

AGENDA ITEM #11: SIGNATURE PATHS PROJECT UPDATE
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The FY16 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) contains several multimodal mobility studies, one of which analyzes the benefits of building multi-use signature paths in Hampton Roads. Such paths include named, off-road, highly-used bicycle and pedestrian paths that are located where many people live and/or work, or are located near a popular destination.

HRTPO staff held a kickoff meeting with local stakeholders on September 2, 2015. Comments and feedback received included creating an inventory of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, researching the role of signature paths in systems of trails and public transit, and possible locations for signature paths in Hampton Roads.

Focusing on rail-to-trail paths (abandoned railroad rights-of-way converted to multi-use paths), HRTPO staff has been developing a multi-layered map to find the best location for signature paths in Hampton Roads, including socioeconomic data, destinations, and existing and potential usage.

Dr. Robert Case, Principal Transportation Engineer, will brief the TTAC on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.