

16M. PHASE 2B HAMPTON ROADS PASSENGER RAIL STUDY

During FY 2011, in the interest of improving the region's potential for passenger rail service, the HRTPO retained the services of Transportation Economics & Management Systems, Inc. (TEMS). The work of TEMS has resulted in the completion of the following: Preliminary Vision Plan (Phase 1), Blueprint Study (Phase 1B), and Data Collection (Phase 2A).

With the completion of the Data Collection report, work began in March 2013 on the Passenger Rail Alternatives Analysis (Phase 2B). The focus of this study was to develop the financial and business plan evaluation of the Norfolk-Richmond-Washington, D.C. High-Speed Corridor, in line with the program set out in the Blueprint Study (Phase 1B).

The Draft Phase 2B report has been completed by TEMS and has been presented to the HRTPO Passenger Rail Task Force at its February 13, 2014 meeting. The report has been made available to the public from February 13, 2014 through February 28, 2014. Comments were received and incorporated in the final report.

This item and enclosures were discussed under Workshop Item #10.

Recommended Action: Approve the report.