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**Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission
Building A Program of Projects**

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The Need

- **Roadway congestion in the area is 20th worst in the nation with residents experiencing on average 43 hours of congestion annually**
- **Current population is 1.7 million and is expected to grow to over 2 million by 2034**
- **The Port of Virginia is a major economic engine for the Commonwealth – transportation improvements are needed to enable increased volume and movement of goods and freight**
- **Improving connectivity for the significant military installations and facilities in the region is vital**

The Vision

- **Improve quality of life in the region**
 - **by creating a world class transportation system using a systematic approach to deliver much needed improvements**
- **Spur economic growth by attracting new and expanded public and private investments**
- **Support and enhance military readiness by improving infrastructure**

The Vision

- **Establish the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HTAC) to deliver the vision**
- **Collaborate with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) to deliver the region's priority projects**

Program Goals

- **Embrace the HRTPO project priority list**
- **Create a long-term sustainable program of projects where capital costs and operating/maintenance costs are funded**
- **Remain open to various project delivery methods including PPTA, design build finance, and design build**
- **Reduce the cost of construction inflation by delivering transportation improvements in the shortest time possible**

Overview - HB1253 and SB513

- **HTAC is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth to procure, finance, build, and operate critical projects in Hampton Roads**
 - primarily funded with HB 2313 revenue approved by the 2013 General Assembly
- **23 Members**
 - Chief elected officers of the governing bodies of the 14 localities in Planning District 23
 - Two senators
 - Three delegates
 - Four nonvoting ex officio members – Commissioner of Highways, Director of Rail and Public Transportation, Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority, and a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board

Overview - HB2313 and SB513

- **Decisions will be based on a two-thirds majority vote of elected officials on the commission, representing at least two-thirds of the region's population**
- **Authorized to issue bonds and use regional revenues to support debt service**
- **HRTPO, VDOT, and DRPT shall provide administrative and technical support to HTAC**
- **HTAC will not replace the planning function of HRTPO**
- **Utilize the HRTPO prioritized projects as its program of projects**

HRTPO Priority Projects

- **HRTPO has identified priority projects for the region**
 - **To build new water crossing**
 - **Expand existing water crossing**
 - **Other major projects to address congestion and mobility problems**

- **Potential Projects**
 - **Patriots Crossing**
 - **High-rise bridge**
 - **I-64/I-264**
 - **Monitor Merrimac Bridge Tunnel**
 - **460/58/13 connector**
 - **I-64 widening**

HRTPO Priority Projects

- **These priority projects can be delivered within a reasonable time frame**
- **HTAC should aim to**
 - **Develop by the fall of 2014 a plan to build projects within 25 to 30 years**
 - **Advertise the first major project by December of 2014**
 - **Plan for the first major project ground breaking January 2016**

Meeting Program Vision

- **The program vision for Hampton Roads is right**
- **Making the vision a reality will take bold leadership and a committed partnership with**
 - **Strong leadership from HTAC members**
 - **Support and guidance from CTB**
 - **Administrative and program support from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation**

Next Steps

- **Presentation to HRTPO Thursday April 17, 2014**
- **Secretary Layne will meet with city Mayor's and Chair's**
- **Deputy Secretary Johnson will meet with city Managers, Business Groups and other Stakeholders**
- **Establish and operate the Commission**

HTAC - Building A Program of Projects

- **Questions**
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