

BRISTOL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS FOR FY 2014
OCTOBER 1, 2013 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

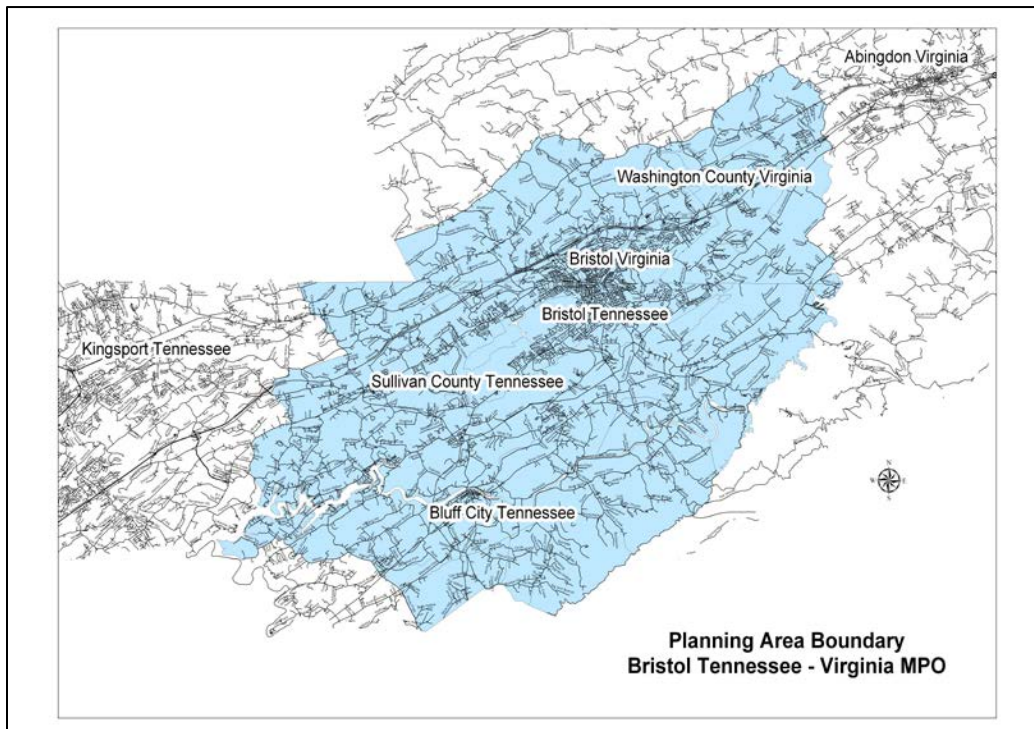
PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

To ensure that the public will have an accurate understanding of how federal funds are actually being spent on transportation projects, Congress included a requirement in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) that organizations responsible for approving the Transportation Improvement Program publish an annual listing of project obligations. This report responds to that directive and lists all transportation projects in the Bristol Urban Area that were obligated federal funds in Fiscal Year 2014 (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014).

BACKGROUND

The federal transportation act requires, as a condition for spending federal highway or transit funds in urbanized areas, the designation of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO has responsibility for planning, programming, and coordinating federal investments. The MPO process creates a partnership among state, local governments, and transit operators in providing transportation improvements.

The Bristol MPO consists of the City of Bristol Tennessee, the City of Bristol Virginia, Bluff City, Tennessee, and certain surrounding areas of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and Washington County, Virginia, as delineated in the Bureau of Census designation of the Bristol Urbanized Area (Census 2000).



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Federal regulations require the MPO to adopt and maintain a long-range plan with a 20-year planning horizon, and to update the plan every five years. The transportation plan must include all transportation modes including bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Projects must be included in the adopted long-range transportation plan before they can be selected for funding and advanced for project implementation. The *Bristol Urban Area Long-Range Transportation Plan Year 2035* was adopted in February 2011.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the adopted list of public transit, highway, pedestrian and bicycle projects that will receive federal transportation funds in the near future. The TIP serves as the implementing tool for the MPO's regional transportation plan and covers a four-year period. The *Bristol Urban Area 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program* was adopted in December 2013. All of the projects in this obligation report were programmed in the MPO's TIP or the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

WHAT ARE "PROJECT OBLIGATIONS"?

The US Department of Transportation defines obligation as the federal government's legal commitment (promise) to pay or reimburse the states or other entities for the federal share of a project's eligible costs. An obligated project is one that has been approved by the federal government for reimbursement. Obligated projects were not necessarily initiated or completed in this reporting year. In addition, the obligated project cost reflected in this report may not be equal to final project cost.

OBLIGATION REPORT

The TIP identification number (if applicable), project location, project description, and total obligation amount are shown for each project. In addition to the obligation amount, the amount allocated in the TIP is shown, which does not always correspond to the obligated amount due to various reasons including project design schedules, letting dates for construction, or the obligated amount may not reflect the total cost.

There are also negative obligations in the report. This is called deobligation and occurs when unused funds are credited back or released when not needed for a project phase. Deobligation can occur for several reasons including:

- Bids often come in at a lower amount than the obligation amount for a project. After the bid is accepted, the remaining funds are returned and shown as a negative obligation.
- A project phase is closed out causing the remaining funds to be deobligated out of that phase. This must happen before the funds can be obligated into another phase for the same project.
- After a project is complete and all bills are paid, any remaining obligation authority is released and is shown as a deobligation.

FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

While federal funding is included in this report, no local or state funds are reported. Federal funding is distributed through the following funding categories:

Federal Highway Administration Funding

- NHS National Highway System (NHS) projects can be funded only if they are on the National Highway System, which is established by Congress.
- NHPP National Highway Performance Program provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System.
- IM Interstate Maintenance (IM) program provides reconstruction, maintenance, and improvements to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The state department of transportation for Tennessee and Virginia administer these programs.
- STP Surface Transportation Program (STP) can be utilized on any project located on a roadway that is classified higher than a minor collector. Projects eligible for funding under this program include construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation, and bridge projects on any public road. STP-L funds are locally programmed STP funds.
- BR Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program provides funding for bridge improvements. Eligibility for funding is based on a rating of bridge condition by the Tennessee or Virginia DOT as a candidate for upgrading. BR-S funds are state bridge funds.
- HSIP The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a federal safety program that provides funds for safety improvements on all public roads and highways. These funds serve to eliminate or reduce the number and/or severity of traffic crashes at locations selected for improvement.
- EN Transportation Enhancement funds have been made available for bicycle and pedestrian facilities through the Surface Transportation Program. A 10% set aside from each state's allocation of STP funds must be used for Transportation Enhancement activities. Projects are available for funding on a statewide competition basis for enhancement grants. A portion of the enhancement funding is designated to the Safe Routes to School (SRS) grant program to encourage walking and bicycling to school.

Federal Transit Administration Funding Programs

- 5307 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 formula grants for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas.
- 5316 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 funds for Job Access and Reverse Commute grants to provide low-income individuals job access transportation.
- 5309 Federal Transit Administration discretionary Section 5309 grant funding for capital assistance for major bus related construction or equipment projects.
- 5310 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds for private and non-profit organizations providing mass transportation services for the elderly and disabled.

The following tables of federally obligated projects are based on information provided by the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Virginia Department of Transportation.

**BRISTOL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TENNESSEE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OBLIGATED FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014**

Project #	Location	Route	Project Description	Funding	Date	Federal Funds Obligated	TIP Amount Programmed	TIP/STIP Reference
IME-81-1(110)	Sullivan Co. TN	I-81	From North of SR-394 to Bridge over Walnut Hill Rd	IM	11/20/2013	\$ (33,962)	\$ 45,000	82095
NH-I-81-1(111)	Sullivan Co. TN	I-81	NB Exit Ramp to SR-394 (Exit 69) in Blountville	IM	11/25/2014	\$ 148,885	\$ 630,000	82005
PHSIP-I-81-1(124)	Bristol TN	I-81	At Tennessee Welcome Center SB Exit Ramp, LM 21.97	HSIP	3/17/2014	\$ 25,000	\$ 900,000	82090
HSIP-I-81-1(125)	Sullivan Co. TN	I-81	SB Exit Ramp to SR-394 (Exit 69) in Blountville, LM 2.62	HSIP	8/7/2014	\$ 4,500	\$ 900,000	82090
STP-NHE-1(273)	Bristol TN	SR-1	From US 11W to US 11E (Volunteer Parkway)	STP	11/25/2014	\$ 11,786	\$ 800,000	82096
HPIS-34(90)	Bristol TN	SR-34	Intersection at Cox St, LM 15.26 (RSAR)	HSIP	11/1/2013	\$ 36,000	\$ 900,000	82090
STP-EN-34(89)	Bristol TN	SR-34	(US-11E) Highway Landscaping (Roadscapes)	EN	11/13/2013	\$ 1,000	\$ 96,000	TN-RS
				EN	12/11/2013	\$ 65,925	\$ 96,000	TN-RS
STP/NH-34(66)	Bluff City TN	SR-34	Interchange at US 11E and US 19E	NHPP	2/12/2014	\$ 1,678,586	\$ 13,360,000	82010
HSIP/STP-SIP-358(11)	Sullivan Co. TN	SR-358	SR-358 at Sullivan East High School, LM 2.30	HSIP	3/28/2014	\$ 21,000	\$ 900,000	82090
STP-M-394(13)	Bristol TN	SR-394	Intersections at SR-34(US 11E) and SR-390 (Cost Overrun)	STP-L	7/15/2014	\$ 29,567	\$ 40,000	TN-OR

CONTINUED - FEDERALLY OBLIGATED FUNDS

Project #	Location	Route	Project Description	Funding	Date	Federal Funds Obligated	TIP Amount Programmed	TIP/STIP Reference
SRTS-9102(8)	Bristol TN	N/A	Fairmount Elementary Safe Routes to School-Phase 2	SRTS	7/21/2014	\$ 40,237	\$ 250,000	TN-SRTS
SRTS-9102(9)	Bristol TN	N/A	Fairmount Elementary Safe Routes to School-Phase 3	SRTS	1/28/2014	\$ 6,000	\$ 268,563	TN-SRTS
STP-M-9102(10)	Bristol TN	N/A	Planning Study for Improvements between SR-34 and SR-1/I-81	STP-L	6/2/2014	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	TN-PL1

TOTAL TENNESSEE FHWA FEDERALLY OBLIGATED FUNDS
 FEDERAL FUNDS DEOBLIGATED

\$ 2,080,486
 \$ (33,962)

**BRISTOL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
VIRGINIA FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OBLIGATED FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014**

Project #	Location	Route	Project Description	Funding	Date	Federal Funds Obligated	TIP Amount Programmed	TIP/STIP Reference
T9928801	Grouped Project	Grouped Project	Construction: Transportation Enhancement/Byway/Non-Traditional	STP	FFY-14	\$ (70,041)	\$ -	VA-G4
T9928805	Grouped Project	Grouped Project	Maintenance: Traffic and Safety Operations	STP	FFY-14	\$ 848,900	\$ 5,466,440	VA-G7
T9928806	Grouped Project	Grouped Project	Construction: Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements	NHPP	FFY-14	\$ 587,094	\$ -	VA-G3
				NHPP	FFY-14	\$ (19,572)	\$ -	VA-G3
				IM/NH	FFY-14	\$ 1,180,086	\$ 1,384,590	VA-G3
				STP	FFY-14	\$ 922,423	\$ 159,548	VA-G3
				STP	FFY-14	\$ (356,672)	\$ 159,548	VA-G3

TOTAL VIRGINIA FHWA FEDERALLY OBLIGATED FUNDS	\$ 3,538,503
FEDERAL FUNDS DEOBLIGATED	\$ (446,285)

**BRISTOL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OBLIGATED FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014**

Project #	Location	System	Project Description	Funding	Date	Federal Funds Obligated	TIP Amount Programmed	TIP/STIP Reference
TN-90-X371	Bristol TN	Bristol Tennessee Transit	Operating Assistance	Section 5307	FFY-14	\$ 342,000	\$ 350,000	BTT-G1
TN-90-X371	Bristol TN	Bristol Tennessee Transit	Capital Assistance	Section 5307	FFY-14	\$ 36,000	\$ 40,000	BTT-G2

TOTAL TENNESSEE FTA FEDERALLY OBLIGATED FUNDS \$ 378,000

Project #	Location	System	Project Description	Funding	Phase	Federal Funds Obligated	TIP Amount Programmed	TIP/STIP Reference
Section 5307	Bristol VA	Bristol Virginia Transit	Operating Assistance	Section 5307	FFY-14	\$ 250,800	\$ 250,800	BVT-G1
Section 5307	Bristol VA	Bristol Virginia Transit	Capital Assistance	Section 5307	FFY-14	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,000	BVT-G3 BVT-G4

TOTAL VIRGINIA FTA FEDERALLY OBLIGATED FUNDS \$ 334,800