

AGENDA ITEM #19: ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TOLL PRICING IN HAMPTON ROADS

In 2011, the HRTPO Board approved an allocation of \$400,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for an economic analysis of freight movements in the Hampton Roads region. The study is currently being conducted by Cambridge Systematics, Inc. The Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) has provided guidance to the consultant during the development of the study.

The purpose of this study is to determine the truck toll rate at which the increased cost to freight businesses outweighs the benefit of a proposed highway improvement. Knowledge of such truck toll “tipping points” will be valuable to decision-makers when planning highway infrastructure improvements that may involve tolls. The draft report will be made available for public review following the TTAC meeting. The review period will run through Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

Dr. Paula Dowell of Cambridge Systematics, Inc. will brief the TTAC on the draft report.

Recommended Action:

Review the draft report during the public comment period and submit comments to Paula Dowell (pdowell@camsys.com) by COB Wednesday, July 15, 2015.