

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #18: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

A. Joint Environmental Committee

The Joint Environmental Committee met on December 2, 2010. The discussion included:

- Discussion of Virginia's revised Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Ms. Jenny Tribo briefed the Committee on changes from the previous WIP.
- Discussion of the need for regional land use/land cover Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data that is consistent across either the Chesapeake Bay watershed and/or the Hampton Roads region for use in stormwater modeling efforts and other regional projects.
- An update from Ms. Jenny Tribo on the status of Virginia stormwater regulations and the standards to be used to measure compliance.
- A brief discussion of EPA's stormwater rulemaking and the region's potential response.
- A presentation from Ms. Sara Kidd on various pedestrian, bicycle, and water trail projects in the region.
- A presentation from Ms. Sarah Diebel, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Mid-Atlantic, on a recently completed green roof project at Naval Station Norfolk.
- A brief discussion of local and regional responses to the replacement regulations concerning Alternative Onsite Sewage Systems (AOSS). These regulations replace the current emergency regulations and will be released for public comment on December 6, 2010.
- Status reports and updates from localities and other Committee members.

B. Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors:

The Directors of Utilities Committee and the Health Directors met on December 1, 2010. The following items were addressed at the meeting:

- Mr. Dan Horne, VDH, briefed the group with a state and federal legislative update on items pertaining to drinking water and water utilities.
- Mr. Dan Dietrich, VDH, briefed the group on EPA's current efforts to revise recreational water quality standards.

- Mr. Jay Bernas and Mr. Bruce Husselbee, HRSD, provided an update on current programs, including HRSD's Capital Improvements Plan, GIS/Envista resources, and the training program for construction inspectors.
- HRPDC staff indicated that funds were allocated for the UASI grant for the Water Supply Assessment and Emergency Response Training project, and staff will begin drafting the RFP. The draft RFP will be sent to the Committee for review.
- Regarding the groundwater program, HRPDC staff reported to have consulted with DEQ as to the application of the new Virginia Coastal Plain groundwater model for permit evaluations and the potential for an HRPDC-DEQ cost sharing project to fund additional USGS modeling work. Further discussion with DEQ is pending.
- HRPDC staff will distribute for Committee review the first draft section of the Regional Water Supply Plan. Staff indicated that consultant work is continuing on schedule and the plan is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2010.
- Regarding the private sewer system infiltration and inflow (I/I) abatement program, the Committee agreed that the Capacity Team should discuss the potential for addressing private-side I/I by applying HRSD's authority under its enabling legislation which allows HRSD to access private property. Following consideration by the Capacity Team, a brief should be prepared for review by the Directors of Utilities Committee prior to presentation to HRPDC, tentatively in March 2011.
- The Committee roundtable discussion included mosquito abatement and alternative onsite sewage (AOSS) disposal regulations. Newport News indicated receiving criticism for mosquito spraying from a few individuals and an environmental group. The Committee discussion concluded that consistent use of data-driven, evidence-based mechanisms to mitigate risk of mosquito-borne diseases remains in the best interest of public health. As for AOSS disposal regulations, the Committee discussed the key components of the proposed final AOSS regulations, and the Committee noted the change that localities cannot prohibit AOSS under the new rules, that existing system repairs and new system installation costs will increase, and that development of rural areas may increase. HRPDC staff is preparing comments on the proposed regulations and will distribute to the Committee for review.
- The HRPDC staff discussed the proposed water and wastewater budgets for next year. The Committee directed HRPDC to revise both budgets to accommodate a 5% reduction.

C. Regional Housing Program

Housing and Human Service Technical Support

Housing and Human Services staff is working on an upcoming Regional Housing Symposium, "Jobs, Transportation and Housing: Connecting Home and Work." This symposium is a collaborative effort/partnership with Housing Virginia, BB&T, Tidewater Builders Association, Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, The Housing Roundtable, Hampton Roads Housing Consortium, and Light Rail Now, Inc. The goal of this forum is to provide a platform and invoke dialogue on the correlation between, jobs, transportation and affordable housing. The Housing and Human Services staff is assisting with the marketing of this event as well as the agenda. Staff members from the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) will also participate on a panel discussion at this event.

Regional Housing Portal

HRPDC staff members are continuing to work on the initial design phases of a Regional Housing Portal. Currently all housing resources pertaining to foreclosure prevention and mortgage defaults services have been identified. Staff is gathering the data in an effort to provide a regional perspective of housing resource needs and gaps in service. Other housing related services pertaining to downpayment/closing cost assistance, first-time homebuyer education, rental counseling, and housing services for persons with disabilities will be identified and compiled into uniformed database. This information will be used to create a regional web-based portal for consumers and housing providers to access appropriate services.

D. Regional Economics Program Report

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Information from both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Over the past month, staff has responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media. Economics staff released a special report following an announcement by President Obama regarding a potential pay freeze for federal civilian employees.

Regional Competitiveness

Staff is working on a regional competitiveness study. The purpose of the study is to review the components of growth in competitive economies and evaluate the regional capacity for growth. This analysis will include an in-depth analysis of the

region's occupational and industrial composition, with a particular focus on the region's labor supply.

HRPDC Annual Economic Forecast

Each January, the HRPDC Economics Department delivers a regional economic forecast. This effort includes a review of trends in the regional economy over the preceding year along with a detailed regional forecast for the coming year. Staff are currently preparing for the forecast which will be delivered at the HRPDC Quarterly Meeting on January 20, 2011.

E. Emergency Management Program

Hampton Roads Regional Jail and Inmate Evacuation Committee

Grant funds to support a consultant to conduct the functional jail assessments for emergency operation plan enhancements and jail evacuation planning have been received and are being processed.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

The EM Administrator continues to work with the Hampton Roads Interoperability Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC) Oversight Group in an effort to find a funding solution for sustainment of the system for follow-on service and maintenance procurement. The FY09 Port Security Grant Application that was submitted to VDEM in August 2010 is a potential temporary solution for sustainment. Representatives from the Area Maritime Security Committee conducted their initial review as part of the application process. In mid-October, HRPDC was notified of preliminary grant approval from the Coast Guard and the application has been submitted to DHS, via VDEM, for final approval.

Peninsula Local Emergency Planning Commission (PLEPC)

The HRPDC continues to support the work for updating the Peninsula Local Emergency Response Plan.

FY11 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The Emergency Management staff continues to lead the planning for this seminar with emergency managers, public health partners and multiple health care organizations. The HOEPS planning committee continues meeting on a monthly basis to advance the plans for next year's (2011) seminar. Dates for next year's event are May 4th on the Peninsula and May 5th on the Southside.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The grants for updating the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Southampton Hazard Mitigation Plan have been awarded and we are actively engaged in moving the planning process forward for these three plans. The HRPDC and Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee completed the RFP and vendor selection process and have begun contract

negotiations with an anticipation of signing a contract by December 15, 2010 so that work can begin immediately.

The Emergency Management staff continues to work with the City of Hampton's Fire Chief (Project Manager) by providing support to update the Peninsula Hazard Mitigation plan. Current activities in progress are those supporting data requests from the HRPDC and involved localities to support the needs of the contractor.

A website supporting this project for the staff, local agencies and future public participation has been established: www.remtac.org/mitigation. Currently, the Peninsula plan is not represented on this site. This will change in the near future as the consultant is working with the HRPDC to have the Peninsula section included at their (Peninsula localities) request.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) Support

The Emergency Management staff continues to support the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team and the three workgroups to ensure existing projects and data are integrated. The three workgroups are (1) Evacuation and Transportation, (2) Commodities, Resources, and Volunteers, and (3) Mass Care and Sheltering.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). FY11 UASI Grant planning has been initiated in anticipation of grant guidance being released in December.

The FY07 UASI grant is nearing completion. A few projects have not been completed and an extension request for six months has been submitted by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to DHS on behalf of the UAWG. The request was granted and four projects were extended until December 31, 2010. All four are expected to be completed.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs and WebEOC Implementation Update (FY07 & FY08 UASI Project)

The WebEOC Subcommittee continues to implement its plan for institutionalizing WebEOC in the region.

The Special Needs Subcommittee held an open house for special needs committee members and advocates on October 28, 2010 to unveil the website and registry (www.hrspecialneeds.org). Nearly 160 stakeholders and advocates attended the event. Public outreach will continue to promote this initiative as an effort to help emergency managers with their planning for special needs populations.

Multi-Region Target Capabilities Assessment (FY08 UASI Project)

The Emergency Management staff provides program management and implementation support for the Target Capabilities Assessment (TCA), through the UASI Grant program. The initial 14 target capabilities project is now complete. However, with available funding remaining in the FY08 UASI program, staff is working with the UAWG and consultants to finalize a scope of work for the next set of DHS Target Capabilities to be assessed. This will allow the region to further identify gaps in planning for future projects. The next set of capabilities to be assessed will focus on public health, EMS, medical and hospital areas.

Pet Sheltering Support (FY09 UASI Project)

Staff has issued a purchase order for the initial seven trailers that will be constructed and outfitted with the approved supply and equipment listing. One trailer will be built, outfitted and reviewed and approved by stakeholders before moving forward with the remaining trailers.

First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC)

The Emergency Management (EM) staff continues to advance the First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) pilot program in Hampton Roads initiated and lead by the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) through State Homeland Security Grant funds. OCP continues to work with Verizon to establish the issuing stations. The Hampton Roads Fire Chiefs Association has been working with OCP's project manager in order to have the FRAC's first issued to the fire service throughout Hampton Roads. The project manager is currently vetting dates for a working group meeting to plan for additional work stations. Currently, Newport News has an issuance station and the Emergency Management Office in Norfolk will be meeting with the project manager from OCP to discuss hosting a station as well.

Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (HR CIPP)

Strategic planning by the Emergency Management staff for the development of a regional Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) program is on-going in coordination with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness Critical Infrastructure Protection Coordinator.

Current efforts are focused on the development of the regional Critical Infrastructure Resiliency and Strategic Plan. Staff has been working with the consultants (University of Virginia) on this plan with multiple iterations of a draft being vetted. Efforts will continue to be expended to support revisions of the plan and expanding stakeholder support. A final draft of the plan was received on November 22, 2010 and has been made available to stakeholders for review, edits, and comments. A website supporting this project has been established: www.hrcipp.org.

F. Hampton Roads Joint Land Use Study

The Hampton Roads Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Policy Committee met on December 2, 2010. Commissioners may recall that the Hampton Roads JLUS addressed land use and encroachment issues in the areas of Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach surrounding NAS Oceana, NALF Fentress and Chambers Field. Participants in the study, which was facilitated by the HRPDC staff, included the three cities and the U.S. Navy. The initial study was completed in 2005.

Due to recent and pending changes to air operations at Chambers Field in Norfolk, the U.S. Navy requested that the “Hampton Roads Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)/Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) Planning Map” be amended to incorporate the new AICUZ study for Chambers Field. This Planning Map amendment was necessary to allow the Navy to print updated maps and make that information available to the public.

The Policy Committee took the following actions:

1. Approved the Planning Map amendment.
2. Requested the HRPDC staff to facilitate an update to the 2005 Hampton Roads Joint Land Use Study to document progress by the participants in implementing the Study’s recommendations.
3. Requested the HRPDC staff and the U.S. Navy to explore options for a more comprehensive regional Joint Land Use Study.

The HRPDC staff expects to have a report and recommendations on the third item for HRPDC consideration in the coming months.