

AGENDA ITEM #8: FY 2014 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM – PLANNING PRIORITIES: DRAFT

SUBJECT:

Establishing regional planning priorities for the next UPWP.

BACKGROUND:

In addition to detailing the work associated with HRTPO core functions – the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Congestion Management Process (CMP), and Public Participation – federal regulations state that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) shall include a discussion of the planning priorities facing the metropolitan planning area (MPA). It is in the determination of these planning priorities that the HRTPO Board ensures its vision and goals are carried forward in the UPWP.

The regional planning priorities in the current (FY 2013) UPWP are:

- Transportation Programming
- Military Transportation Needs
- Passenger Rail
- Regional Freight Planning

Potential planning priorities for consideration for the FY 2014 UPWP are included in the attachment.

Ms. Camelia Ravanbakht, Deputy Executive Director, will brief CTAC on this item.

Attachment 8

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review the attached planning priorities and submit comments to Mike Kimbrel, mkimbrel@hrtpo.org, by COB on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program

Planning Priorities for Hampton Roads

In addition to detailing the work associated with HRTPO core functions – the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Congestion Management Process (CMP), and Public Participation – federal regulations state that the UPWP for MPOs designated as Transportation Management Areas (TMA) shall include a discussion of the planning priorities facing the metropolitan planning area. It is in the determination of these planning priorities that the HRTPO Board ensures its vision and goals are carried forward in the UPWP. Establishing clear direction from the HRTPO Board regarding its priorities allows the HRTPO staff to ensure that limited resources (manpower, funding) are properly allocated in the UPWP.

The HRTPO staff recommends consideration of the following in setting planning priorities for the Hampton Roads MPA for FY 2014:

- **Transportation Programming**
 - Continue to strive for equity in statewide discretionary transportation funding.
 - Encourage further integration of MPOs early in the SYIP development process.
 - Continue to improve the transparency, accuracy, and user-friendliness of the HRTPO TIP.
- **Passenger Rail and Public Transit**
 - Continue to support the improvement of passenger rail service to Hampton Roads.
 - Continue to support the establishment of high-speed passenger rail service to Hampton Roads.
 - Institute a more comprehensive multimodal approach during the development of the 2040 LRTP.
 - Demonstrate that the financial needs of transit providers pertaining to system maintenance and preservation, as well as state of good repair, are being reasonably met as part of the fiscal constraint requirements of the TIP.
- **Regional Freight Planning**
 - Continue to consider and incorporate freight as a critical element of the region's transportation planning process.
 - Continue to incorporate short and long-term needs and improvements to the transportation system that will promote the safe, secure, fast, and efficient movement of goods.
- **Active Transportation Planning**
 - Build on the information provided by the Active Transportation Research Scan completed during FY 2013 by beginning work on a regional Active Transportation plan.
- **Alternatives for Funding Transportation Projects**
 - Study the effects of tolling on the movement of people and goods.
 - Look into other possible alternatives for funding improvements to the transportation system.