

B. FY 2015-2018 TIP REVISION – RSTP TRANSFER REQUESTS

As a result of excess Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding on a completed project being returned to the HRTPO RSTP Reserve Account in April, there is currently \$674,656 in FY 2012 funds available to allocate to current RSTP projects. Since it is important to get older funds obligated and expended as soon as possible, in the agenda for the Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) meeting on July 21, 2017, HRTPO staff requested that members review their current RSTP projects and notify HRTPO staff by August 4, 2017 of any projects that could benefit by an allocation of FY 2012 RSTP funds. The following requests were received:

- Elbow Road Extended Phase II (UPC 15828) in Virginia Beach
 - Funding Request: \$500,000 transfer from RSTP Reserve Account
 - Funds would be used to advance design of the second phase (Phase IIC) of the overall project. The Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase is currently slated to begin in FY 2022, so the additional funding would advance the phase by four years. The City has a firm currently under contract, so would be able to obligate the funds immediately and issue a work order to begin design for Phase IIC as soon as the funds are available.

- Turner Drive/Benns Church Boulevard Intersection Improvements (UPC 103021) in Isle of Wight County
 - Funding Request: \$117,073 transfer from RSTP Reserve Account
 - The project currently shows a construction shortfall of \$117,073. Construction advertisement is scheduled for January-February 2018 and construction is expected to begin in Spring 2018.

HRTPO staff has recommended that the remaining \$57,583 in FY 2012 funds in the RSTP Reserve Account be allocated to the following project:

- Purchase 40-foot Replacement Buses (UPC T11778) – Hampton Roads Transit
 - The project is not fully-funded and could obligate the funding quickly.
 - HRT concurs with the recommendation of HRTPO staff.

Should the HRTPO Board approve the RSTP fund transfers described above, the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be amended to update the funding information associated with the affected projects. This request has been made available for public review and comment from August 30, 2017 through September 13, 2017. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has recommended approval of the RSTP fund transfers and the associated TIP amendment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the RSTP fund transfers and the associated TIP amendment.