

AGENDA ITEM #7: STATEWIDE FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)

In an effort to ensure that freight is considered continuously and comprehensively, the Secretary of Transportation is establishing a statewide freight advisory committee (FAC). The FAC will provide a forum to communicate and engage with public and private partners to understand needs, inform policy, and advocate for freight to achieve a dynamic transportation system that creates economic opportunity for Virginia and the nation. A list of potential members has been provided to the Secretary representing the interests of freight forwarders, warehouse/distribution, beneficial cargo owners and shippers, trucking, rail, trade associations, industrial development, and academia. It is anticipated that up to four meetings will be held during the 2021 calendar year, including the hosting of an annual freight forum with invitations to members will be sent within the next 30 days.

Ms. Barbara Nelson, Port of Virginia, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.