

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **RVTPO Policy Board Meeting July 22, 2021**

#### **SUBJ: Approval of Adjustments to the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Project Development and Selection Procedures**

Staff is recommending adjusting the RVTPO's STBG Project Development and Selection Procedures to ease the annual adjustment process and improve the timeliness and accuracy of presenting financial information. The attached document includes the following adjustments:

- Clarify in Policy #7 when additional funding requests are due.
- Clarify in Policy #11 that only urgent unforeseen new project requests will be considered by the Policy Board; adjustments will be considered following the annual schedule.
- Table 4.1-1 and Table 5.3-1 – Includes a deadline for submitting the annual project update form including requests for additional funding.
- Statement clarification following Table 5.3-1.
- Removes the Benefit/Cost Consideration due to the ineffectiveness of comparing the noted scores for different types of project requests (e.g. study vs. construction vs. equipment).

#### **RVTPO Policy Board Actions:**

Resolution to approve the adjustments to the STBG Project Development and Selection Procedures, as presented.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2021

## **RESOLUTION**

### **By the Policy Board of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Approving Adjustments to the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program: Roanoke Valley Urbanized Area Suballocation Funding Project Development and Selection Procedures**

**WHEREAS**, the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) is a Transportation Management Area (TMA) as classified by the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the RVTPO Policy Board has the opportunity and responsibility to prioritize the Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urbanized Areas with Population over 200,000 (STBG) funds allocated by the Federal Government to the Roanoke region for eligible projects within the Roanoke Valley Study Area boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, the STBG Project Development and Selection Procedures document serves as a guide to applicants, staff, and stakeholders regarding opportunities to apply for funding, financial adjustments to previously approved projects, policies related to the allocation and use of funds, the scheduling of related activities, and the process for the Policy Board's selection of projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the RVTPO Policy Board members have reviewed the adjustments to the STBG Project Development and Selection Procedures and will use the Procedures to guide transportation investment decisions using STBG funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board does hereby approve the Surface Transportation Block Grant Project Development and Selection Procedures, as presented.

Billy W. Martin, Sr.  
Chair

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