

ITEM #21: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. Amended Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP Regional Conformity Assessment – Finding of Conformity

On August 17, 2022, FHWA and FTA issued a joint statement confirming that the Amended Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP demonstrate conformity as prescribed by EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93), subsequent amendments, and guidance issued by EPA in November 2018 for areas affected by the February 2018 South Coast court decision. The EPA, by letter dated August 10, 2022, concurred on the overall conformity determination.

Attachment 21A

B. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Regional Priorities Public Survey

HRTPO staff has initiated work on the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). As part of the development of the 2050 LRTP, HRTPO staff plans to conduct multiple web-based surveys at key planning milestones. The first of these surveys will be active during the month of October 2022 and is intended to capture regional priorities and concerns. The survey responses, along with Federal and State planning factors and technical stakeholder input, will be used to develop the vision and goals of the 2050 LRTP.

The Regional Priorities public survey will be active from October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Survey link: <https://metroquestsurvey.com/nzv61>

C. HRTPO Letter of Support for Funding through the FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program for Hampton Roads Transit

Attached is a letter, dated May 24, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the FTA Low or No Emission Grant Program and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program for Hampton Roads Transit's Southside Bus Operating Division Facility project.

Attachment 21C

D. HRTPO Letter of Support Regarding I-64 Gap Funding

Attached is a letter, dated August 5, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Mr. Stephen C. Brich, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) regarding federal funding for the I-64 Gap between Hampton Roads and Richmond.

Attachment 21D

E. HRTPO Letter of Support for Funding through the USDOT for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program for James City County

Attached is a letter, dated August 26, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Mr. Paul Holt, III, James City County Director of Community Development, Department of Planning, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the USDOT for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program for the County's Pocahontas Trail Multimodal Improvements project.

Attachment 21E

F. HRPDC/HRTPO Letter of Support for SMART SCALE Funding for the Town of Smithfield

Attached is a letter, dated August 26, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, to Mr. Wayne A. Griffin, Town Engineer, Town of Smithfield, expressing HRPDC/HRTPO support for SMART SCALE funding for the Town's South Church Street Widening and Shared Use Path project.

Attachment 21F

G. HRTPO Letter of Support for Funding through the USDOT for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program for the City of Virginia Beach

Attached is a letter, dated September 8, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Mr. Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager, City of Virginia Beach, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the USDOT for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program for the City's Virginia Beach Trail project.

Attachment 21G

H. HRTPO Letter of Support for Funding through the USDOT for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program for James City County

Attached is a letter, dated October 4, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Mr. Paul Holt, III, James City County Director of Community Development, Department of Planning, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the USDOT for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program for the County's Pocahontas Trail Multimodal Improvements project.

Attachment 21H

I. VDOT's HRTAC Program Development Monthly Executive Report

VDOT provides monthly reports to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) staff on the status of the Regional Priority Projects.

Attachment 21I

August 5, 2022

Mr. Stephen C. Brich
Commissioner
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
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Richmond, VA 23219
Email: stephen.brigh@vdot.virginia.gov

RE: I-64 Gap Funding

Dear Commissioner Brich:

The completion of the Interstate 64 (I-64) Gap between Hampton Roads and Richmond remains a critical priority for the Hampton Roads region. We greatly appreciated the opportunity for our region to collaborate with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on the completion of a federal funding request for this project.

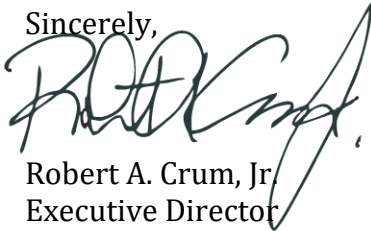
The importance of this 29-mile gap to our region is evidenced by the following actions that have been taken by our region:

- The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) and the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) have unanimously endorsed the inclusion of this project in our Regional Legislative Agenda for the past six years. This collective endorsement by the 17 localities in our region demonstrates the importance of this project to our region.
- The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) has committed over \$311 million from local/regional taxes to the I-64 corridor to widen over 21 miles of this interstate highway from Exit 255 at Jefferson Boulevard to Exit 234 west of Williamsburg.
- I am pleased to report that in response to your June 9, 2022 correspondence, the HRTPO Board took unanimous action on July 21, 2022 to add the next 9-mile segment of I-64 in the Hampton Roads region to the fiscally constrained 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).
- Our region continues to explore other means to contribute funding to this critical project. For example, we currently have a call for projects for our Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds, with project submissions due on September 1, 2022. The remaining 9-mile segment of the I-64 Gap in Hampton Roads will be submitted as a candidate project and will be evaluated and scored for this funding. This process and related RSTP funding decisions will be completed in January 2023.

Mr. Stephen C. Brich
August 5, 2022
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Our region believes that the completion of the I-64 Gap is key to the economic viability of our region. The project is also critical to support our military installations and the Port of Virginia, benefits that extend well beyond the Hampton Roads region to the entire country. Our past actions demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the I-64 Gap project. The Hampton Roads region stands ready to work with our state and federal partners to identify all available funding sources to advance this project to completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RACrum, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director