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TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's November 2016 Report

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

I am pleased to announce that Keith Cannady will be the next Deputy Executive Director with the HRPDC. He has more than 30 years of experience as a professional planner, all in the Hampton Roads region. Mr. Cannady has an undergraduate degree in Economics and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Since 2001, he has worked for the City of Hampton, most recently as the Manager of the City's Planning and Zoning Administration. He was the principal author and project manager for the City's Comprehensive Plan Update and is currently responsible for the leadership and management of his division's work program addressing areas such as comprehensive and current planning, zoning, strategic area plans and environmental and transportation planning. Mr. Cannady also serves as staff to the City of Hampton's Planning Commission, Wetlands Board and Board of Zoning Appeals. From 1986 to 2001, Mr. Cannady held several positions in the City of Norfolk including City Planner, Utility Planner and Environmental Planner. His work included coordination of a program to comply with the Chesapeake Bay Act, Project Manager for the City's beach erosion control projects and development and implementation of zoning, site plan review and environmental regulatory programs. He also performed planning work for the City's water and sewer operations, wrote grant proposals, administered grant projects and completed special projects in comprehensive planning, neighborhood land use plans, coastal zone management and solid waste management. Mr. Cannady will begin his duties with the HRPDC on December 1, 2016.

The HRPDC will host an anti-poverty forum on November 21 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Purpose Built Communities will share best practices in addressing the challenges of poverty. Purpose Built Communities is a non-profit organization from Atlanta that assists communities and cities in addressing concentrated poverty by strengthening workforce development, building robust educational opportunities and revitalizing and enriching neighborhoods. In addition, the Mayor's Commission on Poverty Reduction from the City of Norfolk will also share their experiences in adopting a plan and strategy to reduce poverty. All HRPDC and HRTPO Board members are invited to attend and participate in this forum.

On November 8 and 9, the HRTPO hosted a Scenario Planning Workshop at the HRTPO/HRPDC offices. This workshop was sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and was attended by over 70 participants. Representatives from the Hillsborough, Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Atlanta Regional Commission were present to share best practices regarding their scenario planning processes. In addition, representatives from three other Virginia MPOs presented information from their regional scenario planning efforts. The session continued on November 9 with a roundtable discussion about best practices and their potential to be applied to the Hampton Roads long range transportation planning process.

The HRPDC hosted a meeting of the region's Planning Directors on October 12. Discussion items included:

- Proffers
- FEMA requirements for permitting development in Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Overview of the August 31 Hampton Roads Caucus meeting
- Regional Water Supply Plan Update
- Working Waterfronts
- Regional Interest Items

On October 26, the HRPDC member jurisdictions sent correspondence to the region's federal delegation requesting assistance in a matter concerning the permitting of development in flood hazard areas. During a recent compliance review for the city of Hampton, Region III of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) took the unprecedented position that, in order to be minimally compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program, the City must review and permit development that is exempt under the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The chief elected officials from the HRPDC member jurisdictions signed onto this letter requesting assistance from the region's federal representatives in communicating with FEMA about these new requirements.

The HRTPO staff continues to work with locality staffs to discuss opportunities for extending the Virginia Capital Trail into the Hampton Roads region.

The Executive Director continues to participate in the Hampton Roads Regional Roundtable – a monthly meeting of regional organizations convened by the HRPDC to encourage the exchange of information and promote collaboration. The following organizations are participating in these monthly information sharing meetings:

- HRPDC/HRTPO
- Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance
- Hampton Roads Chamber
- Peninsula Chamber
- Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance
- Opportunity Inc.
- Peninsula Council for Workforce Development

- Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission
- Reinvent Hampton Roads
- Virginia Shipbuilders Association

HRPDC staff attended a meeting in Isle of Wight County on October 14 to discuss the process for updating the county's comprehensive plan and how the HRPDC could assist in this effort.

The Executive Director attended the Newport News State of the City Address on October 18.

On October 21, the Executive Director provided a presentation to this year's Lead Virginia class during their visit to Hampton Roads. This presentation provided an overview of the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

The Executive Director attended meetings with the HRTAC Executive Director at Hampton University on October 24 and November 1 to discuss the Hampton Roads Crossing Study.

The Executive Director met with Reinvent Hampton Roads CEO Jim Spore on October 25 to discuss the status of regional initiatives.

The Executive Director attended the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Legislative Reception on October 25.

The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Hampton Roads Chamber Board on October 26 on the recent actions of the HRTPO Board regarding the Hampton Roads Crossing Study.

The Executive Director provided a presentation to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Board on October 27 on the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

On October 28, the Executive Director and Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance Executive Director Craig Quigley met with Captain Rich Meadows, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Oceana. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on regional planning initiatives.

On November 1, the Executive Director attended a meeting at the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development to discuss opportunities for a regional broadband initiative.

The Regional Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on November 2 at the Children's Museum in Portsmouth. Agenda items included a strategy for updating the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and a discussion of regional interest items.

The HRPDC staff continues to work with the Cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and the naval bases in these jurisdictions in preparation for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) focusing on sea level rise. A committee is currently reviewing proposals received from interested consulting firms to provide technical services for this study. A second JLUS focusing on similar issues for the Cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth will also be managed by the HRPDC. HRPDC and HRTPO staff met on November 3 to discuss coordination efforts for the Chesapeake/Portsmouth JLUS effort.

HRTPO staff has researched the U.S. DOT FASTLANE FY 2017 grant program and is prepared to provide a recommendation for consideration at the November 17 HRTPO Board meeting.

HRPDC staff attended the Virginia Association of Planning District Commission's State Agency meeting in Richmond on November 9.

The HRTPO and HRTAC Executive Directors provided a presentation to the Joint House and Senate Transportation Committees on November 10 providing an update on Hampton Roads transportation initiatives.

The HRTPO/HRPDC continues to assist HRTAC with financial management, website support and human resource activities.