

**AGENDA ITEM #11: INTERSTATE 64 HAMPTON ROADS BRIDGE-TUNNEL STUDY:
DRAFT EIS**

SUBJECT:

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT) is available for review and comment.

BACKGROUND:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is studying the environmental consequences of transportation improvements along Interstate 64 (I-64), including the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT), in the Cities of Hampton and Norfolk, Virginia. The study area extends approximately 12 miles along I-64 from the I-664 interchange in Hampton to the I-564 interchange in Norfolk. This study arose from a need to address inadequate capacity and geometric deficiencies of the existing facilities of I-64 and the HRBT in the study corridor. This Draft EIS is a tool for VDOT and FHWA to make informed decisions regarding the study alternatives. The document includes the review of a reasonable range of alternatives, their ability to meet the needs of the study, and their likely impacts to the social, cultural, and natural environment. The evaluated alternatives include the No-Build Alternative and three Retained Build Alternatives: Build-8 Alternative, Build-8 Managed Alternative, and Build-10 Alternative. The potential impacts of these alternatives on the natural and human environment have been assessed.

The Draft EIS may be accessed on or after Friday, December 21, 2012 via the VDOT website at: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/i-64_hrbt_study.asp.

Ms. Angel Deem, VDOT Environmental Division, will brief the TTAC on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review the Draft EIS and submit comments to hrbtcomments@vaprosjects.com by February 13, 2013.