

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #11: ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS RECURRENT FLOODING**

#### **SUBJECT:**

Many organizations in Hampton Roads, including the HRPDC, are working on efforts related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Recurrent flooding is a significant challenge for many localities in Hampton Roads, and sea level rise will increase the vulnerability of the region to coastal storms and tidal flooding. This important issue crosses city boundaries and all aspects of the regional economy. The issue also affects access to the region's military installations. Many organizations locally, regionally, and statewide are conducting studies and planning exercises to help the region prepare for and adapt to these impacts. These include efforts by the HRPDC, Old Dominion University, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the College of William and Mary Law School, and the Secure Commonwealth Panel, among others. Mayor William Sessoms, City of Virginia Beach, has requested that the HRPDC assume a leadership role in coordinating the region's response to the issue of recurrent flooding and desires to add this item to the annual UPWP.

This item and attachment were discussed in workshop item #5.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The HRPDC assume a leadership role in coordinating the region's response to the issue of recurrent flooding and add this item to the annual UPWP.