

Tri-Cities Area MPO Plan 2045



Adopted 6/23/22 by the TCAMPO Policy Committee
Conformity Report Approved by USDOT 6/27/22

Tri-Cities Area
MPO

Acknowledgement

This report was prepared by the staff of the Crater Planning District Commission on behalf of the Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDOT&PT).

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TCAMPO Policy Committee Adoption Resolution (6/23/22)

**TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION
ADOPTING PLAN2045, THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
FOR THE TRI-CITIES PLANNING AREA**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation provides financial assistance to public agencies for transportation technical studies; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires approval of regional transportation plans and programs by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in accordance with 23 U.S. C. Part 450; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Area Transportation Policy Committee is the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Tri-Cities Area; and

WHEREAS, the April 2022 *Regional Conformity Assessment the Richmond and Tri-Cities 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (April 2022)* was approved by the Policy Committee at its regular meeting on April 14, 2022; and

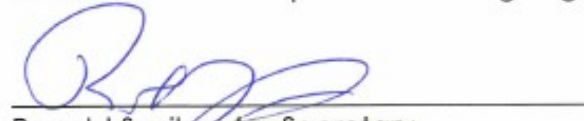
WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, pursuant to its adopted participation process, has considered public comments received on the Plan2045 transportation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Policy Committee of the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the Tri-Cities Area Plan2045 transportation plan.

Upon a motion by Mr. Carroll (Pres.) seconded by Mr. Webb (Pres.), and carried by a voice vote a motion was adopted on June 23, 2022, with 5 members voting aye, 0 members voting nay, and 0 members abstaining.



William Chavis, Chair
Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



Ronald Svejksky, Secretary
Tri-Cities Area metropolitan Planning Organization

6/23/22
Date

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**Re: Joint FHWA/FTA Conformity Finding for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard;
Richmond-Petersburg, Virginia**

Dear Mr. Brich:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed a joint review of the 1997 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Conformity Determination for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (TCMPO).


In accordance with the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), the FHWA and the FTA are required to make a joint air quality conformity finding. Based on our evaluation of the materials submitted, coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 3 Office (EPA), and input from TCMPO, the FHWA and FTA therefore find that the Conformity Determination submittal for the FY 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP for the Richmond-Petersburg 1997 8-hour Ozone Area demonstrates conformity as prescribed by EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93), subsequent amendments, and guidance issued by EPA in November 2018 for areas affected by the February 2018 South Coast court decision. The EPA, by letter dated June 6, 2022, concurred on the overall conformity determination.

This letter represents that joint conformity finding. This conformity finding remains valid for a period of four years provided no regionally significant projects are amended to or removed from the LRTP or TIP and provided no metropolitan transportation planning deadlines come due before then. Based on our transportation planning regulatory requirements (23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303), our day-to-day involvement with the TCMPO, and extensive review of their fiscal analysis reports, FTA and FHWA find the financial information needed to support our fiscal constraint determination complete.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ivan Rucker, FHWA-Virginia Division, at (804) 775-3350 or Ryan Long, FTA Region III, at (215) 656-7051.

Sincerely,

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