



# UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

## INVESTING IN TRANSPORTATION

### WHAT IS FAMPO?

The Fredericksburg Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) is an agency responsible for transportation planning and funding allocations in the George Washington Region and partners with the public, planning organizations, government agencies, elected officials and community groups to develop regional transportation plans.













### WHAT IS THE TRANSPORTION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)?

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year program that lists all regionally significant and federally-funded transportation projects and services in the MPO planning area. The TIP includes projects on the Interstate, Primary, Urban and Secondary Highway Systems, as well as, safety projects, transportation enhancement, aviation projects, rail projects bicycle and pedestrian projects and public transit projects. Any project included in the TIP must be consistent with, or be selected from an approved Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Additionally, the TIP must be financially constrained by estimated future revenues, or have funding mechanisms currently in place to pay for the anticipated work. Though the TIP is adopted only once every four years, it can be amended to account for changes in funding or project needs.

The current TIP and LRTP can be found online at [www.fampo.gwregion.org](http://www.fampo.gwregion.org).

### WHAT PROJECTS DOES THE TIP FUND?

 <p><b>ROADWAY</b></p>  <p>I-95 HOV/HOT Lanes Projects, Rappahannock River Crossing Improvements, etc.</p>	 <p><b>TRANSIT</b></p>  <p>Replacement Buses for FREDericksburg Regional Transit</p>	 <p><b>BICYCLE &amp; PEDESTRIAN</b></p>  <p>Virginia Central Railway (VCR) Trail (Fredericksburg), Sidewalks, Crossing Improvements, etc.</p>
 <p><b>RAIL</b></p>  <p>Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Commuter Rail Station in Spotsylvania County</p>	 <p><b>CONGESTION MITIGATION</b></p>  <p>Leasing Commuter Parking Spaces, Park and Ride Lot Expansions, etc.</p>	 <p><b>INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION</b></p>  <p>Traffic Signal Optimization/Coordination, etc.</p>



## WHY IS THE TIP IMPORTANT?

The TIP identifies how federal, state and local dollars are being spent on transportation projects. The TIP Federal law requires that in order to be constructed, federally funded transportation projects within a Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Study Area be included in the MPO'S TIP.

## HOW IS THE TIP FUNDED?



TIP projects are funded through a mix of local, state and federal transportation funds and must be financially constrained by estimated future revenues, or have funding mechanisms currently in place to pay for the anticipated work. Federal funds are administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Ultimately, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has the lead responsibility for selecting and programming all federal and state funded transportation projects. In Metropolitan Areas, the CTB works cooperatively with each MPO, VDOT, and the DRPT. Project recommendations are selected from the TIP or LRTP and are prioritized by the Fredericksburg MPO, and submitted to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for final approval for inclusion into the Virginia Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

## CAN THE TIP BE AMENDED?

Yes. Although the TIP is adopted only once every four years, it can be amended to account for changes in funding or project needs. These amendments have to be reviewed by the FAMPO and VDOT. Approvals of these amendments are made during monthly the Policy Committee meetings which are routinely held on the third Monday beginning at 7:15 p.m. Visit the FAMPO website [www.fampo.gwregion.org](http://www.fampo.gwregion.org) for dates, times and agendas of upcoming meetings.

## HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPING THE TIP?

- Attend the monthly Policy Committee Meetings
- Visit the FAMPO website often for updates
- Visit the FAMPO facebook and twitter pages
- Email comments and questions to [fampo@gwregion.org](mailto:fampo@gwregion.org)
- Fax your comments and questions to 540-899-8909 or mail them to FAMPO, 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
- Request to be added to the mailing list
- Prior to the adoption of the TIP, the MPO holds a 30-day comment period and a public hearing this usually occurs in May – June.