

AGENDA ITEM #7: HISTORY OF CTAC AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

SUBJECT:

A brief history of the HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and update on membership.

BACKGROUND:

Following the 2007 HRTPO Quadrennial Federal Certification Review, the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee was established and held its first meeting on March 11, 2010. As outlined in the HRTPO CTAC Bylaws, "The mission of the Hampton Roads Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is to provide the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) with a citizen's viewpoint on regional transportation issues, strategies, funding, priorities, and the decision-making process of the HRTPO."

Since its inception, the CTAC has served as a strong advocate on behalf of the citizens of Hampton Roads. Through its assistance, the citizens' voice and viewpoint have been heard by the HRTPO leadership and decision makers through a number of initiatives. Integral to this success has been the efforts and commitment of individual members. In 2013, the HRTPO CTAC welcomed 10 new members from seven Hampton Roads cities. With regret, 2013 also brought the passing of two founding CTAC members, Howard F. Manly and Raynor A.K. Taylor. In addition to their invaluable contributions to the CTAC and HRTPO overall, both were pivotal to Hampton Roads' growth and sustainability.

In September 2013, the CTAC added a new member to its Committee:

- Angie Bezik – Virginia Beach

Ms. Bezik will receive official HRTPO Board approval at its October 17, 2013 meeting.

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, will speak regarding this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.