

**ITEM #13: COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND RESPONSIBILITIES**  
*Robert Crum, HRTPO*

As a recipient of federal funds, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity that receives Federal funds or other Federal financial assistance. Recipients of federal support are also required to address Environmental Justice principles, which pertain to the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

Over the past year, the Executive Director has held discussions with representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on opportunities to expand public involvement in the HRPDC's regional planning activities. In response to this discussion, the Executive Director recently completed a staff reorganization to create a Community Affairs and Civil Rights Department to coordinate public involvement for both the HRPDC and HRTPO.

Since 2010, the HRTPO has worked with a Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) to receive grassroots, community level involvement in the transportation planning process. The CTAC assists the HRTPO staff with keeping the public's view in mind as it completes its transportation planning work on behalf of the region, and also works with staff to report the public's input to the HRTPO.

The Executive Director recommends that the role of the CTAC be expanded to provide input on both HRPDC and HRTPO planning activities.

**Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, will brief the Board on this item.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Endorse expanding the duties of the Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) to include both HRPDC and HRTPO activities.