

**AGENDA ITEM #10: HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL TRANSIT BENCHMARKING STUDY**  
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A ***Multimodal Mobility*** task was incorporated into the HRTPO Unified Planning Work Program beginning in FY 2016 to focus some HRTPO staff resources on a variety of non-highway options for improving the movement of people and goods. One of the activities under the Multimodal Mobility task specifically focuses on Regional Public Transit Planning. HRTPO staff coordinated and/or met with staff from Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), and Suffolk Transit to determine the best topic for the first study in the series. Following those discussions, it was agreed that there was a need for a Regional Transit Benchmarking study to answer questions such as:

- What do thriving regions have in common in terms of public transportation?
- How does access to high quality transit in Hampton Roads compare to other comparable regions?

The ***Hampton Roads Regional Transit Benchmarking Study*** will compare each of the three public transit agencies in Hampton Roads to “peer” agencies across the Nation for the following measures:

- Ridership
- Riders per Revenue Hour
- Riders per Revenue Mile
- Operating Expenses per Rider
- Fare Revenue per Rider
- Farebox Recovery Ratio

A number of the top performing peer agencies will be selected for more in-depth analysis in order to determine effective practices that could be considered by Hampton Roads public transit agencies.

The presentation will provide a status report on the study. The draft report and findings will be presented during the TTAC meeting on January 4, 2017.

**Mr. John V. Mihaly, HRTPO Transportation Analyst II, will brief the TTAC on this item.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For discussion and informational purposes.