

RESOLUTION NO. 19-06

**ENDORING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 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 2020 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 2020 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 15, 2019 in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a quorum being present.

Tim McLaughlin, Vice-Chair

April 15, 2019



George Washington Regional Commission

**FY-2020 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program
for King George and Caroline Counties
July 01, 2019 – June 30, 2020**



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-2020 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 2020 - 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-2019 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-2020 Rural Transportation Program as well as the development of the FY-2021 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

FY 2020 - Program Activities (\$67,500.00)

1. FY 2020 – VDOT Statewide Planning Assistance and Coordination (\$15,000.00)

VDOT Tasks for the FY-20 Rural Work Program:

Required:

- Participate in VTrans webinars 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 for the Fall Meeting 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 planned I-95 Study in Caroline County and US 301/Rte 207 Study in King George and Caroline Counties
- Provide VDOT’s Transportation Mobility and Planning Division – Central Office with updated Travel Demand Management Plans when submitted to DRPT.
- Assemble bicycle and pedestrian recommendations from comprehensive plans and standalone bicycle and pedestrian plans into a GIS shapefile. TMPD will provide a standardized format
- Assist VDOT’s Transportation Mobility and Planning Division with updating a database with information from localities comprehensive plans.
- Coordination with Caroline and King George Counties in FY-20 Rural Work Program activities and FY-21 Rural Work Program development.

SPR Funds (80%) **\$12,000.00**

PDC Funds (20%) **\$ 3,000.00**

Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities **\$15,000.00**

2. FY 2019–Local/Planning Assistance/Long-Range Planning (\$12,500.00)

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.

To complete the process of updating the 2045 Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan to a new 2050 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 2050 LRTP update, which is being undertaken on a Region-wide basis to better coordinate the metropolitan and non-metropolitan planning processes.

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 application development for Smart Scale, Revenue Sharing, Transportation Alternatives, and other State transportation funding programs as needed.

Deliverables – Technical memorandums, GIS data and mapping. **\$8,000**

- 2. Regional and Long-Range Transportation Planning** – To complete 2050 update to the Long Range Transportation Plan with results from the FY 20-25 SYIP, the US 301/Rte 207 Corridor Study, and other completed studies.

Deliverables – updated multi-modal long range transportation plan for the George Washington Region. **\$4,500.**

SPR Funds (80%)	\$10,000.00
PDC Funds (20%)	\$2,500.00
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Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$12,500.00

3. FY 2020–Caroline and King George Transportation Studies (\$40,000.00)

Background and Objective: Address Caroline and King George transportation study needs and link to economic development opportunities, including Opportunity Zone tax incentives, where possible.

GWRC would like to begin to work with Caroline and King George Counties on three work elements in FY-20 as shown below in priority order. It is envisioned that although these work efforts could all begin in FY-20, that some of the work would carry over into the FY-21 and be completed in the FY-21 Rural Work Program.

- 1. Route 2 Corridor Study (Caroline County)** – GWRC staff will work with VDOT to conduct a safety and capacity study for the corridor using GIS and VDOT’s Statewide Planning System data. Study potential to link proposed transportation improvements to economic development opportunities. Study results could assist with Small Area Study for Bowling Green in element #2. Subject to VDOT approval, funding, and availability, additional resources may be available for this effort under the lead of VDOT. This activity may carry over to the FY-21 Rural Work Program.

Deliverables – Study report and presentation to Caroline County staff and GWRC

- 2. Small Area Plan Study for Bowling Green and Port Royal (Caroline County)** – To complete the transportation element of small area plans for Bowling Green and Port Royal which would also include linkages to economic development opportunities and opportunity zone tax incentives and a study of potential bicycle/pedestrian improvements. Per VDOT request, the Port Royal plan can not start until the VDOT US 301 study for Port Royal is completed in early FY-20. This activity scheduled to carry over to the FY-21 Rural Work Program.

Deliverables – Start study with planned completion in FY-21. In FY-21, study report and presentation to Caroline County staff and GWRC

- 3. Study to Develop and Prioritize King George County Transportation Needs** – Per VDOT request, this effort will utilize the results of the recently completed US 301/Rte 207 and Rte 3 studies for these roadways where applicable. Additionally, effort will utilize results of the recently completed 2045 George Washington Regional Commission Rural Long Range Plan and Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, and account for new FY 20-25 SYIP projects. Effort will make use of available data from VDOT, FAMPO, and GWRC to review transportation needs and prioritize projects using existing procedures from FAMPO and VDOT that are available to GWRC staff. Coordinate efforts and recommendations with Local Transportation Planning and Analysis Support effort (#2, element 1).

Deliverables – Complete effort by end of FY-20 with presentation to King George County and GWRC.

SPR Funds (80%)

\$32,000.00

PDC Funds (20%)	\$8,000.00
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Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$40,000.00
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<u>FY-2020 Budget Summary Tasks</u>	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 Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	 \$4,000.00 \$4,000.00	 \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00	 \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00
<u>Program Activities</u> 1. VDOT Statewide Planning Assistance and Coordination 2. Local, Regional, and Long-Range Transportation Planning Analysis and Support 3. Caroline and King George Transportation Studies Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$12,000.00 \$8,000.00 \$32,000.00 \$54,000.00	\$3,000.00 \$4,500.00 \$8,000.00 \$13,500.00	\$15,000.00 \$12,500.00 \$40,000.00 \$67,500.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities	\$58,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$72,500.00