

CVTA Funding Overview

The 2020 General Assembly legislation, House Bill 1541, created the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA), allowing the Richmond region use specified tax revenues to fund transportation needs of the region (Code of Virginia Section 33.2-3700 - 3713):

The funds for the CVTA are generated through the following sources:

- Sales and use tax of 0.7 percent (revenue collection began October 2020)
- Wholesale gas tax of 7.6 cents per gallon of gasoline and 7.7 cents per gallon of diesel fuel (revenue collection began July 2020)

These tax generated funds are to be divided accordingly:

- 15% to the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) to provide transit and mobility services
- **35% to the CVTA for regional transportation projects**
- 50% distributed proportionally to each member locality for local projects which may include construction, maintenance, or expansion of roads, sidewalks, trails, mobility services, or transit located in the locality

CVTA Regional Funds

The 35% of CVTA funds designated for regional transportation projects is projected to generate approximately \$65 million per year or \$390 million over a six-year period. In order to spend these funds, state code requires the Authority to develop a prioritization process based on objective analysis that considers the benefits of a project relative to its cost.

Four Step Process

1. Annual Submission
 - a. Staff and TAC – develop selection process schedule
 - b. Number of applications based on two times the weighted votes of each locality
 - c. Applications are divided into seven project type categories
2. Screening
 - a. Staff – evaluates project eligibility according to scope, estimate, schedule, and regional impact
 - b. TAC – review eligible projects and recommend scoring and ranking
3. Scoring & Ranking
 - a. Staff – scores and ranks all projects except bridges using 1) Safety, 2) Mobility, and 3) Equity/Accessibility/Economic Development goals and performance measures developed for the ConnectRVA 2045 LRTP. Bridge projects will be evaluated using State of Good Repair criteria
4. Selection
 - a. Staff – provides scored and ranked projects within each project category
 - b. Finance – provides six years of projected funding allocations
 - c. Staff – develops funding scenario
 - d. TAC – reviews funding scenario and recommends public review and approval
 - e. CVTA – opens public review and takes action on selection and allocation

First Round of Funding – Schedule Guidance

1. Oct 12 Technical

- a. Projects
 - i. Scoring and ranking of all projects from the ConnectRVA 2045 plan
 - ii. Highlight Fall Line and non-FL priority projects
- b. Budget
 - i. Work with Finance to develop budget based on 2 full fiscal years
 - ii. Estimates for Fall Line and rural priorities

2. Oct 13 Finance

- a. Staff overview of next steps on first round of funding including Fall Line, non-FL jurisdiction priorities
- b. VDOT update on estimates for Fall Line segments and remaining sections that need to be finalized with a timeline for completion (suggest October 25)
- c. Discuss available funds in relation to the cost of projects w/ any remaining difference a request of the state's resources via the Governor's Proposed Budget and local and state roles to be done (e.g., easement acquisition, manners to reimburse local \$ from CVTA, flow of funds to VDOT) – resolve CVTA \$ from Jul 2020 to Jul 2022 (or Oct 2022)
- d. Process discussion for \$/projects for 4 localities not part of FL
- e. TAC update on prioritization process with CVTA direction that in interim period, Fall Line and non-FL jurisdiction priorities would be most impactful regional projects

3. Oct 29 Full Board

- a. Review of October 12 Technical Committee meeting
- b. Review of October 13 Finance Committee meeting
- c. Staff provide interim update to Governor's office on estimated regional budget & project costs
- d. Prepare for Nov 8 & 10 committee budget and project recommendations for Dec 3 CVTA Full Board

4. Nov 8 Technical

- a. Action item on priority projects to fund

5. Nov 10 Finance

- a. Action items on regional projects budget, priority projects to fund

6. Dec 3 Full Board

- a. Action with CVTA Chair sending letter to Governor regarding state opportunity to supplement FL needs above allotted regional CVTA \$
- b. Allocations to non-FL localities of regional \$
- c. Allocations to VDOT and localities in alignment with flow of funds defined

7. Dec 8 Finance

- a. Define monthly report of regional project \$