

## **ITEM #7: HB2313: FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES**

The recently enacted HB2313 legislation established new revenues for transportation, a portion of which will be deposited to a newly established Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF), effective July 1, 2013, to be expended for projects in Hampton Roads. At its May Retreat, the HRTPO Board was briefed on the potential policy and financial strategies on how to maximize the HRTF revenues to fund regional projects.

The HRTPO staff recommends the HRTPO engage professional consulting services to develop a comprehensive, long-range plan of finance based on the HRTF revenues from the HB2313 legislation. The plan of finance would build upon the HRTPO 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan and overlay certain required financial analyses and metrics, such as debt capacity. It is envisioned that the initial analysis would focus on the most effective uses of the projected multi-year income stream, and provide a sound foundation for best financial management practices that include investment and debt affordability policies.

It is recommended that the HRTPO engage PFM, Inc. for professional financial services to support efforts regarding the expenditures of HB2313 HRTF revenues. According to Section 2.2-4304 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA), under the heading "Cooperative Procurement": *"a public body may purchase from another public body's contract even if it did not participate in the request for proposal or invitation to bid, if the request for proposal or invitation to bid specified that the procurement was being conducted on behalf of other public bodies."*

In reading the RFP submitted by the City of Norfolk, this language exists in their contract with PFM, Inc. Therefore, as another public agency, the HRTPO may use the City of Norfolk contract under the Cooperative Procurement section of the VPPA as referenced above.

This item is under the Consent Agenda for approval; see Item #14-M.

Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, will brief the HRTPO Board on this item.