

**AGENDA ITEM #19: POSITIONING HAMPTON ROADS FOR FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE
FUNDING: DRAFT**

SUBJECT:

The *Positioning Hampton Roads for Freight Infrastructure Funding: MAP-21 and Beyond* draft report is available for review.

BACKGROUND:

MAP-21 legislation included a number of provisions to improve the condition and performance of the National Freight Network and support investment in freight-related surface transportation projects. It places strong emphasis on freight movement and requires participation from States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and other stakeholders. States and MPOs that are organized, with data and analyses, will better position themselves for potential funding initiatives in the next authorization.

This study analyzed Hampton Roads highways that are anticipated to be part of the National Freight Network. It addressed several required elements of the Hampton Roads portion of the National Freight Strategic Plan where data is available (condition and performance, freight bottlenecks on highways, forecasted truck volumes, major trade gateways). Upon approval by the HRTPO Board, the findings of this regional study will be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with a copy to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in order to assist its development of the National Freight Strategic Plan.

Mr. Sam Belfield, Senior Transportation Engineer, will brief the TTAC on the results. The draft version of *Positioning Hampton Roads for Freight Infrastructure Funding: MAP-21 and Beyond* will be made available for public review and comment from January 8, 2014 through January 22, 2014. Staff will request approval of the final report at the February 2014 TTAC meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Review the draft report and submit comments to Sam Belfield (sbelfield@hrtpo.org) by COB Wednesday, January 22, 2014.