

**AGENDA ITEM #9: CONSTRUCTION AT THE DOWNTOWN TUNNEL/2014
ELIZABETH RIVER TUNNELS SURVEY**

SUBJECT:

A briefing on construction at the Downtown Tunnel and the 2014 Elizabeth River Tunnels (ERT) Survey.

BACKGROUND:

- A. Construction on the I-264 East Downtown Tunnel is tentatively slated to start in fall 2014. This will involve full weekend closures as well as additional full nighttime closures eastbound. This will impact residents and commuters traveling toward Virginia Beach during non-peak hours when major construction activities will take place.
- B. The 2014 Elizabeth River Tunnels (ERT) Survey was administered from March 3, 2014 through March 24, 2014 by a subcontractor of Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC). The survey covered topic areas such as:
 - Travel behavior related to use of the ERT (Downtown and Midtown Tunnels)
 - Knowledge of how tolling works
 - Familiarity with E-ZPass
 - Changes in travel behavior with the start of tolling
 - Tunnel user demographics

ERC will present information regarding the survey methodology, 2014 key findings, and comparative results from the 2013 (baseline) and 2014 surveys.

Ms. Leila Rice, Public Affairs Manager with ERC, and Ms. Lauren Hansen, Public Information Officer with ERC, will brief the CTAC on these two items.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.