

ITEM #11: HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS – ROUND 2: HRTPO Staff

SUMMARY:

HRTPO staff is in the process of developing a list of potential Round 2 Hampton Roads Regional Priority Projects.

HRTPO staff will brief the HRTPO Board on this item.

BACKGROUND:

At its February 15, 2018 meeting, Ms. Dale M. Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, briefed the HRTPO Board on the status of identifying potential Regional Priority Projects to be considered in the development of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Following the presentation, the HRTPO Chair requested voting members review the presentation and submit any questions to HRTPO staff in preparation for a discussion at the March 15, 2018 Board meeting. No questions were received by staff as of the date the agenda was posted.

To assist the Board with clarifying its position regarding the Regional Priority Projects and their relation to the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the development of the 2045 LRTP, HRTPO staff has prepared a draft resolution (attached) for consideration by the Board.

Attachment 11

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and direction on next steps.



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2018-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE HAMPTON ROADS 2040 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS AND THE ANALYSES OF ADDITIONAL REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE HAMPTON ROADS 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2016, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Board approved and adopted the fiscally-constrained Hampton Roads 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which includes a Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) plan of finance to construct the Regional Priority Projects based on the sequencing established by the HRTPO Board on February 18, 2016;

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2016, based on analysis from the Hampton Roads Crossing Study – Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (HRCS SEIS) and HRTPO staff, the HRTPO Board unanimously approved the I-64/Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT) widening project as the Preferred Alternative of the HRCS SEIS, and to include the I-64/HRBT widening and the Bowers Hill Interchange projects as Regional Priority Projects, as well as a study to further evaluate the remaining segments of the HRCS SEIS; and on December 7, 2016, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved Alternative A from the HRCS SEIS as the locally Preferred Alternative;

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2017, the HRTPO Board directed HRTPO staff to work with the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee to review and identify projects that could be considered for a second round of Regional Priority Projects (Round 2) and stated that the current list of Regional Priority Projects (Round 1) included in the 2040 LRTP should not be impacted in terms of priority or funding by the work related to Round 2; and

WHEREAS, the HRTPO, in partnership with HRTPO Board advisory committees and regional stakeholders – including local, state, regional, federal transit, military, freight, and the public – will develop the fiscally-constrained Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP based on a collaborative process to identify, prioritize, and seek transportation funding for needed investments in order to address the region's transportation and associated challenges and that the process will include analyzing a new baseline network that includes the construction of committed Regional Priority Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization continues its support of the Regional Priority Projects fiscally-constrained in the region's 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan, to be funded, in whole or in part, with Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as part of the development of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the HRTPO supports the analyses of additional regional projects that meet the criteria established for HRTF revenues, and that all candidate projects not already committed will be evaluated as part of the development of the 2045 LRTP.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization at its meeting on the 15th day of March, 2018.

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