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**TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members**

**FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director**

**RE: Executive Director's Report**

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

The HRPDC staff is advancing the following local technical assistance projects on behalf of its member jurisdictions:

- Town of Windsor Comprehensive Plan
- Town of Smithfield Comprehensive Plan
- Surry County Subdivision Ordinance

On May 12, 2016, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) conducted a public meeting in the Regional Building Board Room to receive public input on the proposed Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is scheduled to take action to approve the SYIP at its June meeting, which will include projects recommended for funding through the HB2 process. A total of 21 projects in the Hampton Roads Region totaling approximately \$330 million have been recommended for HB2 funding. These projects include \$144.9 million of HB2 funding for Segment 3 of the I-64 widening project. Several HRTPO Board members attended and presented testimony in support of the Region's transportation projects, including HRTPO Chair Mayor Linda Johnson, York County Supervisor Thomas Shepperd, and James City County Supervisor Michael Hipple. The public meeting was attended by over 140 residents and community stakeholders.



The HRPDC staff has continued to work with representatives of the Cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and representatives of the naval bases in these jurisdictions to develop a scope of work for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) that will focus on sea level rise. In addition, a second JLUS is proposed to address the same issues for the Cities of Portsmouth and Chesapeake. The HRPDC staff has agreed to serve as Project Manager/Coordinator for both of these JLUS studies.

The HRPDC staff serves as the Administrator of HOME funds in the City of Portsmouth in administering down payment and closing cost assistance. This city-wide program is designed to expand homeownership opportunities to low and moderate income households. Staff recently signed a contract extending the program through FY 2017. The program works in partnership with HUD-Approved Housing Counseling partners that provide homeownership education and pre-purchase counseling to buyers in an effort to ensure that the buyer is successful in homeownership. To date, 15 families have been approved for the program.

The Regional Roundtable held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on May 13th. This Roundtable consists of representatives from regional organizations and was convened by the HRPDC to promote the exchange of information among these regional entities.

The HRTPO/HRPDC Executive Director collaborated with HRTAC Executive Director Kevin Page to provide a briefing to Suffolk City Council on May 18th. This briefing focused on the status of regional transportation planning and our Region's progress in allocating monies to advance our regional transportation priority projects.

The Executive Director served as a guest speaker at an event hosted by the Tidewater Security Project on May 18th, providing information on the HRPDC's regional coastal resiliency planning efforts.

The HRTPO staff continues to participate in VDOT Cooperating Agency meetings to discuss the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

On May 23rd, the Executive Director provided a presentation to the Hampton Roads Business Roundtable on collaboration opportunities between the two regions. Areas identified as possible areas for collaboration included the following:

- I-64 Improvements
- Passenger Rail Service
- Port of Virginia/Port of Richmond
- Virginia Capital Trail
- Legislative Efforts
- Water Supply
- Broadband
- Chesapeake Bay Requirements
- GO Virginia
- I-64 Innovation Corridor

The Executive Director attended a May 26th meeting at Reinvent Hampton Roads to discuss collaboration opportunities between Reinvent and the HRPDC.

Staff attended and participated in the Transit Means Business Forum held on May 27th at the Sandler Center in Virginia Beach. The Executive Director provided introductory comments for a panel discussion with Delegate Ron Villanueva, (21st District) Chair of the House Transportation Committee, Delegate Glenn Davis (84th District), Delegate Monty Mason (93rd District) and Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne.

The HRTPO and HRTAC Executive Directors participated in a Transportation Policy Meeting convened by Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne in Richmond on May 31st.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) was hosted in Williamsburg on June 1st. Agenda items included a presentation by Virginia Beach staff on the City's broadband initiative and the opportunity to expand this initiative regionally, a discussion of regional public safety coordination, a review of agenda items for the June 16th HRPDC meeting, and a review of regional interest items.

HRTPO staff continues to work with the CAOs from the City of Franklin and Southampton County to identify options for including these jurisdictions as full voting members of the HRTPO Board. A report on this issue is scheduled for the July HRTPO meeting.

The Executive Director provided the Isle of Wight State of the County presentation on June 7th.

The HRTPO/HRPDC staff continues to assist HRTAC with financial management, website support, and human resources services.

HRTPO staff will host a second meeting with locality staffs on June 14th to discuss opportunities for extending the Virginia Capital Trail into the Hampton Roads Region.

The HRTPO staff continues to finalize the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in preparation for adoption by the HRTPO Board.

The HRPDC/HRTPO staff is advancing the following administrative items:

- Interviewing qualified firms to provide IT managed services to the Agency.
- Completion of the recruitment process for vacant HRPDC/HRTPO positions.
- Development of a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) and small business outreach program for the HRPDC/HRTPO.

On May 3rd, two HRPDC programs, askHRgreen.org and Help To Others, joined forces to raise money during Give Local 757. Citizens were challenged to follow clues found online to one of two magic faucets which were set up on both the Southside and the Peninsula. Funds raised by the event will help families in financial crisis maintain water and wastewater services.

