

ITEM #13: FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2016 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: *Arthur Moye, FTAC Co-Chair*

SUMMARY:

The HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) approved a resolution detailing 2016 committee goals and objectives (attached).

Mr. Arthur W. Moye, Jr., Co-Chair, FTAC, will brief the HRTPO Board on this item.

BACKGROUND:

As an advisory committee of the HRTPO, FTAC advises the HRTPO Board on regional freight transportation requirements, conducts public outreach activities that assist in the HRTPO efforts to help raise awareness of the importance of freight transportation to the region, and collects region-wide public input on these matters. To this end, the FTAC prepares a list of goals and objectives annually in the form of a resolution submitted to the HRTPO Board.

Attachment 13

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Action to be taken under Meeting Agenda Item 18-J):

Endorse the resolution.

**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FTAC RESOLUTION 2015-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR 2016.

WHEREAS, as prescribed in the HRTPO Bylaws, the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) advises the HRTPO Board on regional freight transportation requirements, conducts public outreach activities that help HRTPO efforts to help raise awareness of the importance of freight transportation to the region, and collects region-wide public input on these matters;

WHEREAS, one of the primary national freight strategy objectives prescribed in the USDOT FY 2012-2016 Strategic Plan is to improve the system performance, reliability, safety, and environmental sustainability of the national freight network and the multi-modal freight corridors that connect major population centers with freight generators and international gateways;

WHEREAS, the FTAC met on October 1, 2015 to establish its goals for FY 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee approved the following 2016 goals:

1. Collaborate with the HRTPO and Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to help develop tolling policies that are equitable to the freight industry. These policies will focus on providing an equitable cost burden for both regional and non regional freight movements.
2. Actively engage in the HRTPO process to update the prioritization process to be consistent with HB2 criteria.
3. Work with the HRTPO and regional economists to objectively quantify economic vitality metrics of freight movements. Once identified, these metrics would be incorporated in regional and statewide prioritization processes. Consistent with the USDOT goals, this will advance the data to support informed decision-making regarding freight transportation.
4. Select and advocate for top projects within the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan that promote freight movement and economic growth in Hampton Roads. Consistent with the USDOT goals, this will target investments in capacity expansion of the national freight highway corridors to address bottlenecks that cannot be adequately addressed by operational improvements.

5. Work with the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) to strengthen the participation of the Virginia Freight Advisory Committee to ensure compliance with requirements of MAP-21 with regards to freight transportation. Consistent with the USDOT goals, this will develop a National Freight Network that focuses investments on critical multi-modal freight infrastructure needed to improve goods movement across America and considers the reduction of the impact of freight transportation on neighboring communities.
6. Seek funding for transportation efficiencies provided by technology enhancements for the Hampton Roads freight industry. Consistent with the USDOT goals, this will identify and implement solutions that provide real time information on the performance of the system for passengers and freight movements.
7. Continue the public outreach program aimed at partnering with other freight related organizations to educate the public, business community, and HRTPO about the importance of transportation to the movement of freight and how it contributes to the region's economic growth.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 1st day of October, 2015



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