



Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board Meeting Agenda May 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, VA 24401**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the April 16, 2025, Policy Board Meeting***
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. SAWMPO FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications (Board Memo #25-04)***
- 5. Presentation: 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Project Scoring Summary**
- 6. FY26 SAWMPO City of Staunton Small Area Study Overview (Board Memo #25-05)**
- 7. Agency Updates**
 - VDOT
 - DRPT
 - BRITE & Afton Express
 - Localities
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Upcoming Meetings**
 - June 4, 2025 – Technical Advisory Committee Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
 - June 18, 2025 – Policy Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 10. Adjournment**

*Action Required

Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, Virginia

Attendance

Voting Members		Non-Voting Members		Other Attendees	
City of Staunton		VDOT		Staff (CSPDC)	
✓	Amanda Kaufman	✓	Shane McCabe (Alt)	✓	Ann Cundy
✓	Brad Arrowood (Chair)			✓	Zach Beard
	Rodney Rhodes (Alt)	DRPT		✓	Devon Thompson
Augusta County			Grace Stankus	✓	Paula Melester
	Tim Fitzgerald	Virginia Regional Transit		✓	Garreth Bartholomew
✓	Carolyn Bragg	✓*	Steve Wilson		
	Pam Carter (Alt)		Phil Thompson (Alt)		
City of Waynesboro		Department of Aviation			
✓*	Jim Wood (Vice Chair)	✓*	Rusty Harrington	Others	
✓	Todd Wood	FHWA and FTA			
	Michael Hamp (Alt)		Chelsea Beytas		
VDOT			Kevin Jones		
	Todd Stevens				
	Brad Reed (Alt)				
✓	Don Komara (Alt)				
✓	Cody Huffman				

*Virtual attendance

Call to Order

The Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAWMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Brad Arrowood.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Arrowood presented the minutes from the March 19, 2025, Policy Board meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Todd Wood; seconded by Ms. Amanda Kaufman. The Board approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

Chair Arrowood opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.

SAWMPO Draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Release for Public Comment and Conditional Approval (TAC Action Form #25-02)

Mr. Zach Beard presented the draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Beard explained that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had reviewed the document and recommended that the Board release it for a 21-day public comment period with conditional approval pending no public comments received during that period.

Mr. Beard reminded the Board that the UPWP is the MPO's annual work plan and budget detailing upcoming fiscal year activities. The budget includes funding sources (federal, state, and local) through major work activity line items: administration and public engagement, long-range planning covering the LRTP, short-range planning covering small area studies, local assistance, and transit planning assistance.

Mr. Beard noted that a draft overview of the budget was presented at the February meetings, and the Board must approve the document by the end of the current fiscal year. The FY 2025 and FY 2026 budgets were displayed for comparison, with Mr. Beard noting that the 5303 funding carryover amount (\$40,000) was an estimate that would be finalized in the coming months, though no significant changes were anticipated.

Mr. Beard explained that the current fiscal year work focused on updating the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and assisting the City of Staunton with a BUILD application. For the upcoming fiscal year, work would focus on completing the LRTP and starting a new small area study for the City of Staunton in January 2026.

Mr. Beard added that since the draft was mailed out, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) suggested incorporating a few minor adjustments, primarily including the USDOT Federal transportation planning goals. A revised document incorporating the FTA changes will be released to the public.

A motion to release the draft for public comment and conditionally approve the document pending no comments was made by Mr. Todd Wood; seconded by Ms. Carolyn Bragg. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Phase II Public Engagement Summary

Mr. Beard summarized the Phase II public engagement activities for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, which focused on gathering input on the draft list of projects and studies for each of the three localities through a public survey and LRTP plan information released on the Social Pinpoint 2050 LRTP page. Mr. Beard noted that the public survey closed on March 31, and that during the month-and-a-half period, the MPO held three public engagement events at YMCAs in Staunton and Waynesboro, and at Stuart's Draft High School.

Mr. Beard described the interactive project map where the public could provide direct feedback on proposed projects and studies. Survey results included 201 contributions. Overall support for projects was high, with nearly 90% average support across all projects. Sixteen of the 23 projects received 100% support, though intersection projects generally received less support than other types.

Mr. Beard then detailed projects by locality:

Augusta County Projects:

- Of the County's 10 projects, the highest-rated project was the U.S. 250 safety improvements west of Waynesboro, which includes installing a raised median on Jefferson Highway between Goose Creek Road and Chandelle Boulevard, a five-foot sidewalk along the north side, and signal timing adjustments.
- Lower-rated projects (still with approximately 85% support) were two roundabout projects: one at Tinkling Springs Road/Exit 227 northbound ramp and another at Route 256 and Route 11.

City of Staunton Projects:

- Of the City's 7 projects, the highest-rated project was the Greenville Avenue improvements at Amherst/Statler/Ritchie, which includes establishing a signal for westbound right turns, extending the right-turn island, installing new crosswalks, sidewalks, and a raised median.
- Three projects received less than 85% support: Greenville Avenue/Coalter/Commerce (only 16% support), the West Beverly/North Jefferson roundabout, and the Churchville Avenue/Thornrose project. Mr. Beard noted that the Greenville/Coalter/Commerce project had the lowest support of any regional project, possibly because it was originally intended to work with a roundabout that is no longer advancing.

City of Waynesboro Projects:

- Of the 6 projects, the highest-rated project was the Rockfish Gateway shared-use path, which received enthusiastic support.
- Three projects received less than 85% support: intersection improvements at Delphine and Hopeman Parkway (60% support, the second-lowest overall), the new connector between Lou DeWitt and Rosser, and the Exit 96 ramp improvement. Comments on the Delphine/Hopeman project suggested it wasn't impactful enough to justify the investment.

Mr. Beard also summarized the input received from each of the study ideas. The highest rated studies by locality were the Augusta County Greenway Study in Augusta County, the Frontier Drive Improvements Study in Staunton, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study in Waynesboro.

Mr. Beard explained that the public input would inform decisions about which projects to include in the LRTP, with consideration given to the Staunton project at Greenville/Coalter/Commerce due to its low support and the absence of the planned roundabout. Mr. Beard noted that this input would be combined with quantitative scoring being conducted with Kimley-Horn.

Ms. Paula Melester highlighted the success of the YMCA events in reaching people who otherwise would not have known about the planning process. Ms. Melester emphasized the value of meeting people where they are rather than expecting them to attend dedicated events.

Agency Updates

VDOT

Mr. Shane McCabe provided the following updates:

- I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan study is underway for the entire I-81 corridor, with an online survey and interactive map available for public input. Public outreach is planned for summer 2025, with final corridor-wide public engagement scheduled for fall 2025
- Project Pipeline has initiated the U.S. 340/Rosser Avenue study, with scope finalization expected by the end of April and data collection and public input planned for summer
- Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternatives pre-applications are open from April 1 to May 30
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Mr. Don Komara provided the following updates:

- VDOT Six-Year Improvement Plan meeting is scheduled for May 15th at Blue Ridge Community College
- I-81 work with Branch Highways from mile marker 233.5 to 238 is progressing well, with shoulder widening completed and barrier installation planned for late April. Speed limit is reduced to 60 mph through the work zone
- I-81 improvements from Exit 225 to 221 (through Staunton) are making good progress with significant earthwork and bridge widening
- Barterbrook Road project is ahead of schedule
- Waynesboro Southern Connector is nearly complete, pending final pavement work
- Crosswalk improvements in Stuart's Draft are in progress with curb cuts being installed
- New flashing signals are operational at the intersection of Routes 608 and 610

Chair Arrowood inquired about the projected completion date for the Barterbrook Road project, and Mr. Komara indicated it was expected to be complete by the end of summer and is approximately 20-25% ahead of schedule.

DRPT

Mr. Beard reported on DRPT updates on behalf of Ms. Grace Stankus, which included the following:

- DRPT has released its draft FY 2026 SYIP, and the public is invited to provide feedback on recommended rail and transit projects at the upcoming Staunton district meeting on May 15 at Blue Ridge Community College at 4:00 p.m.
- DRPT is extending the deadline for 5303 applications to June 2nd since they have not received full 5303 apportionments from FTA

BRITE Transit and Afton Express

Ms. Devon Thompson provided the following updates:

- The CSPDC received a civic improvement commendation from the Garden Club of America for the Lewis Street Hub, with the Augusta Garden Club chapter nominating it for its use of native plants
- The BRITE microtransit feasibility study analyzing potential on-demand service models is nearing completion. Priority zones including North Staunton, South Waynesboro, Fishersville, and Stuart's Draft have been analyzed with high-level recommendations for service delivery. Final recommendations will be presented to the BRITE Transit Advisory Committee on May 21st
- The 2024 Afton Express annual report has been finalized and distributed



- Technical assistance has been secured to analyze Afton Express ridership data and customer input to consider service changes that better align with current work schedules and passenger needs, recognizing that work patterns have changed since the service launched during the pandemic

Locality Updates

Augusta County

Ms. Bragg reported that the County held a ceremony for the new courthouse, with the final beam set in place. The estimated completion is expected by the end of the year, with move-in planned for early 2026. Ms. Bragg noted that construction is on schedule.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Upcoming Meetings

Chair Arrowood noted that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2025, and the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025. Additionally, the VDOT SYIP meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2025, at Blue Ridge Community College.

Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Arrowood adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paula Melester", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Paula Melester
Director of Transportation

TO: SAWMPO Policy Board

FROM: Paula Melester, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: May 21, 2025

RE: **Board Memo #25-04: FY 24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
May 2025 Administrative Modifications**

BACKGROUND

The SAWMPO FY 24-27 TIP documents all transportation and transit projects receiving federal funding or deemed “regionally significant,” and SAWMPO staff adjust the document throughout the year to reflect updated projects and funding changes. Amendments are more substantial changes requiring public notice and Board approval and are defined by whether a new project is added to the document or if a funding change exceeds more than \$2 million. Administrative modifications are smaller document changes not requiring Board approval or public notice.

May 2025 ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

BRITE/CSPDC Operating Assistance

BRITE/CSPDC Operating Assistance administrative modifications update funding amounts for Transit blocks CSPDC01, CSPDC02, CSPDC04, and CSPDC05 to reflect updated funding amounts for FY26 as documented in the FY26 DRPT Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP):

- **CSPDC01** – Aligns FY26 Federal 5311 and State Operating funding amounts with allocations in the FY2026 SYIP and adjusts Federal 5307 funding to reflect the allocation of \$518,312 of the \$1,097,972 for FY26 Operating.
- **CSPDC02** – Aligns FY26 Federal 5311 and State Capital Cost of Contracting funding amounts with the allocations in the FY2026 SYIP; and adjusts Federal 5307 funding to reflect the allocation of \$579,060 of the \$1,097,972 for FY26 Capital Cost of Contracting.
- **CSPDC04** – Moves forward \$262,000 in anticipated funding from FY26 to FY27 as no funds were requested for ITS in FY26.
- **CSPDC05** – Adjusts FY26 to remove Federal 5307 funding and modify State funding to reflect \$31,000 awarded through the TRIP program, and \$14,000 in local match allocated in the FY2026 SYIP.

Service Provider Operating Assistance

The Service Provider Operating Assistance administrative modification adjusts funding in support of Valley Program for Aging Services for Transit block VPA002 to reflect FY26 SYIP funding:

- **VPA002** – Adds \$52,000 in funding in FY25 based on the FY26 SYIP.

NEXT STEPS

No Board action is required. Staff will submit the modified TIP to DRPT and post the updated document on the SAWMPO website.

ATTACHMENT

FY 24-27 TIP Administrative Modification Appendix pages 25 - 31

FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Appendix B: Transit TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

August 14, 2024 Administrative Modification

Modification details a Valley Program for Aging Services FY24 funding amount adjustment.

	Previous Funding	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27	Total FFY24-FFY27
STIP ID:	VPA0001	Title: Paratransit Vehicles			Recipient:	Valley Program for Aging Services
FTA 5310	-	62	62	62	62	248
State	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local	-	15	16	16	16	63
Year Total	-	77	78	78	78	311

August 2024 Amendment

Amendment details a new Valley Program for Aging Services project added that was not previously included.

	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027
STIP ID: VPA0002		Title: Operating Assistance	Recipient: Valley Program for Aging Services			
FTA 5310	-	-	82	-	FTA 5310	41
State	-	-	-	-	State	33
Local	-	-	-	-	Local	8
Year Total:	-	-	82	-	Total Funds:	82

November 4, 2024 Administrative Modification

Modification details FY24 and FY25 funding changes for CSPDCo1, CSPDCo2, CSPDCo4, and CSPDCo5. Updated summary table totals for CSPDC and SAWMPO are also included.

CSPDCo1 and CSPDCo2

FY24 and FY25 columns were updated to reflect the actual state and federal funds awarded in FY24 and FY25. Federal 5311 and state funding amounts align with what is in the FY24 and FY25 SYIP; 5307 funds have been adjusted to reflect FFY22 and FFY23 federal funds as allocated between capital cost of contracting and operating. The CSPDC received additional funds from the CARES Act during the COVID-19 pandemic that delayed the use of the federal 5307 formula funds. As such, the CSPDC spent FFY22 funds in FY24, and will use FFY23 funds in FY25.

FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

STAUNTON-AUGUSTA-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION							
TIP ID:	CSPDC01	Title: Operating Assistance	Recipient:	Central Shenandoah PDC			
	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307	668	459	463	670	729	FTA 5307	2,321
FTA 5311	284	428	680	377	410	FTA 5311	1,895
State	686	694	661	628	684	State	2,667
Local	340	402	418	419	456	Local	1,695
Revenues	61	90	101	92	93	Revenues	376
Year Total:	2,039	2,073	2,323	2,186	2,372	Total Funds:	8,954
Description:							

TIP ID:	CSPDC02	Title: Capital Cost of Contracting		Recipient:	Central Shenandoah PDC		
	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307	513	570	593	650	736	FTA 5307	2,549
FTA 5311	235	365	394	366	414	FTA 5311	1,539
State	149	184	198	203	230	State	815
Local	37	46	49	50	57	Local	202
Year Total:	934	1,165	1,234	1,269	1,437	Total Funds:	5,105
Description:							

CSPDC04 and CSPDC 05

No funds were requested or awarded in FY25. Funds were advanced forward one year.

TIP ID:	CSPDC04	Title: Bike Racks, ITS or Misc Equipment		Recipient:	Central Shenandoah PDC		
	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307	69	-		135	41	FTA 5307	176
FTA 5311	38	-		75	21	FTA 5311	96
State	13	-		42	12	State	54
Local	5	-		10	3	Local	13

FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Year Total:	125	-		262	77	Total Funds:	339
Description:							

TIP ID:	CSPDC05	Title: Bus Shelters			Recipient:	Central Shenandoah PDC	
	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307				10	11	FTA 5307	21
FTA 5311				6	6	FTA 5311	12
State				3	3	State	6
Local				1	1	Local	2
Year Total:	-	-		20	21	Total Funds:	41
Description:							

CSPDC Summary

CSPDC	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307	1,250	1,029	1,056	1,465	1,517	FTA 5307	5,067
FTA 5311	557	793	1,074	824	851	FTA 5311	3,542
State	1,026	878	859	876	929	State	3,542
Local	428	448	467	480	517	Local	1,912
Revenues	61	90	101	92	93	Revenues	376
Totals	4,238	3,238	3,557	3,737	3,907		14,439

SAWMPO Summary

SAWMPO	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307	1,250	1,029	1,056	1,465	1,517	FTA 5307	5,067
FTA 5310	-	-	62	62	62	FTA 5310	186
FTA 5311	557	793	1,074	824	851	FTA 5311	3,542
State	1,026	878	859	876	929	State	3,542
Local	428	448	483	496	533	Local	1,960
Revenues	61	90	101	92	93	Revenues	376
Totals	4,238	3,238	3,635	3,815	3,985		14,673

FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

November 13, 2024, Administrative Modification

This modification adjusts funding amounts for a Valley Program for Aging Services Operating Assistance project added to the FY24-27 TIP as part of an August 2024 document amendment. The modification removes funding amounts included under FY25, and includes new funding amounts for FTA 5310, State, and Local line items under FY24. The Year Total number remains the same.

	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027
STIP ID: VPA0002		Title: Operating Assistance	Recipient: Valley Program for Aging Services			
FTA 5310	-	41	-	-	FTA 5310	41
State	-	33	-	-	State	33
Local	-	8	-	-	Local	8
Year Total:	-	82	-	-	Total Funds:	82

May 14, 2025, Administrative Modifications

This modification adjusts funding amounts for Transit blocks CSPDCo1, CSPDCo2, CSPDCo4, CSPDCo5, and VPA0002 to reflect updated funding amounts for FY26 as documented in the FY26 DRPT Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). A summary of each modification is below:

- CSPDCo1 – Aligns FY26 Federal 5311 and State Operating funding amounts with allocations in the FY2026 SYIP; and adjusts Federal 5307 funding to reflect the allocation of \$518,312 of the \$1,097,972 for FY26 Operating.
- CSPDCo2 – Aligns FY26 Federal 5311 and State Capital Cost of Contracting funding amounts with the allocations in the FY2026 SYIP; and adjusts Federal 5307 funding to reflect the allocation of \$579,60 of the \$1,097,972 for FY26 Capital Cost of Contracting.
- CSPDCo4 – Moves forward \$262k in anticipated funding from FY26 to FY27 as no funds were requested for ITS in FY26.
- CSPDCo5 – Adjusts FY26 to remove Federal 5307 funding and modify State funding to reflect \$31k awarded through the TRIP program, and \$14k in local match as allocated in the FY2026 SYIP.
- VPA0002 – Adjusts FY25 funding amounts for a Valley Program for Aging Services Operating Assistance project added to the FY24-27 TIP as part of an August 2024 document amendment.

CSPDCo1, CSPDCo2, CSPDCo4, CSPDCo5 Administrative Modifications

	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027
STAUNTON-AUGUSTA-WAYNESBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION						
TIP ID: CSPDC01	Title: Operating Assistance		Recipient: Central Shenandoah PDC			
FTA 5307	668	459	463	518	729	FTA 5307 2,169

FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5311	284	428	680	451	410	FTA 5311	1,969
State	686	694	661	618	684	State	2,657
Local	340	402	418	463	456	Local	1,739
Revenues	61	90	101	115	93	Revenues	399
Year Total:	2,039	2,073	2,323	2,165	2,372	Total Funds:	8,933
Description:	Operating and half of the value of the turnkey contract to provide BRITE Bus service. CSPDC contracts operations and maintenance of BRITE Bus to Virginia Regional Transit, and service provision follows the State TAM and PTASP plans. Accordingly, all capital assets in service to BRITE are assessed and inventoried with appropriate performance targets set; additionally, safety goals, objectives, and targets have been set and are assessed annually.						
TIP ID:	CSPDC02	Title: Capital Cost of Contracting		Recipient:		Central Shenandoah PDC	
FTA 5307	513	570	593	580	736	FTA 5307	2,479
FTA 5311	235	365	394	404	414	FTA 5311	1,577
State	149	184	198	210	230	State	822
Local	37	46	49	53	57	Local	205
Year Total:	934	1,165	1,234	1,247	1,437	Total Funds:	5,083
Description:	Capital Cost of Contracting (CCOC) is half the value of the turnkey service contract to provide BRITE Bus service. CSPDC contracts operations and maintenance of BRITE Bus to Virginia Regional Transit, and service provision follows the State TAM and PTASP plans. Accordingly, all capital assets in service to BRITE are assessed and inventoried with appropriate performance targets set; additionally, safety goals, objectives, and targets have been set and are assessed annually.						
TIP ID:	CSPDC04	Title: Bike Racks, ITS or Misc Equipment		Recipient:		Central Shenandoah PDC	
FTA 5307	69				135	FTA 5307	135
FTA 5311	38				75	FTA 5311	75
State	13				42	State	42
Local	5				10	Local	10
Year Total:	125				262	Total Funds:	262
Description:	ITS Implementation follows the 2017 BRITE ITS Plan. Includes implementation of Mobile Data Collection System, Scheduling Software, Real-Time Data Feed, Bus Arrival Notification, Advanced Driver Assistance, and Mobile Ticketing.						

FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
TIP ID:	CSPDC05	Title: Bus Shelters		Recipient: Central Shenandoah PDC			
FTA 5307					11	FTA 5307	33
FTA 5311					6	FTA 5311	18
State				31	3	State	9
Local				14	1	Local	3
Year Total:				45	21	Total Funds:	63
Description:	Bus shelter installation locations were identified in the 2022 BRITE Transit Development Plan.						

VPA0002 Administrative Modification

	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
STIP ID:	VPA0002	Title: Operating Assistance		Recipient: Valley Program for Aging Services			
FTA 5310		41	26		FTA 5310		67
State		33	21		State		54
Local		8	5		Local		13
Year Total:		82	52		Total Funds:		134
Description:	Provides operating assistance funding to VPAS.						

CSPDC Summary

CSPDC	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307	2,166	1,029	1,056	1,098	1,611	FTA 5307	4,794
FTA 5311	557	793	1,074	855	905	FTA 5311	3,627
State	1,026	878	859	859	959	State	3,555
Local	428	448	467	530	524	Local	1,969
Revenues	61	90	101	115	93	Revenues	399
Totals	4,238	3,238	3,557	3,457	4,092		14,344

SAWMPO Summary

SAWMPO	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024 - 2027	
FTA 5307	2,166	1,029	1,056	1,098	1,611	FTA 5307	4,794
FTA 5310		103	88			FTA 5310	191
FTA 5311	557	793	1,074	855	905	FTA 5311	3,627

TO: SAWMPO Policy Board
FROM: Zach Beard, Program Manager
MEETING DATE: May 21, 2025
RE: **Board Memo #25-05: FY26 City of Staunton Small Area Study Overview**

OVERVIEW

The SAWMPO will be working with the City of Staunton, VDOT, and a consultant to develop a FY26 Small Area Study focused on safety and operational improvements along Greenville Avenue at Ritchie Boulevard, Statler Boulevard, and Amherst Road. The study will begin in January 2026 after the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update is complete in December 2025.

The purpose of the study is to develop practical improvements that are competitive for a SMART SCALE Round 7 grant application in June 2026. The scope of this study is smaller than previous SAWMPO studies due to the shorter project completion timeframe between January and May 2026 ahead of the next SMART SCALE round. This is the first SAWMPO study in Staunton since the 2019 Richmond Road Multimodal Corridor Study.

STUDY BACKGROUND

The FY26 study will address safety and operational issues along a short, .12-mile segment of Greenville Avenue from Ritchie Boulevard to Amherst Road, with a particular focus on the Greenville Avenue and Statler Boulevard intersection. The study area will also include the approach from the Statler Square Shopping Center along Statler Boulevard to the Greenville intersection (see **Figure 1**).

Figure 1: Draft FY26 Study Area



VDOT previously studied the area as part of a larger Greenville Avenue Corridor Study conducted in 2019; however, that study did not emphasize improvements along this segment. An updated study will allow for a more detailed assessment and a revised set of recommendation improvements to compliment recently funded improvements adjacent to the study area along Greenville Avenue.

The study area has two Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI) locations. The segment in the study area is ranked the 19th highest in the Staunton Construction District, and the Greenville Avenue and Statler Boulevard intersection is ranked 77th in the District, with 21 total crashes occurring at the intersection between 2018 and 2022.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will work with the City and VDOT District Planning to develop a Scope of Work and then secure a consultant to lead the planning process. The Scope of Work is anticipated to be complete by July and a consultant in place in the fall to ensure the study is complete within the abridged timeline beginning in January 2026.

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