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TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report

A brief summary of ongoing work activities is presented below for review by HRPDC/HRTPO Board members.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will hold public meetings to receive input on the Six Year Improvement Program for FY 2017 – 2022. These meetings will provide communities the opportunity to provide comments on the projects recommended for funding through the HB2 process. The location and time of the Hampton Roads public meeting is as follows:

**Thursday, May 12, 2016
5:30 pm
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320**

HRTPO and HRPDC Board members are encouraged to attend this public meeting and present comments supporting the Hampton Roads transportation projects recommended for HB2 funding. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please don't hesitate to contact me or the HRTPO staff.

The Executive Director providing a briefing on work activities of the HRPDC and HRTPO to the Opportunity Inc. Board on March 16, 2016.

The HRPDC staff continues to work with representatives of the cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and representatives of the naval bases in these jurisdictions to develop a scope of work for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) that will focus on sea level rise. The HRPDC staff has agreed to serve as project manager/coordinator for this project and hosted a March 25, 2016 meeting with City and Federal partners to discuss a detailed scope of work for this effort.

The Executive Director and the HRTPO Deputy Executive Director attended a meeting in Richmond on March 23, 2016 with Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne and DRPT Director Jennifer Mitchell.

The purpose of this meeting was to stress the importance of improved passenger rail service to Hampton Roads, the importance of funding to complete the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from Richmond to Hampton Roads, and the need for marketing the Region's existing trains. Staff attended a follow up meeting with Secretary Layne to continue discussion on these issues, and will continue to brief the HRTPO Board on these efforts.

The Executive Director and HRTPO Deputy Executive Director attended a March 24, 2016 meeting with the Gloucester County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and staff to provide an overview of the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

The HRTPO staff is working with the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) to form an Advisory Committee to evaluate the opportunity for connecting the Virginia Capital Trail through the Hampton Roads Region.

The HRTPO staff continues to finalize the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in preparation for adoption by the HRTPO Board.

The HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee held its regular meeting on March 28, 2016, and developed two recommendations that will be presented to the HRPDC at its May meeting.

The HRTPO Quadrennial Certification Review occurred on March 30 - 31, 2016. This process was completed by the HRTPO's Federal transportation partners, and included participation by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), VDOT and the HRTPO's regional transportation partners. Staff will provide a briefing to the HRTPO Board on the outcomes of this review as soon as a written review is available from FHWA.

The HRPDC staff joined representatives of the City of Norfolk and Old Dominion University in a debriefing to Senator Mark Warner on April 1, 2016 regarding regional sea level rise planning efforts.

The Regional Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee held its regular meeting on April 6, 2016. Agenda items included the April 21, 2016 HRPDC Retreat Agenda, a discussion of examples of regional cooperation and a review of regional interest items.

The HRPDC Executive Director continues to provide input on the GO Virginia program and represent the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) on this effort.

The Executive Director and HRTPO Deputy Executive Director attended and participated in an April 12, 2016 Forum sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce on regional air service. This session provided excellent information on air service within Hampton Roads and could be a valuable item for discussion at a future HRTPO Board meeting.

The Executive Director and HRTPO Deputy Executive Director attended a meeting with representatives of Isle of Wight County, the Town of Windsor and City of Suffolk to discuss transportation planning issues.

The HRTPO/HRPDC staffs continue to assist HRTAC with financial management, web site support, human resources and administrative services.

The HRPDC staff continues to advance work on Envision Hampton Roads, the first strategic plan for the Region. Staff has developed a video summarizing this effort which will be presented at the April 21, 2016 HRPDC Retreat.

The HRTPO staff continues to participate in conference calls regarding the Route 64 Southside High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane study on an as needed basis. VDOT and its consultant team is scheduled to provide a briefing on this study to the HRTPO Board at its May 19, 2016 meeting.

HRPDC/HRTPO staff is working with VDOT representatives to developed a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) plan for the Organization.

The HRPDC/HRTPO staff is advancing a number of administrative items related to the following:

- Review of proposals for management of the Agency's IT system
- Review of proposals for the Agency's legal services
- 2017 Agency Budget

The Executive Director is exploring opportunities for a regionally coordinated broadband planning effort. This effort will be discussed by the Regional CAO Committee at its May 4, 2016 meeting.