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TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's May 2018 Report

HRPDC staff continues to manage the Norfolk/Virginia Beach Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The primary focus of this JLUS is to address the impacts of recurrent flooding and coastal storms on the military bases in these cities. The Technical and Policy Committees for this JLUS planning effort met on April 20th, and the first public meeting session was held the evening of May 2nd and attended by approximately 30 residents. In addition, Congressman Bobby Scott and a staff member from Senator Tim Kaine's office attended and participated in this meeting. The project consultant team is working with representatives from the two cities to develop recommendations for this study, which will be available for consideration by the two localities in the fall.



A similar JLUS planning effort for the Cities of Portsmouth and Chesapeake is also being managed by the HRPDC. A project consultant has been selected for this planning effort and this JLUS will begin this summer.

The Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee held their regularly scheduled monthly meetings on April 4th and May 2nd. Agenda items for each meeting were as follows:

April 4

- Update on Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Project
- Presentation from the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance
- Tax Reform

May 2

- Regional Economic Development Sites Inventory
- Old Dominion University Life in Hampton Roads Annual Survey
- Public Safety in Local Schools

The CAO Subcommittee on Sea Level Rise held its second meeting on March 7th in Newport News.

The first meeting of the Broadband Steering Committee was held April 18th. The Cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach have each appointed a city manager and elected official to serve on this committee to provide oversight for Phase I of the Regional Broadband Initiative, which will include 30% design work for the Southside broadband ring and opportunities to connect across the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and Monitor Merrimac Bridge Tunnel to the Peninsula. Future phases of this effort will involve a similar effort on the Peninsula as the region works to leverage the transatlantic broadband cables as an economic development asset. The five Southside Cities have agreed to contribute \$650,000 to complete the 30% design work for the Southside Fiber Ring.

Meanwhile, the Peninsula localities continue to advance work on the Unmanned Systems Initiative which was funded through GO Virginia. As part of this effort, a revenue sharing framework will be developed and shared through the regional CAO Committee which can serve as a model for regional collaboration around this project and other efforts involving the Hampton Roads jurisdictions.

The HRPDC staff continues to advance work on the Regional Economic Development Sites Inventory. This effort was presented to the HRPDC at its February meeting. Since this meeting, HRPDC staff has worked with locality staffs to finalize Phase I of this inventory, which identifies shovel ready mega sites of 100 acres or greater in size. Staff has also met with Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) staff to discuss the VEDP shovel ready sites program and potential next steps for the Hampton Roads effort. Staff will discuss this information with the HRPDC at the Commission's May 17th meeting.

The HRTPO staff has worked with Working Group representatives from the local governments, HRTAC, and military and federal partners to advance the procurement process for the Regional Connectors Study. Four consultant teams were interviewed on April 9th by the Working Group. The Working Group reached a consensus on a selected consultant and directed HRTPO staff to proceed to contract negotiation with the preferred consultant team. The Working Group will meet on May 11th to discuss the status of these negotiations and an update will be provided to the HRTPO Board on May 17th.

HRPDC staff is in the process of completing meetings with the Planning Directors from each of the HRPDC localities to discuss opportunities and challenges in each jurisdiction and the possibility of re-establishing meetings of the Regional Planning Directors Committee.

The askHRgreen "Team Up 2 Clean Up" program was recently featured on WTKR News Channel 3. A brief video which includes HRPDC Principal Environmental Education Planner Katie Cullipher can be viewed at the following link:

<http://wtkr.com/2018/04/16/we-learn-how-to-team-up-2-clean-up-across-the-region-on-coast-live/>.



The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Greater Norfolk Council on March 1st on the Regional Broadband Initiative.

The Executive Director served on a Transportation Panel to discuss the region's transportation planning efforts on March 1st at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach.

HRPDC staff has participated in the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA) work with the IBM International Consultant Team and the analysis of the region's economic competitiveness.

The Executive Director attended the Norfolk State of the City Address on March 9th.

The Executive Director attended and participated in the Regional Roundtable meeting which was hosted by the Hampton Roads Chamber on March 22nd.

The Executive Director attended the Virginia Beach State of the City Address on March 28th.

On April 2nd, the Executive Director provided Welcoming and Introductory Comments at a Regional Disability Inclusion Emergency Management Training Exercise.

The Executive Director and HRTAC Executive Director provided a joint presentation to the LEAD Peninsula Class on April 5th as part of the Organization's Regional Transportation Day.

The Executive Director attended the Portsmouth State of the City Address on April 6th.

The Executive Director met with representatives of Hampton University on April 10th to discuss potential collaboration and opportunities for guest speaking arrangements for various classes at the University.

The Executive Director and HRTPO staff met with a representative from MARAD on April 11th to discuss potential Maritime Transportation projects and initiatives.

The Executive Director attended the State of the Port Address on April 11th.

HRPDC staff attended and participated in two Military Mission Master Plan Update forums on April 16th. The Deputy Executive Director attended the morning session on the Southside, while the Executive Director attended the afternoon session on the Peninsula.

HRTPO staff attended the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Public Meeting which was held on April 16th in the Regional Board Room. At this meeting, HRTPO Chair Tom Shepperd addressed the CTB and State representatives stressing the importance of Smart Scale funding to support the proposed improvements to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.

The Executive Director attended the April 19th Board meeting of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance and provided a brief update on the Norfolk/Virginia Beach Joint Land Use Study.

The Executive Director attended the April 19th meeting of the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

HRPDC staff attended a meeting of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions on April 20th in Charlottesville to discuss the Chesapeake Bay program.

On April 20th, the HRPDC/HRTPO staff held an annual spring clean-up session. Staff members dedicated time during their lunch hour to collect debris from around the stormwater pond located adjacent to the Regional Building.

The Executive Director participated in a Strategic Planning Retreat for the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions on May 1st in Richmond.

The Executive Director held an introductory meeting with new VDOT District Engineer Chris Hall on May 2nd.

The HRPDC/HRTPO Management Team continues to advance work on the following items:

- Title VI, Civil Rights and Community Outreach
- Recruitment for vacant positions
- Personnel Management
- FY 2019 budget preparation
- Provision of financial and human resource management services to the HRTAC and HRMFFA
- Deployment of updated/new computers and IT management efforts.