

AGENDA ITEM #6: CMAQ/RSTP RECONCILIATION WORK: STATUS REPORT

SUBJECT:

Reconciliation of allocations, obligations, and expenditures associated with CMAQ and RSTP projects to determine the amounts of CMAQ and RSTP funds that are available for reallocation.

BACKGROUND:

An initial assessment by HRTPO staff of the VDOT review of unobligated Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds has found that, contrary to how the information has been portrayed, the VDOT review provides a good first step in the reconciliation of unobligated funds as opposed to information that can immediately be used to transfer CMAQ and RSTP funds. A complete reconciliation of the allocations, obligations, and expenditures associated with CMAQ and RSTP projects will be required in order to determine the funds that are actually available to be reallocated. As mentioned in bullet #3 of Agenda Item 5, the Transportation Technical Subcommittee (TTS) recommended a strategy for addressing available CMAQ and RSTP funds which included coordination of HRTPO and VDOT staffs with each locality on a project by project basis to address any outstanding issues identified in the VDOT review of unobligated CMAQ and RSTP balances, such as expenditures that exceed obligations, obligations that exceed allocations, and missing information related to matching funds.

The HRTPO staff analysis found that of the 162 projects included in the VDOT review, 69 projects showed allocations that did not match the allocations shown in the HRTPO CMAQ and RSTP Tracking Tables. VDOT and HRTPO staffs agree that the coordination meetings to be held with each locality and transit agency will be more productive if VDOT and HRTPO staffs reconcile the differences in the allocation information beforehand, which is currently underway. VDOT Programming Division staff has stated it will most likely be October before VDOT is ready to begin holding the coordination meetings with localities.

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, Principal Transportation Engineer, will brief the TTAC on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.