

AGENDA ITEM #6: REGIONAL FREIGHT STUDY KICKOFF

HRTPO engages in numerous regional freight planning activities, including the development of the Hampton Roads Regional Freight Study, which serves as a comprehensive resource document on the Hampton Roads multimodal transportation system.

The overall purpose of the Regional Freight Study is to understand the impact of freight movement on regional and statewide employment, income, and economic growth in order to guide policy and investment decisions—particularly for prioritizing transportation projects—that will improve connectivity, efficiency, reliability, and safety of the Hampton Roads freight multimodal transportation system.

The Regional Freight Study details the movement of goods across all freight facilities—highways, ports, railways, and airports. The most recent version of the study, which was released in 2017, included the following sections:

- Integration of freight into the transportation planning process
- Freight facilities inventory
- Freight trends and forecasts
- Hampton Roads commodity flows
- Regional truck movement and bottlenecks
- National freight planning efforts and funding sources

HRTPO staff will be working on an update to the Regional Freight Study starting in Summer 2022.

Mr. Sam Belfield, HRTPO, will make a presentation on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.