

AGENDA ITEM #6: HAMPTON ROADS TRANSIT (HRT) HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT PROJECTS: UPDATE
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Hampton Roads Transit will provide an update on its two current high capacity transit studies; the Naval Station Norfolk Transit Corridor Project and the Peninsula Bus Rapid Transit Documented Categorical Exclusion.

The Naval Station Norfolk Transit Corridor Project (NSNTCP) kicked off in the fall of 2019 and is projected to take two years to complete. The study is examining a universe of potential light rail (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) alternatives on the eastern side of Norfolk that could provide a regionally significant, high-quality transit connection between the existing Tide Light Rail line and Naval Station Norfolk. The final product of this work will be the completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

The Peninsula BRT Categorical Exclusion (CE) seeks to obtain environmental clearance for a BRT line in the cities of Hampton and Newport News and represents a continuation of the planning work that began with the 2017 Peninsula Corridor Study. This work began in the fall of 2018 and is projected to be completed in the coming months when the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) accepts the Documented CE. In addition to the preparation of the Documented CE, the study included extensive work to address traffic impacts related to operating BRT on Mercury Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue.

Ms. Sam Sink, HRT Director of Transit Development, will brief the TTAC on this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.