

I. 2019 INFRA GRANT PROGRAM: REQUEST FOR HRTPO RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE I-64 HAMPTON ROADS BRIDGE-TUNNEL (HRBT) EXPANSION PROJECT

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- Deploying innovative technology, encouraging innovative approaches to project delivery, and incentivizing the use of innovative financing
- Holding grant recipients accountable for their performance

The HRTPO intends to file an INFRA grant program application for the I-64 HRBT Expansion project which is the number one regional priority project in the Hampton Roads region. The project will expand the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel to allow for eight lanes of capacity across the Hampton Roads Harbor and improve the I-64 corridor to provide six lanes of capacity from Settlers Landing Road interchange in Hampton to the I-564 interchange in Norfolk. The total cost of the project is approximately \$3.562 billion.

The deadline to submit an application for the FY 2019 INFRA discretionary grants program is March 4, 2019 by 8:00 p.m. EST.

Attachment 17-1

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution 2019-03 for the HRTPO submittal of the I-64 HRBT Expansion project for the INFRA Grant program.



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2019-03**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR SUBMISSION OF THE INTERSTATE 64 HAMPTON ROADS BRIDGE-TUNNEL EXPANSION PROJECT FOR EVALUATION UNDER THE INFRA GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, On December 21, 2018, the U.S. Department of Transportation published a Notice of Funding Opportunity to apply for \$950 million in discretionary grant funding through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program; and

WHEREAS, Projects for INFRA will be evaluated based on four key objectives:

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WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), during its meeting on February 21, 2019, approved the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project to be submitted for evaluation under the INFRA Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the I-64 HRBT Expansion project is the number one regional priority project in the Hampton Roads region and currently has no federal or state funding on it; and

WHEREAS, the project will expand the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel to allow for eight lanes of capacity across the Hampton Roads Harbor and improve the I-64 corridor to provide six lanes of capacity from Settlers Landing Road interchange in Hampton to the I-564 interchange in Norfolk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the HRTPO hereby supports the following project to be submitted for evaluation under the INFRA Grant Program:

- I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project

This Action was **APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 21st day of February, 2019.

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