

## **AGENDA ITEM #11: FY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: FINAL**

### **SUBJECT:**

The HRTPO *FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) final report is ready for approval.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a multi-year program for the implementation of surface transportation projects within a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), developed in cooperation with the State and affected public transportation operators. The TIP contains all federally-funded and/or regionally significant projects that require an action by the Federal Highway Administration or the Federal Transit Administration. Before any such project can be constructed or conducted in the MPA, it must be included in a current TIP. Following approval by the HRTPO Board and the Governor, the TIP is included without change, directly or by reference, in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

HRTPO staff received the “first run” of input data for the new TIP from VDOT on February 26, 2014. Staff organized the project information by locality/agency and transmitted that information to TTAC members for review on February 28, 2014. HRTPO staff compiled the comments received and forwarded them to VDOT on March 14, 2014. HRTPO and VDOT staffs conducted several iterations of refinement of the draft TIP data and the version of the data used to produce the draft TIP was received on April 11, 2014.

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, Principal Transportation Engineer, briefed the TTAC on the draft TIP during the May 7, 2014 TTAC meeting and the draft was made available for public review and comment from April 30, 2014 through May 30, 2014. No public comments were received during that period. An online survey developed by HRTPO staff to solicit public input on the draft TIP ran from May 12, 2014 through June 12, 2014. Public comments received from the survey are included in the appendix of the final TIP.

The final version of the HRTPO FY 2015-2018 TIP (enclosed) includes revisions to address issues identified during the review process. The issues addressed included:

- Enhancing the section on Public Involvement to include more detailed information on public outreach activities for the TIP, including an online public survey
- Enhancing the Financial Plan to provide a more in-depth description of the development of the plan and demonstration of financial constraint
- Obtaining previous obligation information for approximately 100 projects
- Movement of projects among sections in the TIP depending upon updated project status
- Adding two Portsmouth projects (Churchland Bridge and Portsmouth Signal System Upgrades – Phase II, III, and IV) to the TIP
- Modifying project names to more clearly identify projects

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the FY 2015-2018 TIP.