

## Region expected to get \$164M for road projects

Richmond, Chesterfield, Henrico and Hanover would get largest shares

**BY PETER BACQUÉ**

Richmond Times-Dispatch

The Richmond region is in line to get \$164 million in federal funds for long-sought regional transportation programs.

The Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approved allocating the federal funds Thursday. The allocations for the nine-locality region also must be approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board for inclusion in the state's six-year transportation improvement program.

The city of Richmond, and Chesterfield, Henrico and Hanover counties would receive the largest shares of the transportation funds.

About \$47.4 million will be used for increasing highway and street capacity and \$28.1 million for improving the operation of the region's roadways over the next six years.

However, cautioned John Martin with the Strategic Transportation Initiative of Richmond, "Long-term, we cannot sustain a single-occupant, vehicle-dominated transportation system."

Martin appeared before the Richmond regional planning organization Thursday. Strategic Transportation Initiative says it is working to make the Richmond region a national model for providing an array of innovative, sustainable transportation systems.

Now 88 percent of the region commutes in cars carrying one person, Martin said, while 12 percent commutes some other way: by bus, ride sharing, bike or walking.

"If we maintain the same modal

**ROADS, Page D3**

88 percent of the region commutes in cars carrying one person, while 12 percent commutes some other way.

### Article Continued Below

---

[See ROADS on Page D03](#)

#### Roads

From Page D1

mix, and have 300,000 new residents over the next 20 years coming to RVA, we're not going to have enough money to build the road capacity to keep pace with our population growth," Martin said.

But, he said, the region will have "more congestion, less mobility, less access and more pollution."

"Nobody wants that to happen," Martin said. "We don't need to replicate that failed model."

Reducing single-person auto use to 80 percent of local commuter travel and increasing the use of other ways of travel to 20 percent would help, he said. "Every solution isn't spelled 'more roads,'" Martin said.

The major projects on the list include:

**State Route 10** widening between U.S. 1 and Interstate 95, and between Bermuda Triangle Road and Meadowville Road, Chesterfield, \$18.1 million

**U.S. 360** widening between Warbro and Genito roads, and between Winterpock Road and Woodlake Village Parkway, Chesterfield, \$14.2 million **Advanced traffic signal** system improvements, \$14.1 million, Richmond

**Jahnke Road** widening between Blakemore Road to Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, \$7.1 million

**GRTC bus replacements**, \$4.2 million

**U.S. 360 improvements**, Hanover, \$11.2 million

**I-95 Lewistown Road** bridge replacement, Hanover, \$5.9 million

**U.S. 1/State Route 54** intersection improvements, Ashland, \$3.3 million.

**Automated traffic signal** management system, Henrico, \$8 million.

**Dabbs House Road** improvements between Nine Mile and Creighton roads, Henrico, \$3.3 million

**Three Chopt Road** widening between Gaskins and Cox roads, Henrico, \$1.6 million

**State Route 607** widening between state Routes 639 and 642, Charles City County, \$1.9 million.

**State Route 155**, Courthouse to Courthouse Connector, New Kent County, \$1 million

[pbacque@timesdispatch.com](mailto:pbacque@timesdispatch.com) (804) 649-6813

Powered by  
TECNAVIA

*Copyright © 2012 Media General Communications Holdings, LLC. A Media General company. 03/09/2012*