

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #9-D: FISCAL YEAR 2015 DRAFT BUDGET

SUBJECT:

FY 2015 HRPDC/HRTPO Draft Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Joint HRPDC/HRTPO Personnel & Budget Committee (P&B) met on Thursday, March 20, 2014 prior to the HRPDC and HRTPO meetings to discuss the FY 2015 HRPDC/HRTPO Draft Budget. This meeting was in preparation for the budget to be presented to both boards for consideration at the April 17, 2014 meetings.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The FY 2015 Draft Budget reflects the current economic conditions, that it is conservative in nature, and represents a total revenue (and corresponding expenditure) decrease of 31.2% from FY 2014. This decrease is due to grant reductions in UASI, MMRS, Planning & Environmental, and Transportation funding. The majority of these funds are pass-through.

Member contributions will remain at the reduced \$.80 per capita rate approved in FY 2013. A slight increase in population resulted in the \$18,435 increase in this line item.

The budget supports a proposed 2% performance-based salary adjustment for staff. There was no increase in healthcare premiums for the upcoming fiscal year. A previously funded reserve account established in anticipation of the employer rate increase helped fund the one percent VRS increase and the 0.13% increase in the VRS life insurance. A 3.8% decrease in operations helped offset the reduced revenue. Staff recommends continuing to fund our reserves in order to continue to offset increasing costs with stagnant or reduced funding.

This item and related attachments were discussed under Workshop Item #5.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the FY 2015 HRPDC/HRTPO budget with the exception of the 2% performance based salary adjustment.