

ITEM #4: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Executive Director will provide a report to the HRTPO Board.

Attachment 4



FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

On November 9, the HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director attended a roundtable discussion with Senator Tim Kaine at the Virginia Port Authority to discuss the Federal Infrastructure Package and needs and opportunities for the Hampton Roads region. Topics discussed included the regional transportation priority projects identified by the HRTPO Board in the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan, the Regional Fiber Network and flood mitigation project needs.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 3 at the Suffolk Public Works Operations Center. Agenda items for this meeting were as follows:

- Roadway Flood Sensors Pilot Project Update and Discussion
- Regional Housing Discussion (as follow up from the October HRPDC meeting)
- Regional Recycling Coordination and Opportunities
- Items of Regional Interest from Localities

REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY PANEL (RTAP)

The RTAP membership is in the process of prioritizing recommendations to advance public transit in the Hampton Roads region. These prioritized recommendations will be utilized by staff to prepare a summary report that will be endorsed by the RTAP membership and shared with the region's transit agencies, HRTPO Board and localities. The next RTAP meeting will be scheduled for December.



REGIONAL FIBER RING

The HRPDC staff continues to provide staff support to the Southside Network Authority, including support for the procurement process for the construction of the Southside fiber ring. This ring will interconnect the five Southside cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach, and will represent Phase I of a regional network that will interconnect all of the region's localities. The Southside Network Authority Board will meet on November 12 to receive recommendations from its procurement subcommittees and consider next steps for proceeding with this project.

REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Staff is working to prepare a brochure that summarizes the Regional Legislative Priorities approved by the HRPDC and HRTPO Boards at their October meetings. This brochure will be distributed at the November 18 HRPDC and HRTPO meetings.



REGIONAL CONNECTORS STUDY

The HRTPO staff is working with the project consultant to coordinate next steps for this project based on the direction provided at the October 12 meeting of the RCS Policy and Working Group.

OTHER MEETINGS/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OUTREACH

- Hampton Roads Chamber Meeting on October 13 regarding the Virginia Coastal Master Plan
- Meeting with Delegate Cliff Hayes to discuss flooding/coastal resiliency on October 15
- Virginia Association of Planning District Commission meeting on October 20
- HRPDC/HRTPO Personnel and Budget Committee meeting on October 21
- Presentation to the Albemarle Regional Commission on transportation, offshore wind and broadband efforts on October 21
- Meeting with regional conservation partners on October 22
- Meeting with the leadership of the Community Advisory Committee on October 22
- Participation in procurement subcommittee meetings of the Southside Network Authority
- Meeting with a representative of the Healthier 757 Initiative on October 26
- Participation in the 757/RVA Megaregion meeting in Williamsburg on October 27
- Participation in the 757 Action Framework meeting on October 28
- Participation in the Hampton Roads Economic Development Forum in Norfolk on November 10
- Presentation to the Chesapeake City Manager's office on the Regional Broadband Initiative on November 8
- Meeting with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission Executive Director on November 8 to discuss regional legislative priorities
- Participation in Regional Roundtable calls/meetings
- Presentation to the Virginia Association of Counties on the Regional Fiber Initiative on November 15
- Presentation to the tHRive Young Professional Summit on November 16 regarding the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

The HRPDC/HRTPO Administrative Staff continue to advance work on the following items:

- Recruitment for the IT Manager Position
- IT Management and Transition
- Procurement Oversight
- AV Equipment Modernization Options
- Transition Plan for the Civil Rights/Title VI Program
- Staff support for the Community Advisory Committee
- Staff support to the Southside Network Authority
- Financial management support for the HRPDC, HRTPO, HRTAC, HRMFFA and Southside Network Authority
- Personnel Management
- Building Operation/Maintenance