

AGENDA ITEM #8: HRTPO PASSENGER RAIL PLANNING PROGRAM – NEXT STEPS

SUBJECT:

HRTPO staff is seeking direction on next steps to advance passenger rail planning in the Hampton Roads region.

BACKGROUND:

As of June 30, 2014, the HRTPO no longer has a consultant under contract for high-speed/intercity passenger rail planning work. After the public review and comment period on the revised *Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Vision Plan Draft Report* has concluded, the report will be finalized by HRTPO staff and recommended for approval by the HRTPO Board. At that time, a statement of Passenger Rail Task Force and HRTPO Board expectations of HRTPO staff involvement in passenger rail planning will be necessary.

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, Interim Executive Director, will initiate discussion on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide a recommendation of next steps to advance passenger rail planning in the region.