

**ITEM #14: STUDY OF THE REMAINING COMPONENTS OF THE DRAFT HRCS SEIS:  
*Bob Crum & Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO***

**SUMMARY:**

The remaining components of the draft Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will be studied to determine their costs and feasibility.

Mr. Bob Crum, HRTPO Executive Director and Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, Deputy Executive Director, will brief the HRTPO Board on this item.

**BACKGROUND:**

During the HRTPO Board Meeting on October 20, 2016, the HRTPO Board unanimously voted to recommend Alternative A to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as the Preferred Alternative from the HRCS-SEIS. As part of the same motion, the HRTPO Board also requested HRTAC allocate up to \$7 million toward the cost of further study of the HRCS-SEIS components not included the Preferred Alternative – specifically the I-564/I-664 Connectors, I-664 widening from the I-64/I-264/I-664 interchange at Bowers Hill to the I-64/I-664 interchange in Hampton, including the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel (MMMBT), and VA 164/164 Connector, and to include these projects in the Hampton Roads 2040 Regional Transportation Vision Plan. The HRTAC at its meeting on October 20, 2016, passed a resolution approving up to \$7 million from the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) for this study.

On December 7, 2016, the CTB passed a resolution that the location of the HRCS SEIS project be approved as presented under Alternative A in the Draft SEIS. The CTB further directed VDOT to work with HRTPO, HRTAC, and other partners to advance separate studies resolving access issues around Craney Island for the I-564/I-664 Connectors, I-664/MMMBT, and VA-164/164 Connector.

As directed by the HRTPO Board, HRTPO staff would like to initiate the study and work with VDOT, HRTAC, and other partners to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) supporting studies on how to move forward with the remaining segments of the SEIS and the Bowers Hill Interchange.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the Executive Director to work with HRTAC and VDOT to develop and finalize the MOU for presentation to the HRTPO Board.