



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
September 21, 2023, 3:00 PM
VIA Zoom Only

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the August 17, 2023, Policy Board Meeting*
3. FY25 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Applications Resolutions of Support (BAF #23-17)*
4. FY24 Small Area Study: Dinkel Ave/Friedens Church Rd Corridor (Board Memo #23-7)
5. FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification (Board Memo #23-8)
6. Public Comment
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Localities
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, October 5, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed



HRMPO Policy Board Minutes August 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Rockingham County Administration Center
20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Kevin Jones, FHWA	Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Chelsea Beytas, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
✓ Laura Dent, Chair	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	✓ Ansley Heller, CSPDC
✓ Dany Fleming	✓ Grace Stankus, DRPT*	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Bill Yates, JMU	
Ande Banks	Valerie Kramer, JMU	Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Jeremy Mason, VDOT
Rick Chandler, Vice Chair	Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Chris Gullickson, VA Port Authority*
Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Jakob zumFelde, Harrisonburg*
Town of Mt. Crawford	✓ Meggie Roche, Dayton	
✓ Neal Dillard	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
Town of Dayton	Robert Taylor, Mt. Crawford	
Earl Mathers	Libby Clark, Mt. Crawford	
Town of Bridgewater	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
Jay Litten	Brad Reed, VDOT	
VDOT	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Todd Stevens	Matt Dana, VDOT	
*Zoom Participants		

Call to Order

The August 17, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairperson Laura Dent. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Dent presented the minutes from the July 20, 2023, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. She noted that on page 4, under “Upcoming Meetings,” it should state “Vice Chairperson Chandler



announced the following upcoming meetings....” instead of “Chairperson Chandler”. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Chandler opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

Presentation: Overview and Update on The Port of Virginia

Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Mr. Chris Gullickson, Director, Economic Development, the Port of Virginia, who gave a presentation and overview of the Port of Virginia. He explained that The Port of Virginia is made up of six terminals across the Commonwealth (Norfolk International Terminals, Virginia International Gateway, Richmond Marine Terminal, Virginia Inland Port, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, and Newport News Marine Terminal) and is the most modern gateway in America with unlimited possibilities. He stated that the two main container terminals are the Virginia International Gateway and the Norfolk International Terminals, with the Norfolk International Terminals being the largest terminal. Mr. Gullickson stated that having connectivity with Norfolk Southern and CSX railroads allows goods to be shipped from the Port of Virginia to the western U.S. The Virginia Ports are able to be successful and flexible during moments of high demand due to “The Virginia Model.” He noted that the benefit of The Virginia Model is that there is a single port authority and a single operating entity that can assign contracts. Mr. Gullickson reported on the top trading partners, the 2022 volumes for twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), and the economic impacts of the Port of Virginia. Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gullickson was unable to complete his presentation but agreed to do so at a future HRMPO meeting.

FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment (BAF #23-14)

Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the FY24 UPWP Amendment. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Amendment, noting that the Amendment moves \$7,920 from the FHWA PL contingency and \$3,394 from the FTA 5303 Long Range Planning work element into the Administrative work element to cover the \$11,314 cost of migrating the HRMPO website to the WordPress platform. She noted that the Policy Board released the FY24 UPWP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period at their July 20, 2023, meeting and staff has not received any public comments. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the FY24 UPWP Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-15)

Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the FY21-24 TIP Amendment. Ms. Heller reviewed the TIP Amendment, noting that the TIP Amendment adds \$6,500,000 to the Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation Grouping in the Highway section of the TIP. She stated that the following administrative modifications were also made to the Highway TIP: 1) Maintenance: Traffic and Safety Operations — move \$2,069,444 in FFY23 to Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation; 2) Maintenance: Preventive Maintenance for Bridges — move \$6,648,943 to Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation; and 3) Maintenance: Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation—shifts funds between years within the grouping. Ms. Heller noted that the Policy Board released the FY21-24 TIP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period at their July 20, 2023, meeting, and staff has not received any public comments. Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to approve the FY21-24 TIP Amendment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of the SMART SCALE Policy Changes Response Letter (BAF #23-16)

Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the letter to the Secretary of Transportation regarding SMART SCALE Policy Changes. Ms. Cundy noted that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is considering changes to the SMART SCALE project scoring process that will affect project eligibility and competitiveness for the HRMPO region. She stated that at their July 20, 2023, Policy Board meeting, the Board directed staff to draft a letter to the Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board outlining the MPO's concerns. Ms. Cundy distributed updated copies of the letter (attached to file minutes). She reviewed the primary concerns as follows: Proposed eligibility requirements for the High Priority Projects (HPP) Program; the reallocation of Land Use percentage points to other Goal Areas; and the reduced cap on applications in Tier 1 regions of the state. Discussion ensued regarding how the proposed changes to the SMART SCALE project scoring process will affect the HRMPO region, its localities, and rural Virginia more broadly. Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to approve and submit the letter to the Secretary of Transportation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Reported on the status of the Smithland Road bridge project, noting that it was moving more slowly than anticipated;



- Reported on the Route 33 project, I-81 Exit 247 in Harrisonburg, noting that the project was going well. He reminded everyone of the work zone speed limit and stated that the speed cameras were in operation;
- Reported on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway, noting that it was moving along;
- Reported on the Route 11 project widening of two lanes to a four-lane divided highway near the Rockingham County Fairgrounds;
- Reported on the status of the widening of Route 33 west towards West Virginia;
- Announced a presentation regarding sound walls will be made to the Harrisonburg City Council on September 12, 2023; and
- Reported on the Interstate 81 Staunton-area widening project between mile marker 221 and 225 in Augusta County near the City of Staunton.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Cundy reported on behalf of DRPT. She noted that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released their Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning. She noted that the Pilot Program for TOD Planning provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. Ms. Cundy announced that proposals are due October 10, 2023, and DRPT is available to provide technical assistance if needed.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu reported that DRPT is preparing for the return of James Madison University (JMU) students next week and the opening of City schools. He reported on the availability of bus drivers, noting that there was a slight improvement in submitted applications. Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Transit Strategic Plan and community outreach scheduling for the Plan. He reported on the Microtransit Study, a City-operated on-demand ridesharing service, noting that DRPT was looking into potential grants to implement the new service. Upon a question regarding the status of the electric school buses, Mr. Gatobu noted that they are currently in production and hoped to receive them by December.



Localities

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works

Mr. Hartman reported the City is concluding their paving season for the year in the area. He noted that at the intersection of Garbers Church Road and West Market Street, a new paint color was added. Mr. Hartman stated that the City hopes the bright green paint color will bring attention to cyclist and drivers to be extra cautious in that area. He reported the City is working on the design phase for the City's SMART SCALE projects.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Dent announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on September 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, for adjournment at 4:40 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

**MEETING
DATE:** September 21, 2023

RE: **Policy Board Action Form #23-17 - FY25 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Applications Resolutions of Support**

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the HRMPO Policy Board endorse the Resolutions of Support for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) projects within the MPO.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

TAP applications for projects within the HRMPO area require a resolution of support from the Policy Board. The TAP application window opened on August 15, 2021, and approved applicants have until October 2, 2023, to submit the resolutions with their final applications.

The Town of Bridgewater is considering the following TAP project for this application cycle:

- **Gen Oak Connector, Phase II:** Phase II of the Gen Oak Connector will add a shared-use permeable paver path in Bridgewater's Oakdale Park. It will begin at the terminus of the Gen Oak Connector project and continue east into Oakdale Park, connecting with the Town's Memorial Garden, historic train depot, and one of Oakdale's parking lots. The path would continue along Mt. Crawford Avenue, adjacent to the Oakdale Park Pond, heading east towards Parkside Drive. At Parkside, the path would continue north about 200 feet to the path's terminus, at which point it will lead to a crosswalk connecting to an existing sidewalk on the east side of Parkside Drive, which is near a new walking trail constructed by Bridgewater Retirement Community. The total path would be approximately 900 feet.

The City of Harrisonburg is considering the following TAP projects for this application cycle:

- **Non-Infrastructure Application for a Safe Routes to School Coordinator:** The application would fund a new full-time Safe Routes to School Coordinator for the City of Harrisonburg, serving all 10 public schools in the city beginning fall 2024. SRTS Coordinator will be a Public Works employee in the Planning division and will also work closely with Harrisonburg City Public Schools staff and teachers, along with other stakeholders, to encourage active transportation by students and safe walking and biking to school. This will re-start and expand a role that existed in the city until 2022 - it was part-time and run by a non-profit. The program has gone dormant without an SRTS Coordinator. The program will include using funds to support bicycle skills education and for various activities that encourage walking and biking to school.



- **Northend Greenway Connection:** The project constructs a shared use path along the south side of Mt. Clinton Pike between Virginia Ave. and the railroad tracks, constructs intersection improvements at Mt. Clinton Pike and Virginia Ave. to facilitate path connectivity through the intersection and constructs a path crossing of the railroad tracks that is separated from the existing Mt. Clinton Pike roadway. Project fills a key path gap, approximately 500' in length, to improve safety and create a continuous Northend Greenway path extending over 1 mile in length.
- **SRTS Sidewalks at multiple schools:** This project will construct three sidewalk segments to fill gaps between existing sidewalks and improve safe pedestrian access to two different schools: Waterman Elementary School and Keister Elementary School.
 - One sidewalk segment is on Gay Street at Waterman Elementary School where sidewalk will be constructed to fill a gap in the sidewalks along Gay Street and to create a safe and direct sidewalk and crosswalk to the school building. The sidewalk currently ends at the parking lot with no safe route provided to walk through/across the parking lot.
 - The second sidewalk segment is on 1st Street, between Lee Avenue and Chicago Avenue, leading directly to a crosswalk to Waterman Elementary School. Students currently walk in the road for this one block from the sidewalk on Lee Avenue.
 - The third sidewalk segment is on Central Avenue at Keister Elementary School where there is a gap in the sidewalk along Central Avenue. While this sidewalk does not lead students to the school building, it will ensure that students and other people walking along Central Avenue have safe and continuous pedestrian infrastructure. In total, approximately 850 linear feet of 5' wide sidewalk will be constructed.

Rockingham County is considering the following TAP projects for this application cycle:

- **Stone Spring Road Sidewalk Project – The Shops at Stone Spring:** This project will construct a sidewalk segment along the frontage of The Shops at Stone Spring, on the Northern side of Stone Spring Road.
- **Stone Spring Road Sidewalk Project – Bellaire at Stone Port Assisted Living & Memory Care:** This project will construct a sidewalk segment along the Bellaire at Stone Port Assisted Living & Memory Care frontage on Stone Spring Rd, and a portion of Port Hills Drive.
- **Stone Spring Road Sidewalk Project – F&M Bank and Shenandoah Oral and Facial Surgery:** This project will construct two segments of sidewalk along the frontage of F&M Bank and Shenandoah Oral and Facial Surgery on Stone Spring Road and a portion of Ridgedale Road.
- **Apple Valley Road Sidewalk Project – Moe's Southwest Grill:** This project will construct a sidewalk segment along the Moe's Southwest Grill frontage on Apple Valley Road.



ATTACHMENTS:

- Town of Bridgewater TAP Resolution of Support
 - Resolution Gen Oak Connector

- City of Harrisonburg TAP Resolutions of Support
 - Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalks
 - Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator
 - Northend Greenway Connection

- Rockingham County TAP Resolutions of Support
 - Apple Valley Rd Sidewalk Project
 - Stone Spring Road Sidewalk Project, F&M Bank
 - Stone Spring Road Sidewalk Project, Bellaire at Stone Port Assisted Living & Memory Care
 - Stone Spring Road Sidewalk Project, The Shops at Stone Spring



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER'S GEN OAK CONNECTOR, PHASE II PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsing the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) establishing a project in the City of Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater intends to submit a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) application to construct Phase II of the Gen Oak Connector, which would extend a shared-use permeable paver path further into Oakdale Park and running along Mt. Crawford Avenue to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in this corridor

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse the Town of Bridgewater's Gen Oak Connector, Phase II Project application to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Laura Dent, Chair
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bonnie S. Riedesel, Administrator
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG'S NORTHEAST GREENWAY CONNECTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsing the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) establishing a project in the City of Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg intends to submit a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) application to construct a shared use path along the south side of Mt. Clinton Pike between Virginia Ave and the railroad tracks, construct intersection improvements at Mt. Clinton Pike and Virginia Ave to facilitate path connectivity through the intersection, and construct a path crossing of the railroad tracks that is separated from the existing Mt. Clinton Pike roadway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse the City of Harrisonburg's Northeast Greenway Connection Project application to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Laura Dent, Chair
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Bonnie S. Riedesel, Administrator
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG'S SRTS COORDINATOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsing the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) establishing a project in the City of Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg intends to submit a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) application to fund a new full-time Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coordinator for the City of Harrisonburg to encourage active transportation by students and safe walking and biking to school by re-starting and expanding a role and programs that existed in the city until 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse the City of Harrisonburg's SRTS Coordinator Project application to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Laura Dent, Chair
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bonnie S. Riedesel, Administrator
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG'S SRTS SIDEWALKS AT MULTIPLE SCHOOLS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a resolution be received from the Metropolitan Planning Organization endorsing the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) establishing a project in the City of Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg intends to submit a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) application to construct three sidewalk segments to fill gaps between existing sidewalks and improve safe pedestrian access to Waterman Elementary School and Keister Elementary School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse the City of Harrisonburg's SRTS Sidewalks at Multiple Schools Project application to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Laura Dent, Chair
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bonnie S. Riedesel, Administrator
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Metropolitan Planning Organization

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY’S
SIDEWALK PROJECT ON STONE SPRING ROAD AT BELLAIRE at STONE
PORT ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE**

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) requires that applicants provide a MPO resolution of support for each application submitted for projects located within the MPO boundary; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham County intends to submit a TAP application to construct a sidewalk segment along the Bellaire at Stone Port Assisted Living & Memory Care frontage on Stone Spring Road and a portion of Port Hills Drive, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse Rockingham County’s Sidewalk Project application along Stone Spring Road and Port Hills Drive at the Bellaire at Stone Port Assisted Living & Memory Care to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Laura Dent, Chair
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board

Bonnie S. Riedesel, Secretary/Treasurer
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY'S SIDEWALK PROJECT ON STONE SPRING ROAD AT F&M BANK AND SHENANDOAH ORAL AND FACIAL SURGERY

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) requires that applicants provide a MPO resolution of support for each application submitted for projects located within the MPO boundary; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham County intends to submit a TAP application to construct two sidewalk segments along the F&M Bank and Shenandoah Oral and Facial Surgery frontage on Stone Spring Road and a portion of Ridgedale Road, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse Rockingham County's Sidewalk Project application along Stone Spring Road at the F&M Bank and Shenandoah Oral and Facial Surgery to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

SIGNED:

Laura Dent, Chair
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board

ATTEST:

Bonnie S. Riedesel, Secretary/Treasurer
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Board

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY'S SIDEWALK PROJECT ON APPLE VALLEY ROAD AT MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) requires that applicants provide a MPO resolution of support for each application submitted for projects located within the MPO boundary; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham County intends to submit a TAP application to construct a sidewalk segment along the Moe's Southwest Grill frontage on Apple Valley Road, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse Rockingham County's Sidewalk Project application along Apple Valley Road at the Moe's Southwest Grill to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY’S SIDEWALK PROJECT ON STONE SPRING ROAD AT THE SHOPS at STONE SPRING

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) requires that applicants provide a MPO resolution of support for each application submitted for projects located within the MPO boundary; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham County intends to submit a TAP application to construct a sidewalk segment along The Shops at Stone Spring frontage on the north side of Stone Spring Road, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRMPO Policy Board does hereby endorse Rockingham County’s Sidewalk Project application along the north side of Stone Spring Road at The Shops at Stone Spring to compete for state and federal funding under the FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

Signed this 21st day of September 2023.

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TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

RE: **Board Memo #23 - 7 – FY24 Small Area Study: Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road Corridor**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This fiscal year, the HRMPO returns to its focus on leading studies to develop solutions to transportation system deficiencies identified in the Long Range Plan. During FY24, the MPO will work with transportation planning consultants Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) and a study team of staff from VDOT, Rockingham County, and the towns of Bridgewater and Mt. Crawford to evaluate operations and safety needs and potential improvements in the Dinkle Avenue/Friedens Church Road corridor.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this study is to create a cohesive vision for future development along Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road between I-81 Exit 240 in Rockingham County and Main Street (VA 42) in the Town of Bridgewater. With anticipated commercial, institutional, and residential growth over the next 15 years in the corridor and in the larger area around I-81 Exit 240, Rockingham County and the Towns of Bridgewater and Mt. Crawford wish to define a series of preferred multi-modal typical sections and intersection and access management improvements to include in their comprehensive plans to guide future development and redevelopment along the corridor.

VHB will gather traffic and turning movement count data and then model future year highway capacity based on future land uses as defined in the three localities' Comprehensive Plans. Deliverables will include a series of roadway typical sections (number and width of lanes, edge treatment, parallel bike, pedestrian and transit facilities) based on the modeled future capacity needs for the corridor. It will also evaluate opportunities to improve safety at intersections along the corridor.

NEXT STEPS

HRMPO staff are scheduling a kick-off meeting with the study team in the coming two weeks to include a discussion of preferred public engagement strategies for the Study.

ATTACHMENTS

[HRMPO Scope of Work](#)
[VHB Proposal](#)



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TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2023

RE: **Board Memo #23-8 – FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HRMPO staff has administratively modified the FY24 UPWP to reflect the final FY23 carryover amount for FTA 5303 funds. Transit planning expenses in the fourth quarter exceeded our projections when we developed the draft FY24 budget, and thus the carryover amount is \$46,301 rather than \$75,000.

Staff reduced the FTA 5303 allocations to Administration, Long Range Planning, and Short Range Planning to reflect the reduced carryover revenue.

ATTACHMENT

[FY24 UPWP Administrative Modification](#)