



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda September 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the July 6, 2023 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. HRMPO TAP Resolutions of Support (TAC AF #23-5)*
5. Update on HRMPO SMART SCALE Letter Updates (TAC Memo #23-5)
6. FY24 HRMPO Area Studies (TAC Memo #23-6)
 - a. Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road Corridor Study (HRMPO)
 - b. Project Pipeline Study at I-81 Exit 245 (VDOT)
 - c. Rockingham County Transit Feasibility Study (DRPT)
 - d. Route 704 to Route 257 Connector Analysis (VDOT)
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Localities
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, October 5, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed



HRMPO TAC Minutes July 6, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Member	Alternates	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Megan Byler, Bridgewater	✓ Ann Cundy
Tom Hartman	✓ Libby Clark, Mt. Crawford	✓ Ansley Heller
✓ Bill Blessing, Chair	✓ Jakob zumFelde, Harrisonburg	✓ Rita Whitfield
Thanh Dang	Elliot Menge, Harrisonburg	
✓ Erin Yancey	Dan Rublee, Harrisonburg	Others
✓ Cheryl Spain	Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ Jeremy Mason, VDOT
Rockingham County	Kayla Yankey, Rockingham	✓ Meggie Roche, Dayton
✓ Rhonda Cooper, Vice Chair	Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	
✓ Casey Armstrong	Burgess Lindsey, VDOT	
Dylan Nicely	Josh Dunlap, VDOT	
Town of Bridgewater	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
✓ Alex Wilmer		
Town of Dayton		
Christa Hall		
Town of Mt. Crawford	Non-Voting Members	
Bobby Taylor	Kevin Jones, FHWA	
VDOT	Chelsea Beytas, FTA	
✓ Brad Reed	Bill Yates, JMU	
Don Komara	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
DRPT	✓ Valerie Kramer*	
✓ Grace Stankus*		
*Zoom Participants		

Call to Order

The July 6, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO TAC 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.



Minutes

Chairperson Blessing presented the minutes from the April 16, 2023, TAC meeting. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Blessing opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Election of Officers

Ms. Cooper nominated Mr. Bill Blessing for the office of Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Yancey. Nominations for Chairperson were unanimously closed. Mr. Blessing was unanimously elected to the office of Chairperson. Chairperson Blessing opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Reed nominated Rhonda Cooper for the office of Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Armstrong. Nominations for Vice Chairperson were unanimously closed. Ms. Cooper was unanimously elected to the office of Vice Chairperson.

Presentation: Town of Dayton 2023 Comprehensive Plan

Chairperson Blessing presented Town of Dayton 2023 Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Heller presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update for the Town of Dayton and Transportation Chapter Summary, noting that the Plan was adopted on February 13, 2023. She reviewed the main updates, noting that the Plan was updated to align with the Town's Capital Improvements Plan. Ms. Heller stated that the Plan focuses on controlled growth, zoning and land development, employment, and capital improvements, with land use seeing the most significant changes. Ms. Heller reviewed the Transportation section, noting that the Town of Dayton is a small town with complex transportation needs and is surrounded by rural farmland between Bridgewater and Harrisonburg. She reviewed the Transportation Maps and Transportation Trends; and Top Needs Identified, noting that pedestrian, cyclist, and buggy were the top safety priorities. Ms. Heller reported on the transportation goals and objectives, and the Future Project Map.

Presentation: Overview of Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes

Chairperson Blessing presented Overview of Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes. Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on SMART SCALE Policy Changes, noting that there is a process review for SMART SCALE underway for evaluating transportation projects, led by the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI). He noted that SMART SCALE is the method of scoring planned projects and funding projects; and evaluates potential transportation projects based on key factors like



how they improve safety, reduce congestion, increase accessibility, contribute to economic development, promote efficient land use, and affect the environment. Mr. Reed gave an overview of the team milestones and timeline; process bias and scoring and funding analyses; and reviewed the key components of the SMART SCALE process review. He reported on the survey and findings conducted by OIPI to collect information about the SMART SCALE program, noting that the data collected will be used to provide feedback to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as it considers policy changes to the SMART SCALE process for utilization in future SMART SCALE rounds. Mr. Reed reviewed the schedule and next steps, noting that final recommendations will be presented at the CTB October Board meeting, and policy adoption is scheduled for December 2023.

Agency Updates

Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Reed reported on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) and the Revenue Sharing Program, noting that the programs have moved into the full application process. He stated that if anyone had any questions or needed assistance, to contact VDOT.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus announced that DRPT was awarded over \$4.5 million for transit agencies to assist in the financing of replacement of buses through the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Program. She noted that the funding will assist with the purchasing of buses and replacement backlog, and help to increase transit ridership.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain gave an update on HDPT activities, noting that DRPT is in the process of purchasing new buses. She gave a status update on the Strategic Plan; and the Microtransit Study, noting that the startup date is anticipated next summer.

Other Business

Mr. Jacob zumFelde announced that the City of Harrisonburg received federal funds for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grant to support the City's Downtown Harrisonburg Streetscape & Mobility Transformation project. He reported on the project, noting that it will create safer routes for travelers in Downtown, enhance area streetscape aesthetics and increase transportation and trail connectivity for community members and visitors. Mr. zumFelde noted that the grant will fully fund the City's Downtown Harrisonburg Streetscape and Mobility Transportation



project, which will transform one lane on Liberty Street into two-way separated bicycle lanes. Upon a question regarding the eligibility of the project to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Ms. Cundy explained the TIP and STIP process, noting that the project is included in the HRMPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Blessing announced that the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on July 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.; and the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on August 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ann W. Cundy", is positioned above the printed name.

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

**MEETING
DATE:** September 7, 2023

RE: **TAC Action Form #23-5 – TAP 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 City of Harrisonburg is considering the following TAP projects for this application cycle:

City of Harrisonburg

- **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.

ATTACHMENTS:

TAP Resolutions of Support



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 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
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
Harrisonburg-Rockingham
Metropolitan Planning Organization



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2020

RE: **TAC Memo #23-5: SMART SCALE Letter Updates**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HRMPO Staff consulted with the HRMPO Policy Board to draft a letter to the Secretary of Transportation and Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) outlining the MPO's concerns about considered changes to the SMART SCALE project scoring process. Policy Board members voiced primary concerns over the 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. The letter sent on August 17, 2023 is linked below.

BACKGROUND

The CTB is proposing the following key program changes:

- *Restricting eligible project types for High Priority Program (HPP) and Eliminating Step 2.* The CTB is proposing to restrict the types of projects eligible for HPP to promote projects larger in scope and impact based on concerns that the HPP is implementing mostly smaller projects (less than \$10 million). Eliminating Step 2 in the HPP selection process would make District Grant Projects that would have been funded under DGP ineligible for HPP funding.
- *Reducing the application cap.* The change would reduce Tier 1 entities such as the HRMPO and CSPDC from four to two applications.
- *Adjusting the Land Use scoring factor.* The land use factor would be adjusted from a stand-alone metric to a multiplier for other project benefits. The CTB is concerned that the land use score is disproportionately impacting overall project scoring and selection. Subsequently, the other SMART SCALE scoring factor weights would need to be adjusted to account for the elimination of land use as a standalone factor.

ATTACHMENTS

[Letter to the Secretary of Transportation](#)

August 17, 2023

The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller, III
Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Secretary Miller and Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board:

As the Policy Board of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO), we have closely followed the CTB's review of SMART SCALE and proposed policy changes. We are concerned about how the proposed changes will affect our region, its localities, and rural Virginia more broadly.

Our primary concerns are:

- Proposed eligibility requirements for the High Priority Projects (HPP) program
- The reallocation of Land Use percentage points to other Goal Areas
- The reduced cap on applications in Tier 1 regions of the State

We request that you revisit these proposed policy changes.

HPP Eligibility: Our MPO works closely with our localities and VDOT District staff to select projects from the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan that are important to our region. Not all of these projects involve new roadway construction, widening, or rebuilding interstate interchanges. Rather, our region's priorities are multimodal and varied. For example, we submitted both the I-81 Exit 247 improvements project in FY20 (\$47 million), as well as the North Main Street Sidewalk and Bike Lane Project in FY24 (\$5.8 million) for High Priority Project (HPP) funding. The latter project closes gaps in a regional sidewalk network previously supported by a Rockingham County SMART SCALE project from FY20. Both projects are regional priorities in HRMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan.

We strongly encourage the CTB to expand the proposed list of eligible project types for the HPP program. MPOs, Planning District Commissions and VDOT Construction Districts know their regions' needs, and should not be limited to a short list of project types that represent a narrow definition of transportation needs centered on congestion mitigation. Safety is our region's top priority and one of our most heavily-weighted Goal Areas.

The Congestion Mitigation Goal Area for our Type C and D communities is only 15% of our weighted benefit score in SMART SCALE. If the HRMPO region were to submit a HPP application that fits this proposed short set of project types, it would score very poorly compared to projects in area Types A and B where congestion mitigation is weighted more heavily (45% and 35% respectively). The HPP program must include safety projects— at least Corridor Treatments, Regional Trails, and Park and Ride Lots, to meet the needs of the Commonwealth, not just the Urban Crescent.

We wish to counter the narrative that SMART SCALE applicants submit smaller (<\$10 million) projects because they are more likely to be funded. We submit projects large and small based on local and regional priorities, and our plans and studies focus on cost-effective solutions to regional challenges. If the HRMPO submits a bike and pedestrian project to SMART SCALE, it is because the project has the community and elected leaders' support, and because the Transportation Alternatives Program is not sufficiently funded to support multi-million-dollar funding requests. In 2023, it costs \$2 million to build one mile of sidewalk, while the TAP program allocates \$2 million to an entire Construction District to fund projects over a two-year period. SMART SCALE must remain a multi-modal transportation funding program, and other funding programs must keep pace with the cost of building transportation infrastructure.

Land Use Goal Area: We support the Land Use Goal Area due to its success in documenting the benefits of coordinating transportation investments with land use across Virginia. If the Land Use Goal Area score is to be converted to a multiplier and the Goal Area weights assigned to the other Goal Areas, we request that for Type C and D regions the additional ten percentage points go to Safety rather than splitting them between Safety and Congestion Mitigation.

Application Cap: The proposal to reduce the number of applications for our Tier 1 region from four to two will place an undue burden on rural localities, and particularly Rockingham County, which has four towns that do not maintain their own roads and rely on the County to submit SMART SCALE applications on their behalf. Limiting the County to two applications effectively renders these towns ineligible for funding through SMART SCALE when the County regularly submits more than two applications for their own projects in each round.

Reducing the number of applications for rural communities combined with the proposed shortened list of eligible project types under the HPP program, plus a smaller number of eligible roadways (non-MPO counties do not have Regional Networks) *plus* the lack of regional transportation funding authorities in rural areas to leverage funds puts rural Virginia at a significant disadvantage in SMART SCALE. We simply will not be able to compete against more urban regions with more applications, more projects that align with an urban-focused set of project types, and more leveraged funding.

Thank you for considering our concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions for us. We will follow up with our Staunton District and Rural At-Large representatives to the CTB on this matter as well.

Sincerely,



Laura Dent, Chair
Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO

HRMPO Policy Board Members:

Rick Chandler, Vice Chair, Rockingham County

Stephen King, Rockingham County

Deanna Reed, City of Harrisonburg

Gerald Gatobu, City of Harrisonburg

Jay Litten, Town of Bridgewater

Todd Stevens, VDOT

Casey Armstrong, Rockingham County

Dany Fleming, City of Harrisonburg

Ande Banks, City of Harrisonburg

Earl Mathers, Town of Dayton

Neal Dillard, Town of Mt. Crawford



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: September 7, 2023

RE: **TAC Memo #23-6 – FY24 HRMPO Area Studies**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The HRMPO has several area studies underway for the 2024 Fiscal Year. Project Managers for each study will provide the TAC with an overview at the September 7, 2023, TAC meeting.

- *Dinkel Avenue Corridor Study (HRMPO)*
The Dinkel Avenue Corridor Study will focus on 3.28 miles of Dinkel Avenue between I-81 Exit 240 and VA-42. In late spring, MPO staff met with staff from VDOT, the Town of Bridgewater, and the Town of Mount Crawford for a Dinkle Avenue preliminary scoping meeting where the needs for a small area study were discussed. On August 30, 2023, CSPDC/HRMPO staff received a technical proposal from the engineering consultant and design firm, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB). This proposal outlines VHB's understanding of the Dinkle Avenue Corridor Study and the tasks they will undertake for the study. HRMPO and VDOT staff are currently working with VHB to finalize the scope and fee proposal and plan a kick-off meeting in September.
- *Project Pipeline Study at I-81 Exit 245 (VDOT)*
Phase 2 of the Pipeline Study at I-81 Exit 245 began in the beginning of September. This phase will include evaluation of preliminary alternatives, conducting public outreach, and obtaining feedback and selecting the preferred alternatives. The City of Harrisonburg, Federal Highway Administration, ATCS, PLC, and the HRMPO are partners in a pipeline study at Exit 245 of I-81. The focus of this study is to evaluate key areas of the I-81 SB Exit 245 Interchange/Port Republic Road, seeking to identify ways to improve operations and safety through targets projects and improvements. In addition, the study will also review the multimodal accessibility of the corridor, given the particularly high need for pedestrian, cyclist, and transit access in the corridor. The solutions that are identified by the study are intended to be incorporated either as standalone efforts or with proposed projects.
- *Rockingham County Transit Feasibility Study (DRPT)*
In coordination with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), Rockingham County launched a transit feasibility study on August 29, 2023. The study is expected to last six months and will use both data collection and public input sessions to further understand the transit needs in Rockingham County and to find feasible solutions fill to transportation gaps.
- *Rt 704 (Cecil Wampler Rd) to Rt 257 (Friedens Church Rd) Connector Analysis (VDOT)*
Rockingham County seeks to improve connectivity to and from I-81 for the county and city's industrial growth center primarily situated along Rt 704 (Cecil Wampler Rd), Rt 679 (Pleasant Valley Rd), and Rt 988 (Early Rd) through the construction of a new connector roadway



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between Rt 704 (Cecil Wampler Rd) and Rt 257 (Dinkel Ave/Friedens Church Rd). VDOT Staunton District Planning will conduct a planning level travel demand analysis and deliver a technical memo to assess the pros & cons of a more direct connection between these routes in comparison to existing route options. Scoping is currently underway. This effort is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023.