

AGENDA ITEM #17: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. HRTPO QUADRENNIAL FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW

In accordance with federal regulations, for transportation management areas (TMAs) like Hampton Roads, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly shall review and evaluate the transportation planning process no less than once every four years to determine if the process meets the requirements of applicable provisions of federal law and regulations.

The HRTPO will undergo a Quadrennial Federal Planning Certification Review on March 29-31, 2016. A public meeting will be held on March 29, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The formal review will be held on March 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on March 31, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All of the events listed above will be held in the Regional Board Room.

Additional information on the Quadrennial Certification Review may be accessed on the HRTPO website at:

<http://www.hrtpo.org/page/2016-federal-quadrennial-certification-review/>

B. 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION

HRTPO staff is monitoring transportation-related legislation during the 2016 General Assembly Session. The session began on January 13, 2016 and will adjourn on March 12, 2016. A summary tracking table of the legislation that was proposed and/or passed as of February 23, 2016 is attached.

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C. MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIX OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE (TOS) MEETING

The draft minutes of the TRAFFIX Oversight Subcommittee (TOS) of November 4, 2015 are attached.

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D. USDOT ANNOUNCES \$500 MILLION IN EIGHTH ROUND OF TIGER

On Tuesday, February 23, 2016, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. As in previous rounds, FY 2016 TIGER grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

Applications are due by April 29, 2016. Additional information on TIGER may be accessed at: www.transportation.gov/TIGER.

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Bill	Summary	Introduced By:	Status
HB109	Secondary state highway system; counties that have not withdrawn from system allowed to submit requests for maintenance and improvement of components to VDOT.	Lingamefelter	01/15/16 House: Assigned to Sub: Subcommittee #2 02/01/16 House Subcommittee recommends striking from docket by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB224	Interstate System components; prior approval by General Assembly required before any tolls may be imposed or collected for use of any component.	Marshall, RG	02/02/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB274	Hampton Roads Transportation Fund. Ensures that the moneys in the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund are distributed to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and allows the Commission to invest moneys in excess of those required to meet current needs in accordance with applicable law.	Yancey	02/02/16 House: VOTE: Block Vote Passage (98-Y 0-N) 02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
HB275	Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission; composition. Allows an elected official of any of the four counties embraced by the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission who serves on the county's governing body and has been appointed by resolution of such governing body to represent the county on the Commission to serve on the Commission. Currently, only the chief elected officer of such county may serve on the Commission.	Yancey	01/21/16 House: Assigned to Sub: Subcommittee #3 02/11/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote. 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB276	Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission; administrative expenses. Allows the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to spend Hampton Roads Transportation Fund moneys on administrative and operating expenses and removes the requirement that, if no other funds are available, administrative expenses of the Commission be allocated among the localities within Planning District 23 on the basis of relative population. The bill states that it does not result in the expiration of the contingently effective provisions of Chapter 896 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007 or Chapter 766 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013.	Yancey	01/21/16 House: Assigned to Sub: Subcommittee #3 02/11/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote. 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB384	Commonwealth Transportation Board; meetings. Requires any meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board that involves a discussion or vote related to a transportation project valued in excess of \$5 million be held in the highway construction district where the project being considered is located.	Marshall, RG	02/11/16 House: Committee substitute agreed to 16105150D-H1 02/12/16 House: Read third time and passed House (98-Y 1-N) 02/15/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation

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HB692	Payments to cities and towns for maintenance of certain highways. Provides that maintenance payments made to eligible cities and towns shall be for total pavement width based on an 11-foot lane.	Carr	01/15/16 House: Assigned to Sub: Subcommittee #3 02/11/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB718	Commonwealth Transportation Board; project proposals to regional organizations. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to annually solicit input from localities, metropolitan planning organizations, transit authorities, transportation authorities, and other stakeholders in its development of the prioritization process. The bill requires the CTB to annually propose transportation projects to metropolitan planning organizations and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The CTB shall consider such input prior to submission of projects to be evaluated under the statewide prioritization process.	LeMunyon	01/21/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB719	Commonwealth Transportation Board; value of statewide prioritization factors. Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to make public the criteria used to determine the value of each factor used in the statewide prioritization process for project selection no later than 30 days prior to a vote on such project or strategy.	LeMunyon	01/29/16 House: Vote: Block Vote Passage (97-Y 0-N) 02/17/16 Senate: Reported from Transportation (13-Y 0-N) 02/22/16 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
HB721	Toll Facilities Revolving Account; statewide prioritization process. Requires funds allocated from the Toll Facilities Revolving Account to be evaluated using the statewide prioritization process.	LeMunyon	02/04/16 House: Subcommittee failed to recommend reporting (3-Y 3-N) 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB1008	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Places a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by ensuring that the average sales price be no less than the statewide average sales price on February 20, 2013, which is the date used as a floor on the statewide motor vehicle fuels sales tax.	Levine	02/03/16 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket by voice vote 02/08/16 House: Stricken from docket by Finance by voice vote
HB1069	Tolling civil penalties; period of nonpayment; limitations on tolling; notification of toll violations. The bill prohibits tolling any highway, bridge, or tunnel without approval of the General Assembly except in limited circumstances. The bill requires the Department of Transportation to allow E-ZPass account holders to provide an email or phone number and to electronically notify account holders of a toll violation and further requires toll operators to notify the Department of such toll violations. The bill amends the definition of high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes to ensure that mass transit vehicles and commuter buses meet the high-occupancy requirement. The bill lengthens from 30 to 60 days the period following notification of an unpaid toll on HOT lanes after which, if the toll is still unpaid, the owner or operator of the vehicle is in violation. The bill decreases the civil penalties for an unpaid toll violation on the HOT lanes, making them equal to civil penalties for other toll violations, and allows the HOT lanes operator to offer reduced civil penalties if the owner of the	Jones, S. Chris	02/04/16 House: Committee substitute printed 16104873D-H1 02/04/16 House: Incorporates HB169 02/10/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (5-Y 1-N) 02/15/16 House: Engrossed by House – committee substitute HB1069H2 02/16/16 House: Vote: Passage (85-Y 12-N)

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	vehicle pays within 14 days prior to the hearing date, which is also permitted for other toll operators. For violations on any toll road, the bill provides that for a first court appearance there are reduced civil penalties and places a cap of \$2,200 on civil penalties and administrative fees. Finally, the bill provides for a 10-day grace period for unpaid tolls and requires toll operators to attempt to process and collect unpaid tolls twice during such period.		02/17/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
HB1070	Toll violations; reciprocity agreements; enforcement. Allows the Commonwealth to enter into agreements with other states to provide for the enforcement of tolling violations occurring in Virginia on out-of-state residents and to enforce tolling violations in other states on Virginia residents. Reciprocity agreements with other states would provide for notification of the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or other similar entity in another state so that violators who have not paid would have their registration suspended in accordance with the agreement. The bill allows for agreements between toll operators or high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes operators and DMV to include necessary information to enforce reciprocity agreements. The bill states that a toll violation on the HOT lanes is a traffic infraction and that a HOT lanes operator shall mail the statutorily required invoice for unpaid tolls, as is the case for other toll violations. The bill clarifies references to the issuance of summonses for toll violations. The bill provides for a two-year statute of limitations for all toll violations. The bill contains technical amendments.	Jones, S. Chris	02/10/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting with amendments (6-Y 0-N) 02/15/16 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB1070H2 02/16/16 House: Vote: Block Passage (99-Y 0-N) 02/17/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
HB1111	Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission. Ensures that the moneys in the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund are distributed to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and allows the Commission to invest moneys in excess of those required to meet current needs in accordance with applicable law. Allows the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to spend Hampton Roads Transportation Fund moneys on administrative and operating expenses and removes the requirement that, if no other funds are available, administrative expenses of the Commission be allocated among the localities within Planning District 23 on the basis of relative population. The bill states that it does not result in the expiration of the contingently effective provisions of Chapter 896 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007 or Chapter 766 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013. The bill allows an elected official of any of the four counties embraced by the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission who serves on the county's governing body and has been appointed by resolution of such governing body to represent the county on the Commission to serve on the Commission. Currently, only the chief elected officer of such county may serve on the Commission. The bill also allows a member representing a city or county to designate a current elected officer of the same governing body to serve in his place on the Commission after making such designation to the Chairman and limits such designation to two meetings or 25% percent of the Commission's meetings per year.	Villanueva	02/11/16 House: Reported from Transportation with substitute (21-Y 0-N) 2/15/16 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB1111H1 02/16/16 House: Vote: Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N) 02/17/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
HB1208	Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission; local representation. Allows the chairman of the board of supervisors of a county within Planning District 23 to designate a current elected officer of the same governing body to serve in his place on the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.	Tyler	02/11/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation

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HB1236	Unpaid toll collection; administrative fees. Prohibits a toll facility operator from charging an administrative fee that exceeds the amount of the unpaid toll per violation. Currently, administrative fees shall not exceed \$100 unless paid within 30 days of the violation, in which case the administrative fee shall not exceed \$25.	Dudenhefer	02/02/16 House: Subcommittee recommends striking from docket by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB1335	Highway maintenance payments; bicycle lanes. Provides that cities and towns that receive highway maintenance payments from the Commonwealth based on moving-lane miles of highway will not have such payments reduced if moving-lane miles of highway are converted to bicycle-only lanes, provided that the number of moving-lane-miles is not more than 50 moving-lane-miles or 3% of the municipality's total number of moving-lane-miles, whichever is less. Municipalities will not receive additional funds and cannot reduce their funding of road and street maintenance after a conversion. The bill also repeals the provision that allowed City of Richmond to convert 20 moving-lane-miles to bicycle-only lanes.	Taylor, Scott	02/11/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Transportation
HB1344	Bonds; certain capital projects. Authorizes the Virginia Public Building Authority and the Virginia College Building Authority to issue bonds in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,504,400,000 plus costs to fund certain capital projects.	Jones, Chris	02/15/16 House: Committee substitute agreed to 16105018D-H1 substitute HB1344H1 02/16/16 House: Vote: Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N) 02/17/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance
HB1346	Commonwealth Transportation Board; regional membership. Increases from 17 to 19 the membership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by the addition of two nonlegislative citizen members: one from the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and one from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The terms of the new nonlegislative citizen members begin July 1, 2016.	Villanueva	02/04/16 House: Subcommittee recommends reporting (4-Y 3-N) 02/09/16 House: Continued to 2017 in Transportation by voice vote
HB1383	Commissioner of Highways; annual report to be made public. Requires the Commissioner of Highways to make his annual report public in an accessible format. Currently such report is only provided to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The bill requires such report to include all aspects of traffic modeling and any cost-benefit analyses performed.	Keam, Mark	02/11/16 House: Reported from Transportation with amendment (20-Y 0-N) 02/16/16 House: Vote: Block Vote Passage (99-Y 0-N) 02/17/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation
HJ55	Study; Department of State Police; bicycle safety; report. Requests the Department of State Police to study existing laws and policies governing bicycling on state highways.	Linamfelter	01/28/16 House: Subcommittee Failed to recommend reporting (2-Y 2-N) 02/16/16 House: Left in Rules
HJ58	Study; Department of Transportation; traffic signal retiming; report. Requests the Department of Transportation to study traffic signal retiming and current implementation of traffic signal timing in the Commonwealth.	Marshall, D.	01/28/16 House: Subcommittee recommends laying on the table by voice vote 02/16/16 House: Left in Rules

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HJ73	Midtown and Downtown Tunnels in Hampton Roads; Commonwealth Transportation Board to study feasibility of reducing or eliminating tolls.	Heretick	01/28/16 Subcommittee Failed to recommend reporting (2-Y 2-N) 02/16/16 House: Left in Rules
HJ77	Study; CTB to study reduction or elimination of tolls on Midtown and Downtown Tunnels in Hampton Roads; report. Requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to study the feasibility of reducing or eliminating tolls on the Midtown and Downtown Tunnels in Hampton Roads.	James	01/28/16 Subcommittee Failed to recommend reporting (2-Y 2-N) 02/16/16 House: Left in Rules
HJ139	Constitutional amendment first resolution); Transportation Funds. Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the Commonwealth Transportation Fund, Transportation Trust Fund, Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund, and other funds established by general law for transportation. All revenues dedicated to Transportation Funds on January 1, 2017, by general law, other than a general appropriation law, shall be deposited to the Transportation Funds, unless the General Assembly by general law, other than a general appropriation law, alters the revenues dedicated to the Funds. The amendment limits the use of Fund moneys to transportation and related purposes. The amendment specifies that the General Assembly may borrow from the Funds for other purposes only by a vote of two-thirds plus one of the members voting in each house and that the loan must be repaid with reasonable interest within four years.	LaRock	01/13/16 House: Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections 02/16/16 House: Left in Privileges and Elections
SB30 Budget Bill Item 449 #4s	Department of Rail and Public Transportation; From the amounts appropriated in this item for Passenger and Freight Rail Financial Assistance, and notwithstanding §33.2-1601 and §33.2-1603, \$10,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 the second year is herein allocated to the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization for conducting the Richmond / Hampton Roads Tier II Passenger Rail Environmental Impact Study. Any Rail Enhancement Funds utilized for this purpose shall be administered as Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Funds."	Wagner	In appropriations
SB30 Budget Bill Item 449 #5s	Department of Rail and Public Transportation; From the amounts appropriated in this item for Passenger and Freight Rail Financial Assistance, and notwithstanding §33.2-1601 and §33.2-1603, prior to any further investments in intercity passenger rail capacity to serve markets in North Carolina, the Department shall complete projects currently underway to deliver train capacity improvements to serve Norfolk and Roanoke. Any Rail Enhancement Funds utilized for the purpose of services delivered in this item shall be administered as Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Funds."	Villanueva	In appropriations
SB32	Virginia Casino Gaming Commission; regulation of casino gaming; penalties. Creates the Virginia Casino Gaming Commission as the licensing body for casino gaming. The bill specifies the licensing requirements for casino gaming and imposes penalties for violations of the casino gaming law. The bill also requires the Commission to establish a voluntary exclusion program allowing persons to voluntarily exclude themselves from the gaming areas of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Under the bill, casino gambling shall be limited to localities in which at least 40 percent of the land area is exempt from local real property taxation pursuant to federal law or subdivisions (a) (1) through (a) 5 and (a) 7 of Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia. The bill requires proceeds of the gross receipts tax and admission tax imposed on	Lucas	01/25/16 Senate: Assigned GL&T sub: #101/25/16 Senate: Assigned GL&T sub: #1 02/01/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (9-Y 6-N)

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	casino gaming operators to be paid as follows: (i) 10 percent to the locality in which the casino gaming operation is located and (ii) 90 percent into the Toll Mitigation Fund, established by the bill, which shall be used to mitigate the tolls established to support construction and maintenance of the Dominion Boulevard Bridge and Roadway Improvement Project and the Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/Martin Luther King Freeway Extension Project.		
SB33	Virginia Casino Gaming Commission; regulation of casino gaming; penalties. Creates the Virginia Casino Gaming Commission as the licensing body for casino gaming. The bill specifies the licensing requirements for casino gaming and imposes penalties for violations of the casino gaming law. Casino gaming shall be limited to localities that have passed a referendum on the question of allowing casino gaming in the locality. The bill also requires the Commission to establish a voluntary exclusion program allowing persons to voluntarily exclude themselves from the gaming areas of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission. In addition the bill establishes the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund administered by the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide counseling and other support services for compulsive and problem gamblers, develop problem gambling treatment and prevention programs, and provide grants to supporting organizations that provide assistance to compulsive gamblers. The bill requires proceeds of the gross receipts tax and admission tax imposed on casino gaming operators to be paid as follows: (i) one percent into the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund, ii) 10 percent to the locality in which the casino gaming operation is located, and (iii) 89 percent into the Toll Mitigation Fund, which shall be used to mitigate the tolls established to support construction and maintenance of the Dominion Boulevard Bridge and Roadway Improvement Project and the Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/Martin Luther King Freeway Extension Project.	Lucas	02/06/16 Senate: Committee substitute printed to Web only 16104886D-S1 02/08/16 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in General Laws and Technology (5-Y 7-N 3-A)
SB34	Lottery Board; regulation of casino gaming; penalties. Authorizes casino gaming in the state to be regulated by the Virginia Lottery Board (the Board). The bill specifies the licensing requirements for casino gaming and imposes penalties for violations of the casino gaming law. Casino gaming shall be limited to localities that have passed a referendum on the question of allowing a casino gaming in the locality. The bill requires the Board to establish and implement a voluntary exclusion program allowing individuals to voluntarily list themselves as being barred from entering a casino gaming establishment or other facility under the jurisdiction of the Board. In addition, the bill establishes the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund administered by the Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to provide counseling and other support services for compulsive and problem gamblers, develop problem gambling treatment and prevention programs, and provide grants to supporting organizations that provide assistance to compulsive gamblers. The bill requires proceeds of the gross receipts tax and admission tax imposed on casino gaming operators to be paid as follows: (i) one percent into the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund, ii) 10 percent to the locality in which the casino gaming operation is located, and (iii) 89 percent into the Toll Mitigation Fund, which shall be used to mitigate the tolls established to support construction and maintenance of the Dominion Boulevard Bridge and Roadway Improvement Project and the Downtown Tunnel/Midtown Tunnel/Martin Luther King Freeway Extension Project.	Lucas	02/01/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (9-Y 6-N)

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SB47	Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission; local representation. Allows the chairman of the board of supervisors of a county within Planning District 23 to designate a current elected officer of the same governing body to serve in his place on the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.	Lucas	02/03/16 Senate: Referred from Rules (14-Y 0-N) 02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Transportation 02/10/16 Senate: Incorporated by Transportation (SB476-Wagner) (13-Y 0-N)
SB255	Department of Transportation to study toll relief. Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a survey of other states' toll relief programs and evaluate potential methods of toll relief for citizens of the Commonwealth. The Department shall submit a report of its findings no later than the first day of the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.	Surovell	01/06/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules 02/05/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Rules (14-Y 0-N)
SB258	Commonwealth Transportation Board; voting weighted by population. Provides that the votes of the nine nonlegislative citizen members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board who represent the nine highway construction districts shall be weighted on the basis of the population of each member's district as a percentage of the total population of the Commonwealth.	Surovell	02/03/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation (13-Y 0-N)
SB295	Toll violations at all-electronic toll facilities; administrative fees and period of nonpayment. Lowers the administrative fee that is paid after 30 days of nonpayment of an unpaid toll from \$100 to \$50 and lengthens such period of nonpayment from 30 days to 60 days. The time period for notice to contest liability for a toll violation is extended from 60 to 90 days. The time period to file an affidavit stating that the owner of the vehicle was not the operator of the vehicle during the unpaid toll violation is extended from 14 to 30 days.	Lucas	02/10/16 Senate: Incorporates SB334 and SB405 and SB516 02/10/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation with letter (13-Y 0-N)
SB334	Toll violations at all-electronic toll facilities; administrative fees and period of nonpayment. Lowers the administrative fee that is paid after 30 days of nonpayment of an unpaid toll from \$100 to \$50 and lengthens such period of nonpayment from 30 days to 60 days. The time period for notice to contest liability for a toll violation is extended from 60 to 90 days. The time period to file an affidavit stating that the owner of the vehicle was not the operator of the vehicle during the unpaid toll violation is extended from 14 to 30 days.	Locke	01/21/16 Senate: Assigned Trans Sub: Tolling 02/10/16 Senate: Incorporated by Transportation (SB295-Lucas) (13-Y 0-N)
SB365	Prioritization of statewide transportation projects; exceptions. Provides that projects on U.S. Route 460 and U.S. Route 121 are not subject to the prioritization process that the Commonwealth Transportation Board applies to projects eligible for state funding.	Chafin	02/03/16 Senate: Reported from Transportation with amendments (7-Y 5-N 1-A) 02/10/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Finance (12-Y 3-N)
SB470	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts. Increases the tax on the sales price charged by a distributor for fuels sold to a retail dealer in Hampton Roads from 2.1% to 5.1%.	Wagner	02/09/16 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Finance (15-Y 0-N)
SB471	Commonwealth Transportation Board; regional membership. Increases from 17 to 19 the membership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board by the addition of two nonlegislative citizen members: one from the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and one from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The terms of the new nonlegislative citizen members begin July 1, 2016.	Wagner	02/03/16 Senate: Referred from Rules (14-Y 0-N) 02/03/16 Senate: Referred to Transportation 02/10/16 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Finance (13-Y 0-N)

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SB472	Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission; local representation. Allows a chief elected officer to designate a current elected officer of the same governing body to serve in his place on the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission for one meeting if 48-hour notice is provided to the Chairman.	Wagner	02/03/16 Senate: Referred from Rules (14-Y 0-N) 02/10/16 Senate: Incorporated by Transportation (SB476-Wagner) (13-Y 0-N)
SB476	Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission. Ensures that the moneys in the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund are distributed to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and allows the Commission to invest moneys in excess of those required to meet current needs in accordance with applicable law. Allows the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to spend Hampton Roads Transportation Fund moneys on administrative and operating expenses and removes the requirement that, if no other funds are available, administrative expenses of the Commission be allocated among the localities within Planning District 23 on the basis of relative population. The bill states that it does not result in the expiration of the contingently effective provisions of Chapter 896 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007 or Chapter 766 of the Acts of Assembly of 2013. The bill allows an elected official of any of the four counties embraced by the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission who serves on the county’s governing body and has been appointed by resolution of such governing body to represent the county on the Commission to serve on the Commission. Currently, only the chief elected officer of such county may serve on the Commission. The bill also allows a member representing a city or county to designate a current elected officer of the same governing body to serve in his place on the Commission after making such designation to the Chairman and limits such designation to two meetings or 25% percent of the Commission’s meetings per year.	Wagner	02/10/16 Senate: Incorporates SB472 and SB47 02/11/16 Senate: Committee substitute printed 16105505D-S2 02/15/16 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute SB476S2 02/15/16 Senate: Passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/17/16 House: Referred to Committee on Appropriations 02/22/16 House: Assigned App. Sub Transportation
SB477	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts; price floor. Places a floor on the 2.1 percent tax imposed on motor vehicle fuels sold in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads by ensuring that the tax is not imposed on a sales price less than the statewide average sales price on February 20, 2013, which is the date used as a floor on the statewide motor vehicle fuels sales tax.	Wagner	01/12/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Finance 02/09/16 Senate: Stricken at request of Patron in Finance (15-Y 0-N)
SB516	Tolling on interstate highways. Prohibits tolls on any component of interstate highways existing prior to July 1, 2016. The bill provides that if additional lanes are added to an interstate highway, those additional lanes may be tolled. The bill contains a technical amendment.	McPike	01/21/16 Senate: Assigned Tran Sub: Tolling 02/10/16 Senate: Incorporated by Transportation (SB295-Lucas) (13-Y 0-N)
SB669	Highway maintenance payments; bicycle lanes. Provides that cities and towns that receive highway maintenance payments from the Commonwealth based on moving-lane miles of highway will not have such payments reduced if moving-lane miles of highway are converted to bicycle-only lanes, provided that the number of moving-lane-miles is not more than 50 moving-lane-miles or 3% of the municipality’s total number of moving-lane-miles, whichever is less. Municipalities will not receive additional funds and cannot reduce their funding of road and street maintenance after a conversion. The bill also repeals the provision that allowed City of Richmond to convert 20 moving-lane-miles to bicycle-only lanes.	Alexander	02/09/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N) 02/11/16 House: Referred to Committee on Transportation 02/12/16 House: Assigned Transportation sub: Subcommittee #3

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SB682	Construction in Hampton Roads; light rail. Requires that any construction or expansion project on a bridge or tunnel by the Department of Transportation or the Hampton Roads Accountability Commission include a multimodal component.	Miller, John	02/03/16 Senate: Committee amendments 02/03/16 Senate: Passed by indefinitely in Transportation (7-Y 6-N)
SB697	Free use of toll facilities; motorcycles. Allows motorcycles free use of all toll bridges, toll roads, and other toll facilities in the Commonwealth.	Lucas	01/25/16 Senate: Assigned Trans sub: Tolling 02/03/16 Senate Passed by indefinitely in Transportation (13-Y 0-N)
SB700	Construction of highways; consider sea-level rise. Requires the Commissioner of Highways to determine the effect of sea-level rise on projects in Planning District 22 or 23. Such determination must be made in writing at least 60 days before final project approval, the expenditure of funds on the project, or the first public hearing on the project, whichever comes first.	Miller, John	01/21/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 02/03/16 Senate: Failed to report (defeated) in Transportation (6-Y 7-N)
SB702	Bridge structures; attachment to locality; annual service fee. Provides that a bridge constructed and operated in accordance with Chapter 581 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, known as the Jordan Bridge, is not within either locality to which it is attached. The bill requires the owners of such bridge to pay each such locality, the Cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth, an annual service fee of five cents per toll paid on the bridge, divided equally between the two localities.	Lucas	01/21/16 Senate: Referred to Committee on Transportation 02/03/16 Senate: Continued to 2017 in Transportation (13-Y 0-N)
SB742	Motor vehicle fuels sales tax in certain transportation districts. Changes the regional gas tax in Hampton Roads to a cents per gallon tax that decreases as the price of gas increases. The tax would be imposed on the basis of the price of gas as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles using a prescribed formula to calculate the average wholesale price.	Wagner	02/09/16 Senate: Committee substitute printed 16104968D-S1 02/11/16 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute SB742S1 02/12/16 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (23-Y 11-N) 02/17/16 House: Referred to Committee on Finance

MINUTES
TRAFFIX Oversight Subcommittee Meeting
 November 4, 2015
 HRTPO, 723 Woodlake Dr., Chesapeake, VA 23320 Room D

Mr. Carl Jackson, Chair, Opened the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

In Attendance:

NAME	ASSOCIATION	A/P	NAME	ASSOCIATION	A/P
MEMBERS:			HRTPO Staff		
Brian Solis	City of Virginia Beach	A	Sam Belfield	HRTPO	P
Eric Stringfield	VDOT	P	Seth Schipinski	HRTPO	P
Jamie Oliver	Isle of Wight County	P	Jimmy McNamara	HRTPO	A
Jeff Raliski	City of Norfolk	P	Non-voting Members		
Julie Navarrete	Hampton Roads Transit	P	Carl Jackson (Chair)	VDOT	P
Keith Cannady	City of Hampton	P	Chris Arabia	DRPT	P
Vacant	WATA	N/A	Herb Pittman	US NAVY	A
Britta Ayers	City of Newport News	P	Ivan Rucker	FHWA	A
LJ Hansen	City of Suffolk	P	Rhonda Murray	US NAVY	A
Steve Froncillo	City of Chesapeake	P	HRT Employees:		
Brian Swets	City of Portsmouth	A	Carleen Muncy	HRT	P
			Carol Russell	HRT	P
Alternates			Emily Cass	HRT	P
Jackie Kassel	Newport News Alternate	A	Ron Hodges	HRT	P
Keisha Branch	HRT Alternate	P	Lindsay Hoolehan	HRT	P
Luther Jenkins	Chesapeake Alternate	A	Siru Barber	HRT	P
Claudia Cotton	Newport News Alternate	A	Samantha Sink	HRT	P
Mark Shea	Virginia Beach Alternate	A	Guest:		
			Frank Papcin	Virginia Beach Citizen	P

Request for Public Comment: Mr. Jackson asked for any public comments. Mr. Frank Papcin, a Virginia Beach citizen asked a question regarding the routes being approved by localities. Mr. Hodges answered his question. He directed Mr. Papcin to contact the various cities with any concerns regarding routes or shelters.

Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes: The agenda was approved as presented. Mr. Jackson asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The June 3, 2015 meeting minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

General Updates

- **Vanpool Update** – Mr. Hodges reported HRT’s transition to a contracted third party vanpool program. They are V-Ride and Enterprise. HRT subsidizes the vans for \$325 for a 12-15 passenger van, and \$300 for a 7 passenger van. Each of these third party companies report the mileage for these vans to HRT for inclusion in the NTD reports. So far, this revision of the vanpool program has worked out well. The participants are riding in newer vehicles, in better condition than when HRT ran the program. Mr. Hansen requested a copy of the Van Master Agreement.
- **Connect Hampton Roads** - Mr. Hodges commented the interaction between the TRAFFIX goals for the coordinators and the Connect Hampton Roads Project. Next year he will provide an update on the status. This is a work in progress and the report has not been finalized as HRT is meeting with each of the member cities for the promotion of the project. The more people that can get out of their cars and use other methods of transportation, the better the entire region will be.
- **Ridership Initiative (Rail, Ferry, Bus)** – Mr. Hodges talked about ridership not being as robust as previous years for many of the country’s transit companies. There are many reasons for that. One reason is because gas prices are the lowest they have been in a very long time. There are more people having 4 day workweeks also. Mr. Hodges explained the initiative to bring back riders to HRT. This is being accomplished by promoting free parking— at park & ride locations. He is working with the City of Norfolk and the Norfolk Courts that give vouchers to court goers to park in our free parking lots and ride

the rail. The downtown consortium is selling GoPass365 tickets to increase ridership and be able to park for free instead of spending so much for parking downtown. TRAFFIX is trying to promote to more businesses on the northside and possibly creating a partnership with WATA for the GoPass365 program. Mr. Papcin tried to ask questions regarding clarification of the GoPass365 Program and was respectfully asked to inquire about any information after the conclusion of the regular meeting. It was clarified that the tickets were not free. Each company pays for tickets depending on the category they fall into, passing the savings onto their participants.

Scope of Work – CelWell

- **Market Research for TRAFFIX**– Ms. Carol Russell reported working on a sole source procurement of the program CelWell. It is a database that will assist with the reporting goals for the staff on how well they meet those goals. The initial cost will be \$35,000, with an annual fee of \$11,000. This will save a lot of time the coordinator spends entering data into current reporting forms and other with administrative reporting, allowing the staff to efficiently utilize their saved time by being in the field more. After it is up and running next year, Mr. Hodges will do a presentation on the many assets this program has to offer.

Military TDM Update – Ms. Emily Cass reported about the Bi-Annual Meeting of commands with the Commanders of the Norfolk Naval Station and Chief of Staff to the region. She explained the Transportation Incentive Program (TIP) and her outreach efforts in promoting TIP, Guaranteed Ride, and NuRide Programs, and the MAX bus services. Ms. Cass has been working with the Suffolk DoD Complex to possibly get a MAX bus route added. She has been collecting surveys from the Portsmouth Medical Center, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and from Yorktown partnering with WATA. She is doing the same for the following bases: Little Creek, Oceana, Langley and Ft. Eustis. Ms. Cass will be presenting on a panel about “TDM and Military Communities” on January 12th in Washington, DC for the Transportation Resource Board.

Southside/Northside Update – Ms. Siru Barber reported the events she had participated in Newport News. Mr. Hodges explained that Ms. Barber is now working on the southside since Ms. Tiffany Swindell moved her position to the Marketing Dept. TRAFFIX is in the process of hiring a coordinator for the northside. Mr. Hodges explained all that was involved in sponsoring/attending an “event”. Ms. Siru is working with the City of Virginia Beach and the public schools to increase ridership.

Park and Ride Specialist Update - Mr. Hodges talked about the Park and Rides and stated that the new hire will locate new park and ride locations throughout all the cities that are key locations close to existing routes and transfer centers, will obtain new contracts and promote to new customers the benefits of using the park and rides for their commutes. He hopes to present to the TOS Board by the next meeting in March, a new hire for Outreach on the Northside, and a new hire for Park and Ride Specialist.

Old Business / New Business

- **Market Research** –Ms. Carol Russell talked about the Market Research being put out for bid. This will include new incentives for NuRide and ways to promote TRAFFIX programs. Mr. Chris Arabia commented that DRPT is doing something similar and asked to be included in this research. He also stated data and research had already collected and we were welcome to look at it.
- **GoPass365** - Mr. Hodges commented that there are changes being made in the TRAFFIX program that will include all the coordinators to now assist with the promotion of the GoPass365 Program.

- **Statewide TDM Workshop – Three in the State this Year** Mr. Hodges commented along with Mr. Arabia, that there was one at the Governors Conference, last week, there will be one on the 9th in Roanoke, and the third will be on 12th in Fredericksburg.
- **Annual Report for FY 2015** – Ms. Muncy is in the process of changing up the formatting of the Annual Report and will be presented by the next meeting.
- Mr. Arabia requested that any applications be submitted to DRPT ASAP.
- The new dates for meetings in 2016 were included in the packets.

Next Meeting – March 2, 2016 @ 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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