

**AGENDA ITEM #13: HAMPTON ROADS CROSSING STUDY: SEIS UPDATE**  
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The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS). The SEIS will re-evaluate the findings of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and the Record of Decision (ROD) that were approved by the FHWA in 2001.

The purpose of the original HRCS was to relieve congestion at the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT) in a manner that improves accessibility, transit, emergency evacuation, and military and goods movement along the primary transportation corridors in the Hampton Roads region, including the I-64, I-664, I-564, and Route 164 corridors. The HRCS-SEIS will address the following needs:

- *Accommodate travel demand* – capacity is inadequate on the study area alignments, contributing to congestion at the HRBT.
- *Improve transit access* – there is a lack of transit access across the Hampton Roads waterway.
- *Increase regional accessibility* – limited number of water crossings and inadequate highway capacity and severe congestion decrease accessibility.
- *Address geometric deficiencies* – insufficient vertical and horizontal clearance at the HRBT contribute to congestion.
- *Enhance emergency evacuation capability* – increase capacity for emergency evacuation, particularly at the HRBT.
- *Improve strategic military connectivity* – congestion impedes military movement missions.
- *Increase access to port facilities* – inadequate access to interstate highway travel in the study area impacts regional commerce.

VDOT is currently addressing all comments received by participating agencies and stakeholders regarding the initial Purpose and Need report. A review and analysis of the selected alternatives considered for the SEIS is also underway.

**Mr. Scott Smizik, VDOT Environmental Division Location Studies Project Manager, will brief the TTAC on this item.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For discussion and informational purposes.