

**AGENDA ITEM #10: ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TOLLS ON FREIGHT  
TRANSPORTATION IN THE HAMPTON ROADS REGION  
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In 2011, the HRTPO Board approved an allocation of \$400,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds for an economic analysis of freight movements in the Hampton Roads region. The study was conducted by Cambridge Systematics, Inc. The Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) provided guidance to the consultant during the development of the study.

The purpose of this study was to determine the truck toll rate at which the increased cost to freight businesses outweighs the benefit of a proposed highway improvement. Knowledge of such truck toll “tipping points” will be valuable to decision-makers when planning highway infrastructure improvements that may involve tolls.

The draft report was presented during the October 2015 TTAC meeting and was made available for public review and comment from October 7, 2015 through October 21, 2015. No comments were received. The final report is enclosed.

Enclosure 10: Economic Analysis of Tolls on Freight Transportation in the Hampton Roads Region

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the final report.