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**TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members**

**FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director**

**RE: Executive Director's March 2018 Report**

As follow up to the February 15th meeting of the HRPDC, the Executive Director and Chair have worked to distribute the following letters which are attached as information items:

- Correspondence to the Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, and Dr. Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, expressing the HRPDC's Opposition to Off-Shore Drilling near the coast of Virginia.
- Correspondence to Governor Ralph Northam expressing the HRPDC's opposition to two proposed broadband bills (HB 1258 and SB 405).
- An email to the region's localities requesting input on Phase I of the Regional Economic Development Sites Inventory project by April 6th.

Regional Economic Development  
Sites Inventory



February 15, 2018



The HRPDC is working with the region's Southside localities to initiate Phase I of the Regional Broadband Initiative. The Executive Director has requested that the Cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach consider the appointment of two representatives to a broadband steering committee and consider the contribution of funding to support 30% design work for the Southside broadband ring. This effort would help advance Phase I of the Regional Broadband Initiative and would be expanded to include the Peninsula localities and rural jurisdictions in future phases.

On February 13th, the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director participated in a tour of Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek. A supplemental tour was attended for the Fort Story facility on February 27th.

The Executive Director attended the Hampton Roads Chamber Board meeting on February 14th.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 7th In Newport News. Items of discussion included a presentation from the Seawall Coalition and a discussion on the potential for revenue sharing as follow up to the Regional Economic Development Sites Inventory project.

The CAO Committee has formed a subcommittee to focus on potential steps and strategies for addressing sea level rise/coastal resiliency.

The HRPDC/HRTPO Personnel and Budget Committee met on February 15th. Discussion items included the HRPDC's per capita assessment for membership dues and the Executive Director's employment contract.

The Executive Director and HRTPO Deputy Executive Director met with HRTPO Chair Tom Shepperd on February 20th to discuss agenda planning and preparation for upcoming HRTPO Board meetings.

On February 20th, the Executive Director provided a presentation to a local realtors group in Chesapeake on the work of the HRTPO.

HRTPO staff attended and participated in a U.S. 58 Arterial Management Plan stakeholders meeting in Franklin on February 21st.

The Executive Director attended and participated in the February 22nd Regional Roundtable meeting at the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

The HRPDC staff continues to participate in regular conference call meetings with HREDA and other stakeholders to discuss the Alliance's IBM Investment Promotion Analysis.

The Executive Director attended the Chesapeake State of the City on February 22nd at the Chesapeake Conference Center.

The Executive Director and HRPDC Deputy Executive Director met with representatives of Old Dominion University on February 23rd to discuss ongoing projects and opportunities for collaboration.

The Executive Director provided a briefing on the Regional Broadband Initiative on March 1st to the Greater Norfolk Council.

The Executive Director participated on a panel discussion regarding regional transportation topics at the 2018 Professional Development Conference which was held on March 1st at The Founders Inn in Virginia Beach.

The Executive Director and HRTPO Deputy Executive Director met with Virginia Beach staff and the HRTAC Executive Director on March 2 to review the HRTPO's long range planning process.

The HRPDC/HRTPO Management Team continues to advance work on the following items:

- Recruitment for vacant positions
- Personnel Management
- Provision of financial and human resource management services to the HRTAC and HRMFFA
- Deployment of updated/new computers and IT management efforts
- FY 2019 budget preparation
- Title VI, Civil Rights and Community Outreach