

**AGENDA ITEM #13: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST**

**FTAC LETTER IDENTIFYING ITS TOP SIX PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN 2040 LRTP**

Attached is a letter dated February 2, 2015, from the Co-Chair of the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) to Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, identifying its top six projects and requesting that the projects be considered for inclusion in the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Attachment 13



February 2, 2015

Dear Ms. Ravanbakht,

First of all, I want to thank you and the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) staff for your ongoing efforts to actively engage and inform the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC). Over the past year, FTAC has been provided with valuable insight and has been kept abreast of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) process. In addition, your staff has provided detailed information on the project prioritization process and recent enhancements since the 2034 LRTP that include incorporating truck delays.

Using the information provided, along with previous study TPO studies (*Hampton Roads Regional Freight Study – September 2012 Update & Position Hampton Roads for Freight Infrastructure Funding (Map 21 and Beyond) March 2014*), FTAC has reviewed the list of nearly 200 projects and their preliminary draft prioritization scores.

Given the current regional funding constraints, we understand the ultimate 2040 LRTP must meet federal requirements as well as produce a comprehensive multimodal plan. As the HRTPO continues to finalize this package of projects, FTAC has identified the following top six projects to be considered for inclusion in the 2040 LRTP:

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| 1. 2040-23 (Highway)      | Dominion Boulevard                                    |
| 2. 2040-98 (Highway)      | J Clyde Morris Boulevard / GW Highway (US17)          |
| 3. 2040-199 Highway       | GW Memorial Highway (US 17)                           |
| 4. 2040-38 (Bridge)       | Triple Decker Bridge                                  |
| 5. 2040-114 (Intermodal)  | Hampton Boulevard at Terminal Boulevard               |
| 6. 2040-116 (Interchange) | I-64 at Northampton Boulevard Interchange Improvement |

These projects were selected based on their draft scores, which indicated strong utility, viability and economic vitality within their respective categories. In addition, the Committee members focused on identifying projects that would improve key choke points in the region.

We understand that there are more project needs than funding available, but believe that these six projects identified, which include five construction projects and one study, would help to support the freight needs throughout Hampton Roads.

On behalf of FTAC, we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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