

AGENDA ITEM #6: BOWERS HILL INTERCHANGE STUDY: UPDATE
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Following the initial presentations on the findings of the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Board in early 2019, the TTAC formed a Bowers Hill Interchange Study Working Group to assist VDOT staff in the completion of the study by providing stakeholder review and guidance. Among the concerns of the TTAC was that the initial study assumed capacity improvements on I-664 that were not included in the current HRTPO Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition, in October 2019, the HRTPO Board approved a resolution endorsing the Hampton Regional Express Lanes Network along I-64 as “a consistent Express Lanes Network that begins at Jefferson Avenue in Newport News, proceeds along I-64 through Bowers Hill in Chesapeake, and continues along I-664 to I-64 in the vicinity of the Hampton Coliseum”. The initial Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study did not account for express lanes at the interchange.

Following the recommendations of the Bowers Hill Interchange Study Working Group, at its May 21, 2020 meeting, the HRTPO approved the expanded parameters to include the ability to extend the Express Lanes through the interchange and northward along I-664. VDOT briefed the HRTPO Board on the initiation and status of the Bowers Hill Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at its Board meeting on February 18, 2021.

Mr. Scott Smizik, VDOT Assistant Environmental Division Director, will brief the TTAC on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.