



Harrisonburg-Rockingham Work Program Annual Report

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The MPO approved its FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in May 2024. The MPO administratively modified the document in October 2024. The MPO Work Program Annual Report provides a short summary of each activity for the year.

1.01. Program Administration

- Conducted efficient office operation, accurate financial information, preparation of quarterly reports and other information in support of MPO activities, writing and administration of transportation-related grants; transportation planning services; and maintained a well-trained and informed MPO staff, Policy Board, and TAC.
- Coordinated with VDOT and DRPT staff, HRMPO staff, TAC, and Policy Board through regular MPO meetings to share knowledge, strategize on long-term planning issues, review and amend plans and policies, and remain compliant with relevant federal and state regulations and guidelines.
- Supported administrative activities of the HRMPO including the Policy Board, TAC and other meetings, as well as attendance at those meetings.
- Managed on-call consultants to provide technical support and project development for the HRMPO and its member localities.
- Developed the FY 2026 UPWP and managed the FY 2025 UPWP.
- Processed UPWP amendments as needed for the appropriate sections of funding (i.e. FHWA PL 112, FTA Section 5303, VDOT State match, DRPT State match, or any local matching funds).
- Facilitated data sharing between the MPO, VDOT, and public transportation providers to advance the efficient use of resources and inform state, regional, and local decision-making.

1.01 Public Participation and Outreach

- Facilitated participation by community members in HRMPO transportation plans, with a particular focus on improving public participation by groups not previously involved in the transportation planning process.
- Assured Title VI compliance in all work plans and activities, including the identification of underserved communities.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of the PPP and Title VI Plan for engaging transportation-disadvantaged communities in the decision-making process.
- Submitted required documents as requested to VDOT for semi-annual Title VI plan review.
- Maintained the HRVAMPO.org website with timely information regarding ongoing activities, scheduled events, regional transportation issues, and planning documents.
- Published public notices for MPO meetings and events for amendments and updates to MPO documents, such as the UPWP, Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Evaluated the effectiveness of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Title VI Plan for engaging transportation disadvantaged communities in the decision-making process.

- Supplemented face-to-face information sharing with Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) technology while ensuring continued participation by individuals without access to computers and mobile devices.

Task 1.01	Budget	Expended	% Funds Expended	UPWP Page
Program Administration and Public Outreach	\$85,738	\$63,875	75%	14

2.01. Long Range Planning

- Evaluated and maintained the existing LRTP for an integrated multi-modal transportation system. Maintain consistency with the 3-C process, which identifies the regional context and needs, involves the public appropriately, examines the existing conditions relevant to transportation planning, and results in both a constrained and vision list of project recommendations.
- Maintained an on-going Performance-Based Planning Program.
- Monitored the HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and continued work to develop and refine recommendations for a comprehensive network of cycling and pedestrian facilities connecting neighborhoods, communities, and key destination points and prioritize those recommendations.
- Advanced programs to promote bicycle safety to non-English speaking or limited English proficiency residents of region.
- Organized and attended community outreach events to promote bicycle and pedestrian modes of travel.
- Sought state and federal funds to further bicycle/pedestrian programs in the region (e.g., VDOT's Safe Routes to School program, DCR's Trails and Outdoors Fund grants, VDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program, DMV's Governor's Highway Safety grants).
- Maintained the bicycle/pedestrian program web page on the HRMPO website, and the Bike-the-Valley website for posting information and soliciting feedback.

Task 2.01	Budget	Expended	% Funds Expended	UPWP Page
Long Range Planning	\$71,606	\$36,482	51%	16

2.02. Short Range Planning

- Maintained a current HRMPO TIP document, listing all highway, transit, and non-motorized projects with obligated federal funding for the published STIP, and complying with all federal and state regulations and guidance.
- Reviewed and processed highway, transit, and non-motorized TIP adjustments and amendments.
- Conducted a Small Area Study of the Peach Grove-Neff Ave.-Port Republic Road intersection and adjacent corridor in the City of Harrisonburg.

- Posted updated TIPs on the HRMPO website. The public and all other interested parties were given an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed TIP as described in the HRMPO's PPP. The TIP was accessible for public review electronically through the internet and at other locations specified in the PPP.
- Reviewed and concurred with statewide safety targets for national performance measures for safety performance.
- Completed products including analysis, reports, mapping, and design documents for corridor/interchange/intersection improvements to advance projects in the MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and other studies and plans.

Task 2.02	Budget	Expended	% Funds Expended	UPWP Page
Short Range Planning	\$139,051	\$114,443	82%	18

2.03. Local, State, and Federal Agency Assistance

- Developed SMART SCALE applications in partnership with localities and VDOT for the Round 6 application cycle.
- Monitored and assisted with transportation-related grants for HRMPO member localities, including the Transportation Alternatives/Safe Routes to School, Highway Safety Improvement Program, and BUILD grants.
- Assisted localities with updates to Comprehensive Plans or other planning documents related to transportation.
- Assisted in the completion of studies or projects, and shared updates on projects for any transportation mode for the HRMPO localities as requested, including the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program.
- Responded to specific planning work items as requested by FTA, FHWA, DRPT and VDOT including, but not limited to multi-modal planning, human services transportation planning, freight planning, and assistance with components of the statewide transportation plan.
- Attended state and federal agency or non-governmental organization-sponsored training, workshops, seminars, and conferences relative to transportation planning.
- Updated the Policy Board, TAC, and other regional stakeholders on the IIJA and new funding programs as information became available along with feedback regarding legislative activities will be shared with appropriate state and federal agencies.
- Provided general transportation-related planning services, projects, and activities (e.g., map production, data analysis, reports, etc.), as requested by HRMPO localities or the HRMPO Policy Board/TAC for all modes of travel.
- Drafted and managed transportation-related grants for HRMPO member localities for projects for all modes as needed.
- Provided updates to member localities on opportunities to expand electric and other alternative fuel infrastructure in the region.

Task 2.03	Budget	Expended	% Funds Expended	UPWP Page
Local, State, and Federal Agency Assistance	\$91,000	\$28,251	31%	19

2.04. Transit Planning

- Monitored the current Transit Strategic Plan to ensure compliance.
- Coordinated transit planning with the HRMPO.

Task 2.04	Budget	Expended	% Funds Expended	UPWP Page
Transit Planning	\$12,000	\$15	0.1%	20

3.0 Contingency

- This category reflects the balance of funds not identified for Program Support, Administration, and Work Program Activities at this time for the highway funding side of the matrix (transit funds are fully drawn down each year).

Task 3.0	Budget	Billed	% Funds Expended	UPWP Page
Contingency--Highway	\$47,609	\$0	0%	20