

AGENDA ITEM #12: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. 2014 SCHEDULE OF CTAC MEETINGS

The remainder of 2014 regular meetings of the CTAC will be held quarterly at 12:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of July and October. Meetings shall be held in the Regional Building Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA. Remaining meeting dates for 2014 are as follows:

- July 10, 2014
- October 9, 2014

B. 2040 LRTP CANDIDATE PROJECTS: PUBLIC MEETINGS

Since June of 2013, the HRTPO staff has been compiling candidate projects for the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). As of February 14, 2014, highway, transit, and active transportation (bicycle – pedestrian) projects have been included as 2040 Draft Candidate Projects.

As part of the Public Involvement process for educating the public and engaging their feedback and opinions on the projects, the HRTPO will be hosting several public meetings in April 2014:

- 1. External Community Meetings** will take place in both Williamsburg and Poquoson, areas not traditionally visited during the HRTPO public involvement process. CTAC members will be notified of time, location, and other details of these meetings once finalized.
- 2. An HRTPO Open House** will take place on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA. Invitees will be the public, area stakeholders, HRTPO Facebook fans, and members of civic and special interest groups that the HRTPO Public Involvement staff has met with over the last year.

C. HRTPO FY 2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The HRTPO FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning work and associated funding for the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) for the period from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The UPWP is developed by the HRTPO in coordination with Hampton Roads Transit, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. Each task in the UPWP includes information on who will perform the work, the schedule for completing the work, resulting end products, and proposed funding and source of funds.

In addition to detailing the work associated with HRTPO core functions – the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Congestion Management Process (CMP), and Public Participation – federal regulations state that the UPWP shall include a discussion of the planning priorities facing the MPA. It is in the determination of these planning priorities that the HRTPO Board ensures its vision and goals are carried forward in the UPWP.

Notable activities in the FY 2015 UPWP include:

- 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Project Prioritization (LRTP, CMAQ/RSTP, Transportation Alternatives Program)
- Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Study
- Analyzing and Mitigating the Impact of Tolls at the Midtown and Downtown Tunnels
- Future Sea Level Rise/Storm Surge Impacts to Roadways in Hampton Roads
- Freight Study: Truck Delay Impacts of Key Proposed Highway Projects
- Transportation Operations Strategic Plan for Cities of Hampton Roads
- Military Transportation Needs
- Safety and Security Planning

The Draft FY 2015 UPWP was available for public review and comment between February 26, 2014 and March 12, 2014.

The HRTPO Board is expected to approve the FY 2015 UPWP at its April 17, 2014 meeting.

To view the FY 2015 UPWP, visit:

<http://hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/032014TPO-Enclosure%208-Draft%20FY2015%20HRTPO%20Unified%20Planning%20Work%20Program.pdf>

D. PHASE 2B HAMPTON ROADS PASSENGER RAIL STUDY:FINAL

At its meeting on March 20, 2014, the HRTPO Board approved the Phase 2B report of the Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Study. 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).

To view the Phase 2B Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Study, visit:

<http://hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/032014TPO-Enclosure%2010B-Phase%202B%20Hampton%20Roads%20Passenger%20Rail%20Vision%20Plan%20Alternatives%20Analysis-Final%20Report.pdf>

E. HAMPTON ROADS TRANSIT: PROPOSED FARE POLICY CHANGES

At its meeting on February 27, 2014, the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, Hampton Roads Transit's (HRT) governing body, approved a series of fare structure adjustments that will become effective Fall 2014 and July 1, 2016.

To view the Fares Adjustment Rate Schedule, visit:

<http://www.gohrt.com/fare-adjustment-rate-schedule/>

F. HRTPO BOARD MEETING

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Board will meet on Thursday, April 17, 2014 in the Regional Building Board Room. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. CTAC members will receive an email highlighting opportunities for public comment on agenda items for the April 17th meeting along with their Board agenda packet.