

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2026

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Summary of Outcomes – 2050 LRTP Fiscal Constraining/Project Selection Committee Meeting (January 30, 2026)

Background

A couple of years ago, York County submitted requests for roadway candidate projects to be considered for inclusion in the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Each proposed project was evaluated and scored based on its importance and potential impact, with higher-scoring projects prioritized for funding consideration in the 2050 LRTP.

The Victory Boulevard (Route 171) Widening project was not part of the fiscally constrained 2045 LRTP (but was included in previous LRTPs). However, following the LRTP Subcommittee meeting on January 30, 2026, determining Fiscal Constraint/Project Selection, it has now been added to the draft 2050 LRTP fiscally constrained project list. This represents a significant milestone in advancing the County's transportation priorities.

It is important to note that the funding discussed during the meeting does not represent actual funds at this stage. The purpose of the 2050 LRTP process is to identify and prioritize projects for inclusion in the regional plan, positioning projects to be more competitive for various funding opportunities. Once the 2050 LRTP is adopted by the HRTPO Board in May 2026, staff will work toward identifying and securing real funding sources.

Meeting Summary

The LRTP Subcommittee met on January 30, 2026, to fiscally constrain (select projects) for inclusion in the draft 2050 LRTP using the recently approved project prioritization scores, fiscal constraint guidelines, anticipated transportation revenues, and estimated project costs. To help with the process, HRTPO staff provided an initial draft funding scenario as a starting point for discussion, asking Committee members to identify missing local priorities, potential removals, and other adjustments. The following actions were taken:

Projects Added to draft fiscally constrained project list:

- *2050-390 – Victory Boulevard (Route 171) Widening (York Portion):* Includes the entire York County portion; estimated cost to complete is \$176.7 million.

Projects Modified on draft list (to facilitate the addition of Victory Blvd. and keep the draft list fiscally constrained):

- 2050-389 – *J. Clyde Morris Boulevard/George Washington Highway (Route 17) Widening*: Modified termini to phase project, with only Phase I fiscally constrained (other phases will be unfunded candidates in the regional vision plan). Cost assumptions are estimated at \$61 million per phase, totaling \$183 million.

Project Removed from draft list:

- 2050-385 – *Commonwealth Drive Extension – GW Memorial Highway (U.S. 17) to Coventry Boulevard*.

Committee Discussion and Outcomes

During the work session, York County representatives emphasized the critical importance of the Victory Boulevard (Route 171) Widening project and requested its inclusion in the 2050 LRTP. After discussion, the Committee agreed that this project would replace the higher scoring J. Clyde Morris Boulevard widening as a single entry in the LRTP.

The J. Clyde Morris Boulevard widening will instead be implemented in three distinct phases, as determined by York County Public Works engineers:

Phase I: Newport News City Line to Production Drive

Phase II: Production Drive to Victory Boulevard

Phase III: Victory Boulevard to the Flyover

Both the Victory Boulevard and Phase I of the J. Clyde Morris Boulevard projects were recorded as fiscally constrained, assuming \$40 million from the Committee's discretionary ("slush") fund. The remaining two phases of the J. Clyde Morris Blvd will be reflected in the regional (unfunded) vision plan and can be considered for inclusion in the 2050 LRTP should more funding be identified in the future. The overall funding structure is complex, and I would welcome the opportunity to review the details with you in person to ensure clarity and shared understanding.

Next steps for the 2050 LRTP include review of the draft fiscally constrained project list by HRTPO committees (Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, Freight Transportation Advisory Committee), the HRTPO Board, and a 30-day public review. If no adverse comments are received, the HRTPO Board is expected to approve the project list in March and adopt the full 2050 LRTP in May 2026.

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