plan for the George Washington Region. Participation in State US Rte 301/Rte 207 and DC2RVA studies **\$42,500.**

SPR Funds (80%)	\$42,000.00
PDC Funds (20%)	\$10,500.00
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Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$52,500.00

FY-2018 Budget Summary

Tasks	VDOT (SPR) 80%	PDC (Match) 20%	Total 100%
<u>Program Administration</u>			
1. Program accounting, quarterly invoices and progress reports, meetings/coordination with local governments, state, federal and local agencies	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
<u>Program Activities</u>			
1. VDOT Statewide Planning Assistance and Coordination	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$15,000.00
2. Local, Regional, and Long-Range Transportation Planning Analysis and Support	\$42,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$52,500.00
3. Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$54,000.00	\$13,500.00	\$67,500.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities	\$58,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$72,500.00

Signed PDC Resolution