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TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert A. Crum, Jr., Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report – February 2019

On February 28, 2019, HRPDC/HRTPO General Services Manager Mike Long will retire after more than 31 years of service to the organization. Please join us in congratulating Mike on a great career. We wish Mike and his wife Kelley all the best and a very happy retirement!!!

On January 31, HRPDC Chair Michael Hipple and the Executive Director briefed the Hampton Roads General Assembly Caucus in Richmond on the regional legislative priorities approved by the HRPDC and HRTPO.

The HRTPO staff is preparing a grant application through the Federal INFRA program requesting funding for the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel project. This funding request will be submitted in March.

On January 17, the HRTPO Board discussed the Elizabeth River Crossing (ERC) Agreement and formed a Task Force comprised of the following members to study this issue and make recommendations for approaches to address the impact of this agreement on the Hampton Roads region:

Thomas Shepperd, HRTPO Chair	York County
John Rowe, HRTPO Vice Chair	Portsmouth
Michael Hipple, HRTAC Chair	James City County
Kenneth Alexander	Norfolk
Donnie Tuck	Hampton
Sheppard Miller	Commonwealth Transportation Board
John Reinhart	Virginia Port Authority
Terry Danaher	Community Transportation Advisory Committee

The Chief Administrative Officer Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on February 6 in James City County. Agenda items included:

- Restructuring of the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA) and discussion of a Memorandum of Agreement between government and private sector entities to implement this effort.

- Elizabeth River Crossing (ERC) Agreement
- Discussion of items related to the preparation of local budgets for Fiscal Year 2020.

All 18 Hampton Roads Managers/Administrators attended and participated in this meeting. Steven Herbert, Interim President and CEO for HREDA, also attended and participated in this session.

The HRPDC Subcommittee on Coastal Resiliency met on January 11 and February 8. Members of this Subcommittee, which were appointed by the HRPDC, are as follows:

Andria McClellan, Subcommittee Chair	Norfolk
Mayor Donnie Tuck, Subcommittee Vice Chair	Hampton
Barbara Henley	Virginia Beach
Mayor John Rowe	Portsmouth
Dr. Ella Ward	Chesapeake
David Jenkins	Newport News

The agendas for the January and February meetings were as follows:

January 11

- Review of the Mission and Direction for the Subcommittee
- Update on General Assembly Session
- Review of HRPDC Inventory of Coastal Resiliency Projects, Programs and Policies

February 8

- Review of HRPDC Structure/Budget and Resources for Coastal Resiliency
- Update on Regional Inventory of Coastal Resiliency Projects, Programs and Policies
- Discussion of Need for Regional Stormwater Hydraulic Model
- General Assembly Update

The HRTPO staff continues to provide staff support and assistance related to the Regional Connectors Study, including supporting meetings of the project Policy Committee and Technical Committee.

The HRPDC staff is working with the region's 17 local governments to develop a regional geographic information system (GIS) data sharing system.

On January 22, the Executive Director provided a presentation to the Future of Hampton Roads Board on the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

On January 24, HRPDC Vice Chair Andria McClellan, Chesapeake City Council Member Susan Vitale and the Executive Director attended meetings in Richmond with representatives of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and Department of Housing and Community Development to discuss the importance of the region's fiber initiative to economic development and job creation. Ms. McClellan and Ms. Vitale are both members of the Regional Broadband Steering Committee and were appointed by the Steering Committee to advocate for funding for the fiber ring initiative.

On January 25, the Executive Director and HRPDC staff met with Dr. Larry (Chip) Filer from Old Dominion University (ODU) to discuss the HR Cyber program. Staff was able to connect ODU staff with the region's Chief Information Officers to discuss opportunities related to this program.

The Executive Director attended and participated in the monthly Regional Roundtable meeting which was hosted by the Greater Peninsula Workforce Board on January 25 in Newport News.

The Executive Director attended the winter meeting of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) in Richmond on January 31 and February 1 in Richmond.

On February 5, the Executive Director chaired a meeting to discuss the Route 460/58/13 Study. The goal of this study is to identify safety improvements in this corridor that may be eligible for SMART SCALE funding. Representatives from VDOT, the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) and the cities of Chesapeake and Suffolk participated in this meeting.

On February 6, the HRPDC staff held a meeting to discuss the Regional Economic Development Sites Inventory project with representatives of Reinvent Hampton Roads, HREDA, the Virginia Port Authority, private utility providers and the project consultant (Timmons Group). The HRPDC will provide a briefing on this project at its February 21 meeting.

On February 7, the HRTPO Deputy Executive Director provided a presentation to the Hampton Roads Realtors Association on the work of the HRTPO, the status and funding of the Regional Priority Projects, and the 2019 Legislative agendas of the HRPDC and HRTPO.

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

- Research on the establishment of a trust fund related to the Agency's long-term pension liabilities.
- Preparation of the FY 2020 budget.
- Recruitment for vacant positions, including interviews for the General Services Manager position.
- Provision of financial and human resource management services to the HRTAC and HRMFFA

- Title VI, Civil Rights and Community Involvement
- IT management