AGENDA ITEM #18: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. HRTPO PRESENTATIONS TO THE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD

Two HRTPO staff-authored papers have been selected by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) for presentation during its 2016 Annual Meeting in January:

- **Analyzing the Impact of Implementing New Tolls on Existing Roadway Facilities: The Hampton Roads Experience** is based on the HRTPO study entitled *Analyzing and Mitigating the Impact of Tolls at the Midtown and Downtown Tunnels*, which included an analysis of the changes in traffic volumes, queues, delay, and transit conditions due to tolls being implemented at the tunnels.

- **Rethinking the Future of Alternative Transportation to Work in Light of Millennial Usage** is based on the HRTPO study entitled *Mode Choices of Millennials: How Different? How Enduring?* National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) data was analyzed to develop a regression model showing the extent of which demographic characteristics, including time period, age, and generation, can predict the usage of alternative modes of transportation.

B. HRTPO 2016 FEDERAL PLANNING CERTIFICATION REVIEW

The attached letter specifies that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will conduct the quadrennial Federal Planning Certification Review of the transportation planning process for the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization metropolitan planning area on March 29-31, 2016.

Attachment 18-B

C. NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS APPROVAL - VIRGINIA

The attached letter from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approving the National Highway System (NHS) modifications requested subsequent to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) statewide highway functional reclassification process includes 557 and deletes 224 miles from the State’s (Conditionally Approved) NHS.

Attachment 18-C
October 2, 2015

The Honorable McKinley Price, Chair
c/o Robert Crum, Jr., Executive Director
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
723 Woodlake Drive,
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

RE: HRTPO 2016 Federal Planning Certification Review

Dear Honorable Price:

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) continues the requirement for the certification of the transportation planning process in urbanized areas with over 200,000 in population once every four years. The certification review is intended to determine if the region’s transportation planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area in accordance with the applicable Federal regulations, and will look at the cooperative planning process as conducted by the State, transit operators, and local governments in the area.

This is to notify you that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will be conducting the quadrennial Federal Planning Certification Review of the transportation planning process for the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization’s (HRTPO) metropolitan area on March 29-31, 2016.

It is expected that the on-site portion of the Certification Review will take place in the large conference room of the Regional Building offices. The formal review is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM on March 30th. The discussion will continue from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on March 31st. Since policy and technical issues are likely to be discussed, please coordinate to have the appropriate representatives present at the on-site review (e.g., VDOT, VDRPT, WATA, HRT, City of Suffolk Transit, and TPO advisory committee members etc.). An agenda will be provided to the HRTPO staff prior to our meeting.

In addition, there will be an opportunity for the public to express thoughts and comments on the transportation planning process, and specifically, how the process is meeting the needs of the metropolitan area. This public meeting is scheduled for the evening of March 29th from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Please ensure that this opportunity for public participation is advertised in accordance with your Public Involvement Procedures. We will also offer the opportunity for any committee members or other local elected officials to meet with us separately if they so desire. It is our intent
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to provide preliminary findings to the HRTPO Policy Committee at their next scheduled TPO meeting following the on-site review.

Finally, given the sufficient information from previous Certification Reviews a detailed desk audit questionnaire prior to the on-site review is not merited. However, some background information is still required which can be found in Attachment A. Please provide appropriate responses to the items in the Attachment by **December 1, 2015** to FHWA and FTA.

If you have any questions regarding the 2016 HRTPO Planning Certification Review or Attachment A, please contact Mr. Ivan Rucker, Community Planner, at (ivan.rucker@dot.gov) (804) 775-3350 or Mr. Ryan Long, Community Planner (ryan.long@dot.gov) (215) 656-7051.

Sincerely,

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Irene Rico  
FHWA Division Administrator

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Terry Garcia-Crews  
FTA Region III Administrator

Attachment

Cc: Mr. Charlie Kilpatrick, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, Director, Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
Mr. Chris Arabia, Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
Ms. Marsha Fiol, Virginia Department of Transportation (Central Office)  
Ms. Sandra Norman, Virginia Department of Transportation (Central Office)  
Mr. James Utterback, Virginia Department of Transportation (Hampton Roads District)  
Ms. Dawn Odom, Virginia Department of Transportation (Hampton Roads District)  
Mr. Eric Stringfield, Virginia Department of Transportation (Hampton Roads District)  
Ms. Queen Crittendon, Virginia Department of Transportation (Hampton Roads District)  
Mr. William Harrell, Hampton Roads Transit  
Mr. William Porter, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority  
Mr. L. J. Hansen, City of Suffolk Transit  
Ms. Sandra Jackson, FHWA D.C. Division  
Ms. Jill Stark, FHWA HQ  
Mr. Brian Betlyon, FHWA Resource Center
Attachment A

Core MPO Processes Materials in advance of the on-site portion of the Certification Review

Please provide, as is practical, web links or electronic copies of documentation for the most recent items listed below:

Financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRTP)
Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Public Involvement Process
Title VI, ADA Environmental Justice documents/procedures
Congestion Management Process
List of Obligated Projects
Travel Demand Forecasting documentation
Agreements and Contracts
Self-Certification/Procurement Procedures
Performance Measures documentation (i.e., how is HRTPO transitioning to MAP-21’s Performance Based Planning requirement)
Financial Planning/Fiscal Constraint documentation
Organizational Structure, Board Membership and Planning Boundaries
Agreements and Contracts
Consultation and Coordination with Federal, State and local agencies (i.e., formal memoranda or agreements)

Changes to MPO Planning Process Elements

Below is a list of planning process elements which are touched upon by Federal transportation planning regulations or via FHWA and FTA guidance. Responses are requested only if there have been significant changes in how the HRTPO conducts its planning processes in the following areas:

MAP-21 Transitional Issues (not including Performance Based Planning)
Organizational Structure, Board Membership and Planning Boundaries
Agreements and Contracts
Self-Certification/Procurement Procedures
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Project Selection
Program Delivery/Project Monitoring
Financial Planning/Fiscal Constraint
Public Participation/Public Involvement
Title VI, ADA and Environmental Justice
Congestion Management Process (CMP)
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
Consultation and Coordination
Travel Demand Forecasting
Safety in the Transportation Planning Process
Security in the Transportation Planning Process
Visualization Techniques
Integrating Freight into the Transportation Planning Process
Land Use and Livability
Pedestrian and Non-Motorized Transportation

Other MPO Materials

Please provide copies of financial audits and results conducted on HRTPO’s stewardship of Federal planning funds since the last Certification Review.
Memorandum

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Subject: INFORMATION: National Highway System Modifications—Virginia

Date: October 9, 2015

From: Shari Schaftlein
Director
Office of Human Environment

In Reply Refer To: HEPH-20

To: Irene Rico
Division Administrator (HDA-VA)
Richmond, OR

We have reviewed the submittal from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requesting changes to the National Highway System (NHS). In 2013 and 2014, VDOT coordinated a statewide review of highway functional classification with local jurisdictions, which resulted in the reclassification of numerous roadways. This included downgrading or upgrading of principal arterials throughout the State. Subsequent to your approval of the functional reclassification, VDOT requested corresponding changes to the NHS. The requested NHS additions provide connectivity and improve continuity to existing NHS routes; the requested NHS deletions coincide with the NHS regulations requiring all routes on the NHS, with the exception of NHS Intermodal Connectors, be principal arterials. The requested deletions also remove “dangling segments” that do not enhance the existing NHS. As the requested changes comply with 23 CFR 470, I hereby approve the following changes:

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We will update the FHWA NHS record to add and delete the specific segments as identified on GIS corrections shapefile that VDOT submitted on June 19, 2015. The approved changes will be reflected in the official NHS map record, http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/national_highway_system/nhs_maps/virginia/index.cfm. We commend the State for working with local planning partners in submitting these requests. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mike Neathery at (202) 366-1257.

cc: Ivan Rucker

Attachment 18-C