

**AGENDA ITEM #6: HAMPTON ROADS PASSENGER RAIL STUDY – PHASE 2B DRAFT
REPORT: OPERATIONS PLAN AND COSTS**

SUBJECT:

The *Operations Plan and Capital Costs* component of the Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Alternatives Analysis study (Phase 2B) is ready for review and discussion.

BACKGROUND:

During FY 2011, in the interest of improving the region’s potential for passenger rail service, the HRTPO retained the services of Transportation Economics & Management Systems, Inc. (TEMS). The work of TEMS has resulted in the completion of the following: Preliminary Vision Plan (Phase 1), Blueprint Study (Phase 1B), and Data Collection (Phase 2A).

With the completion of the Data Collection report, work began in March 2013 on the Passenger Rail Alternatives Analysis (Phase 2B). The focus of this study is to develop the financial and business plan evaluation of the Norfolk-Richmond-Washington, DC High-Speed Corridor, in line with the program set out in the Blueprint Study (Phase 1B).

The TEMS consultant team will cover the multiple rail corridor alignments analyzed in Phase 2B and provide projected operating and capital costs for each of the alternatives.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.