

ITEM #19: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

LETTER REGARDING HRTPO BOARD RECOMMENDATION OF A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE HRCS SEIS

Attached is a letter, dated October 28, 2016 from The Honorable Linda T. Johnson, HRTPO Chair, to The Honorable Aubrey L. Layne, Jr., Virginia Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the HRTPO Board's recommendation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) of Preferred Alternative A (Alt. A Modified) for the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

Attachment 19

October 28, 2016

The Honorable Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.
Virginia Secretary of Transportation
1111 E. Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Re: Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Recommended Preferred Alternative – Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Dear Secretary Layne:

I am pleased to inform you that on October 20, 2016, the HRTPO Board took action to select and recommend its Preferred Alternative for the HRCS to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). Acting on a motion by Virginia Delegate David Yancey, the HRTPO Board voted unanimously to submit a modified version of Alternative A (Alt A Modified) as the Preferred Alternative of the HRTPO.

As you know, Alternative A involves widening I-64 to six lanes from the I-664 interchange in Hampton to the I-564 interchange in Norfolk, including the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT). This improved corridor will provide the opportunity for delivery of an HOV-3 lane in each direction that could accommodate transit, including Bus Rapid Transit. Alt A Modified also includes improvement of the I-64/I-264/I-664 interchange at Bowers Hill. In addition, the HRTPO Board approved the construction of other important regional projects according to the timeline provided in the attached Table.

Furthermore, the HRTPO Board agreed that Alternative D of the HRCS-SEIS continues to represent the long term vision of the region. The Board has directed components of the SEIS alternatives not included in Alt A Modified to be incorporated into the Hampton Roads 2040 Regional Transportation Vision Plan. Upon recommendation of the HRTPO Board, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) later passed a resolution allocating up to \$7 million to be applied toward the cost of further study of those components – specifically the I-564/I664 Connectors, I-664/MMMBT, and VA 164/164 Connector.


The HRTPO appreciates this opportunity to submit the HRTPO's recommendation for consideration as the Commonwealth Transportation Board selects its Preferred Alternative on December 7, 2016. As Chair of the HRTPO, I am very pleased that our region was able to

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reach this decision unanimously. We strongly believe this recommended Alternative will ensure economic vitality and a better quality of life for our citizens and visitors.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this topic further, please do not hesitate to contact me or HRTPO Executive Director, Mr. Bob Crum at 757-420-8300 or by email at rcrum@hrtpo.org.

Sincerely,



Linda T. Johnson
HRTPO Chair

Attachment: Regional Projects: Fiscal-Constraint

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REGIONAL PROJECTS: FISCAL-CONSTRAINT

YEAR	PROJECT	YOY COST (\$M)
2018-2022	I-64 Peninsula – Segments 1, 2, and 3	\$624
2019-2021	I-64/I-264 Interchange – Phases I & II	\$347
2020	I-64 Southside/High-Rise Bridge – Phase I	\$600
2019	US 460/58/13 Connector – PE	\$5
2024	HRBT	\$4,031
2031	I-64 Southside/High-Rise Bridge – Phase II	\$1,493
2031	Bowers Hill Interchange	\$568
2035	US 460/58/13 Connector	\$368
2035	I-64/Fort Eustis Blvd Interchange	\$297
Vision Plan	I-564/I-664 Connectors (Patriots) I-664/MMMBT VA 164/164 Connector	

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