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TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's October 2016 Report

A brief summary of ongoing work activities is presented below for review by HRPDC/HRTPO Board members.

On September 27, the HRPDC All Hazards Advisory Committee hosted a regional roundtable to discuss the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program and concerns about the Hampton Roads community not being designated as a UASI community. Despite Hampton Roads having the second highest number of military employees of any metropolitan region in the country, and being home to the world's largest naval base, Hampton Roads does not receive funding through the UASI program to protect its national security assets. The AHAC Roundtable included the region's emergency management professionals, state officials, staff from the region's federal delegation and local legislative liaisons. The meeting agenda included a review of the UASI program, an overview of how UASI funding was used to benefit the Hampton Roads region before losing its UASI designation and a discussion of the UASI ranking formula. The meeting concluded with the identification of a 4-pronged strategy that will be presented as part of the HRPDC Legislative Agenda.

The Regional Chief Administrative Officers Committee met on September 7 in Virginia Beach, with the primary agenda item being a discussion of public safety issues and opportunities for collaboration. At its June meeting, the HRPDC asked the CAO Committee to discuss this topic and provide recommendations on possible opportunities for regional collaboration to assist with public safety efforts. To begin this discussion, 13 police chiefs attended the September 7 CAO Committee meeting to discuss current examples of regional collaboration and opportunities. The CAO Committee will present a potential legislative agenda item regarding this topic for consideration at the HRPDC's October meeting.

The CAO Committee held its October meeting in York County and discussed the Hampton Roads Crossing Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, the October HRPDC meeting agenda, and a regional response to FEMA regarding their review of the City of Hampton's flood plain management program.

The City of Hampton received a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) from FEMA Region III in July 2015. During this review, FEMA Region III indicated that certain kinds of routine home maintenance and cosmetic improvements could not be exempt from permit requirements under the regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Since this finding could set a precedent for other jurisdictions, the CAO Committee recommended that a regional letter be signed by HRPDC jurisdictions expressing concerns to the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation on this matter. This letter has been endorsed by the region's localities and will soon be forwarded to the appropriate federal representatives.

The Executive Director provided a presentation on Hampton Roads regional transportation priority projects at a Joint Hampton Roads/Richmond Roundtable meeting that was held at William and Mary on September 12. This presentation focused on the allocation of Hampton Roads Transportation Funds to the I-64 Peninsula, 64 Southside/High Rise Bridge, and I-64/264 projects, as well as the timeline for the advancement and completion of these projects.

The Executive Director participated in the September 13 meeting of the Opportunity Inc. Chief Local Elected Officials (CLEO). This meeting was hosted in the HRPDC Regional Board Room.

The Executive Director attended the September 13 meeting of Chesapeake City Council to present information and answer questions regarding the Hampton Roads Crossing Study SEIS.

The Executive Director continues to work with community partners to explore opportunities for a regional broadband initiative.

The Executive Director participated in a conference call on September 16 with representatives of the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia regions to discuss regional transportation funding needs.

The Executive Director attended the September 21 meeting of Suffolk City Council to receive a presentation on the Hampton Roads Crossing Study SEIS.

The HRPDC staff is reviewing cost effective options for completing an update to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

The HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee met on September 23. Agenda items included:

- FEMA Requirements for Permitting Development in Special Flood Hazards Areas
- Economic Impacts of Sea Level Rise
- Survey of Perceptions of Sea Level Rise, Flooding and Adaptation
- HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Program and Budget
- Update on Federal, State and PDC Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Virginia Beach City Council on September 27 on the Hampton Roads Crossing Study SEIS.

The Executive Director participated in a infrastructure panel discussion that included Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne on September 28 at the Virginia Beach Town Center.

The Executive Director provided a presentation to Hampton City Council on September 28 on the Hampton Roads Crossing Study SEIS.

The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facility Alliance Board on September 29 on the UASI program and the importance of Hampton Roads being designated as a UASI community.

On September 29, the Executive Director accompanied York County Supervisor Thomas Shepperd to a meeting in Richmond with Commonwealth Transportation Board member Marty Williams to discuss the importance of I-64 improvements between Hampton Roads and Richmond.

On September 29, the Executive Director and HRMFFA Executive Director Craig Quigley completed a tour of Naval Station Norfolk. As part of this tour, the Executive Directors met with Captain Doug Beaver, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Norfolk and Captain Richmond McDaniel, Executive Officer to share information on regional initiatives

On October 3, the Executive Director and HRMFFA Executive Director Craig Quigley met with Rear Admiral John Scorby, Commander of the Navy Region Mid-Atlantic and his staff to share information on regional initiatives.

On October 3, the Executive Director and HRTPO Deputy Executive Director were invited to a meeting at the Virginia Port Authority to discuss the Hampton Roads Crossing SEIS.

Representatives of the HRPDC/HRTPO staff attended the Old Dominion University State of the Region Address on October 4.

The Executive Director provided a presentation on the Hampton Roads Crossing SEIS to the Norfolk/Virginia Beach Military Economic Advisory Committee on October 7.

The Executive Director held initial interviews for the HRPDC Deputy Executive Director position on October 11.

HRPDC staff is advancing the following technical assistance projects upon request of its member jurisdictions:

- Surry County Subdivision Ordinance Update
- Surry County Comprehensive Plan Update
- Smithfield Comprehensive Plan Update

- ENVISION Hampton Roads Strategic Plan
- Regional GIS Initiative

The HRTPO staff continues to work with a Steering Committee to explore opportunities for expanding the Virginia Capital Trail into the Hampton Roads Region. Opportunities to continue this trail into the region are being evaluated on both the Peninsula and Southside.