

AGENDA ITEM #16: PROCEDURES FOR CLOSURES AT RIVER CROSSINGS: FINAL

SUBJECT:

The *Procedures for Closures at River Crossings* document is ready for approval.

BACKGROUND:

In response to the traffic disruptions that results from the simultaneous closings of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT) and James River Bridge (JRB) in September 2012, HRTPO staff proposed to lead the operators of key river crossings in Hampton Roads, via the Hampton Roads Transportation Operations (HRTO) subcommittee of the TTAC, in the preparation of a regional procedures document for planned closures at these crossings. Work on this project is summarized in the following bullets:

- December 2012 HRTO meeting:
 - HRTO established the scope of work.
- April 2013 HRTO meeting:
 - HRTPO staff presented the first draft procedures document and received comments from crossing operators.
- June 2013 HRTO meeting:
 - HRTPO staff presented the second draft document and received additional comments, including request for numerical aids.
- August 2013 HRTO meeting:
 - HRTPO staff presented numerical aids. HRTO voted to implement the procedures on a trial basis.
- September 2013:
 - HRTPO staff prepared an electronic spreadsheet that automates the impact calculation of the closure document.
- October 2013 HRTO meeting:
 - HRTO approved the regional procedures document.

Mr. Keith Nichols, Senior Transportation Engineer, presented the draft document and a spreadsheet that automates the estimation of closure impact during the November 2013 TTAC meeting and the draft underwent public review from November 6, 2013 through November 20, 2013. No comments were received. The final document is enclosed.

Enclosure 16 – *Procedures for Closures at River Crossings* document

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the document.