



**Narrative of Changes to the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
(Pending Public Comment and CVTPO Approval 9/21/2023)**

The following Amendments to the FY 24-27 Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) are proposed. These program funding changes have been reviewed and supported by agency staff.

The [Virginia Passenger Rail Authority](#) (VPRA) proposes the following project inclusion into the FY24-27 CVTIP to reflect inclusion of to reflect anticipated funding to the Commonwealth through FHWA Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding to support Amtrak commuter services operating expenses for two trains on the Roanoke Route (Route 46) that traverse through the CVTPO region.

FEMA considers the CMAQ-funded Amtrak projects to be exempt from air quality conformity requirements as the funding is going towards “operating assistance”, which is specifically listed as being exempt in Table 2 of EPA’s Transportation conformity rule.

The proposed Amendment, with adoption, will be located within Section 4: Public Transportation and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Projects.

UPC NO	124309/120532	SCOPE	Operational expenses related to two trains.				
SYSTEM	Primary	JURISDICTION	Central Virginia	OVERSIGHT			
PROJECT	Virginia State-Supported Amtrak Operations			ADMIN BY	VPRA		
DESCRIPTION	Operating expenses for two trains on the Roanoke route (Route 46). The cost included is only for a portion of the route and a portion of the train costs estimated for the jurisdiction.						
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD - FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – Virginia State-Support Amtrak Operations						
ROUTE/STREET	Roanoke Operations (Route 46)			TOTAL COST		\$22,170,853*	
	FUND SOURCE	Previous Funding	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	Total FY24-27
PE	Federal CMAQ	\$0	\$1,701,699	\$1,771,225	\$1,904,175	\$1,982,655	\$7,359,754
PE	State CMAQ	\$0	\$425,425	\$442,806	\$476,044	\$495,664	\$1,839,938
PE	VPRA	\$3,771,469	\$2,127,123	\$2,214,031	\$2,380,219	\$2,478,318	\$9,199,692

* Total cost includes operating expenses from previous founding and estimated expenses through FY27 as there are operating expenses without an end date.

Funding presented in full dollar amounts.