

**AGENDA ITEM #10: 2017 CMAQ/RSTP PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:  
FRANKLIN/SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY PROJECT  
*Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO***

On September 27, 2016, the HRTPO submitted a request to the Governor to approve the expansion of the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) to include the portions of the City of Franklin and Southampton County that lie east of U.S. Route 258. Approval of the MPA expansion was documented in a letter from Secretary of Transportation Layne, dated November 15, 2016. As member localities, Franklin and Southampton County are now eligible to apply for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds to projects within the Hampton Roads MPA.

To account for commitments related to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) made in Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) between the HRTPO and Franklin and Southampton County executed in July 2013, the HRTPO – in amended and restated MOA – established a one-time RSTP fund set-aside of \$2,028,866 to “be made exclusively available to the City and County for an eligible RSTP project(s) located within the MPA”. The RSTP set-aside was split evenly between FY 2018 and FY 2019.

Franklin and Southampton County have jointly submitted an RSTP application for the following project:

- **US 58/US 258 Interchange Engineering Study**
  - Brief Description: The “proposed project includes a study of the US 58/US 258 interchange to determine improvements to address traffic issues at the interchange”.
  - RSTP Request: \$150,000 (FY 2018)

Should the HRTPO Board approve the project and allocation of \$150,000 FY 2018 RSTP funds, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be amended to include the new project. In anticipation of HRTPO Board approval of the project, the proposed TIP amendment was made available for public review and comment from September 27, 2017 through October 11, 2017.

**Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, will brief the TTAC on this item.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the project and RSTP allocation, as well as the associated TIP amendment.