American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

ARRA

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What is the HRTPO?

- The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Hampton Roads area.

- It is a federally-mandated transportation policy board comprised of representatives from local, state, and federal governments, transit agencies, and other stakeholders.

- Virtually all highway or transit projects or programs to be constructed or conducted within the metropolitan planning area (MPA) must receive approval by the HRTPO in order to proceed.
What does an MPO do?

MPOs have five core functions:

- Establish and manage a fair and impartial setting for effective regional decision-making with regard to metropolitan transportation planning.

- Evaluate transportation alternatives appropriate to the region in terms of its unique needs, issues, and realistically available options.

- Develop and maintain a fiscally-constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the MPA.

- Develop and maintain a fiscally-constrained Transportation Improvement Program.

- Involve the public in the four functions listed above.
What is ARRA?

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law on February 17, 2009.

- ARRA includes appropriations and tax law changes totaling approximately $787 billion to support multi-pronged efforts to stimulate the U.S. economy.

- ARRA Goals include:
  - Preservation or creation of jobs
  - Promotion of an economic recovery
  - Investment in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure providing long-term economic benefits
Transportation Funding in ARRA

ARRA includes approximately $48 billion in funding for transportation, including:

- $27.5 billion for highway infrastructure
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- $1.5 billion Discretionary Grant Program (TIGER)
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Highway Infrastructure Investment

Virginia’s apportionment: $694 million (2.52%)

- $21 million for Transportation Enhancements
  - Hampton Roads received $1.3 million (6.2%)

- $208 million distributed to Regions
  - Hampton Roads received $41 million (20%)

- $465 million Statewide discretionary
  - Hampton Roads projects have received approximately $146 million (31%)
Hampton Roads Highway Projects

Transportation Enhancements

- Dismal Swamp Canal Trail (Chesapeake)
  - $1.3 million
  - 6.2% of statewide amount
Hampton Roads Highway Projects

HRTPPO Allocations ($41 million regional funds)

- Pavement resurfacing & preventive maintenance
- Bridge rehabilitation
- Access management
- Intersection improvements
- Signal equipment and timing
- Sidewalks
- Transit vehicle preventive maintenance
- Transit vehicle tracking system
Hampton Roads Highway Projects

Statewide Discretionary Funds ($147 million funds)

- **Road widening**
  - Princess Anne Road
  - Witchduck Road
- **Pavement resurfacing & preventive maintenance**
  - Interstates 64, 264, 464, 664
  - Routes 60, 143, 321
  - Mercury Boulevard
- **Design/build Route 164 Rail**
- **Norfolk International Terminals Central Rail Yard**
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Hampton Roads Transit Funding

$8.4 billion administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- Virginia received $116 million (1.4%)
- Hampton Roads received $25.4 million (22% of state apportionment)
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High-Speed Rail Corridors

$8.0 billion administered by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA)

- Competitive discretionary grants

- Thus far, Virginia has applied for $74.8 million for the I-95 High-Speed Rail Corridor
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Nationwide Discretionary Grant Program

- Also known as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program

- $1.5 billion administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
  - Nationwide competitive program
  - Projects selected by USDOT
  - Grants to range from $20 million to $300 million
  - No one state can receive more than $300 million
  - Projects must have a significant impact on the nation, region, or metropolitan area
TIGER – Eligible Projects

**Highway or Bridge**
- Interstate rehabilitation
- Improvements to the rural collector system
- Reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges
- Bridge replacements
- Seismic retrofit projects for bridges
- Road alignments

**Public Transportation**
- Projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code
- New Starts/Small Starts projects

**Passenger and Freight Rail**

**Port Infrastructure Investments**
- Includes intermodal projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve efficiency of freight movement
TIGER – Hampton Roads Applications

Cities, Transit Agencies, and VPA have applied

- Seven applications
- Total $393 million

**Applications include:**

- Multimodal Facility & Light Rail Improvements ($65.5 M)
- Amtrak station relocation project ($20 M)
- I-564 Intermodal Connector ($98.5 M)

- State has applied for funds to help pay for a second tube at the Midtown Tunnel
Employment Impact

- **Total Estimated Effect of ARRA on Jobs**
  Jobs created or saved over the next two years:
  - Nationwide: 3.5 million jobs
  - Virginia: 93,000 jobs

- **Estimated Effect on Transportation-Related Jobs**
  - Nationwide: nearly 400,000 jobs created or saved
  - Hampton Roads: 4,000 jobs created or saved

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