

AGENDA ITEM #15: HOUSE BILL 2: UPDATE & DRAFT HRTPO POLICY

House Bill 2 (HB2), signed into law in 2014, directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and use a prioritization process to select transportation projects. The legislation is intended to improve the transparency and accountability of project selection, as well as improve stability in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). The process is to score projects based on an objective analysis and provide guidance to the CTB for project selection and funding.

In accordance with the legislation, the statewide prioritization process is to be based on an objective, quantifiable analysis that considers the following factors relative to the cost of the project or strategy:

- Congestion Mitigation
- Economic Development
- Accessibility
- Safety
- Environmental Quality
- Land Use and Transportation Coordination (For metropolitan planning areas (MPAs) with a population over 200,000)

Following a year of development, which included multiple stakeholder outreach sessions across the state, the CTB approved the HB2 prioritization process during its meeting on June 17, 2015. The ***HB2 Implementation Policy Guide*** may be accessed from the CTB website at: http://www.virginiahb2.org/docs/hb2policyguide_6-17-2015_rev.pdf. All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to review the Guide. In addition, VDOT will hold two HB2 Applicant Workshops in July. See the dates and locations in Agenda Item 24 – Announcements.

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, Principal Transportation Engineer, will provide the TTAC with an overview of the approved HB2 process and a proposed HRTPO policy related to the HB2 process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the draft HRTPO HB2 Policy.