

**AGENDA ITEM #8: BOWERS HILL INTERCHANGE STUDY WORKING GROUP: UPDATE**  
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Following the initial presentations on the findings of the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) and HRTPO Board in early 2019, the TTAC formed a Bowers Hill Interchange Study Working Group to assist VDOT staff in the completion of the study by providing stakeholder review and guidance. Among the concerns of the TTAC was that the initial study assumed capacity improvements on I-664 that are not included in the current HRTPO Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition, in October 2019, the HRTPO Board approved a resolution endorsing the Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network along I-64 as “a consistent Express Lanes Network that begins at Jefferson Avenue in Newport News, proceeds along I-64 through Bowers Hill in Chesapeake, and continues along I-664 to I-64 in the vicinity of the Hampton Coliseum.” The initial Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study did not account for express lanes at the interchange.

Following the recommendations coming out of the Bowers Hill Interchange Study Working Group, at their May 21, 2020 meeting, the HRTPO approved the expanded parameters to include the ability to carry Express Lanes through the interchange and up I-664 in the Bowers Hill Interchange Study. Since that time, VDOT continues to work with various stakeholders to advance this study to complete the Bowers Hill Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The study will result in an FHWA Record of Decision (ROD) and other federal authorizations by the Spring of 2023. VDOT intends to discuss the following items with the TTAC at their June 2, 2021 meeting:

- General Status and Schedule
- Outcome of Citizen Comment Opportunity
- Review of Range of Options
- Next Steps

**Mr. Scott Smizik, VDOT Assistant Environmental Division Director, will brief the TTAC on this item.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For discussion and informational purposes.