

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM#5: REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

#### **SUBJECT:**

The HRPDC staff has been authorized to develop a process for creating a Regional Strategic Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 21, 2013 at the HRPDC's Annual Retreat, staff was authorized to develop a process for creating a Regional Strategic Plan. Following that meeting, HRPDC staff, along with other regional stakeholders, has embarked on an effort to develop Hampton Roads' first Community-based Regional Strategic Plan entitled *Envision Hampton Roads*. This innovative approach to planning will be a critical tool to help set the course for their community's future. *Envision Hampton Roads* will use interviews, mapping exercises, surveys and other means to hear from residents and use that information to present different community scenarios based on the information gathered. This process will allow residents to react to the scenarios and choose the future that best matches their vision. The goal of *Envision Hampton Roads* is to engage residents to participate in the establishment of a shared Regional Vision that ultimately creates a blueprint for the Region's future that leads to Hampton Roads being a great place to live, work, play, learn, and visit. In developing *Envision Hampton Roads*, the HRPDC will be following a seven-step community based planning approach with the first step beginning with establishing Community Values followed by Vision, Strategy, Plan, Fund, Build, and Achieve.

Ms. Jai McBride, HRPDC Principal Regional Planner, will brief the Commission on this effort.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For informational purposes only.