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Questions guiding the discussion with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Following introductions, the Federal team will use the following questions to guide our discussion.

1. Does the CAC have defined or documented processes/procedures for proactively seeking out and considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income and minority households, who may face challenges accessing employment and other services? As an advisory committee to the HRTPO and HRPDC, how are transportation related feedback from underserved populations communicated to you and how is that feedback communicated to the Boards.
2. State code required the HRTPO to establish a Regional Transit Advisory Panel (RTAP) composed of various stakeholders to provide ongoing advice to the regional planning process on the long-term vision for the multimodal regional public transit network in the Hampton Roads. With CAC members also being members of the RTAP, describe your role and the process for ensuring that the advice and recommendations from RTAP are communicated broadly to the Hampton Roads citizens and directly to the HRTPO?
3. Does the CAC have a process for engaging organizations that represent underserved communities in the Hampton Roads Region? Please describe.
4. Please describe situations where public involvement has had an impact on the planning and decision-making process. For example, consider how public involvement contributed to developing transportation priorities and strategies in the long-range plan, prioritizing and selecting investments to be programmed on the TIP, or any other activities.
5. How might the HRTPO and/or the HRPDC improve public involvement? For example, consider changes to the structure of advisory groups, use of media, use of facilitators, or efforts to reach a broader more diverse range of groups.
6. What methods to encourage public involvement are working and what are not? Please provide examples.
7. How does the CAC assist the region to reach consensus on difficult and controversial issues related to transportation?
8. How can public viewpoints successfully be communicated to decision-makers in an area as large and complex as Hampton Roads? What is the role of CAC in this process?
9. How has the CAC changed since the last compliance review (4-years ago)?
10. The CAC is referenced in the updated 2023 HRTPO and HRPDC Title VI compliance review reports. Have you reviewed the reports? Are you aware of any transportation related environmental justice or civil rights concerns based on your community engagement?