

## **AGENDA ITEM #8: TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND MOBILITY ISSUES: CTAC RECOMMENDATION**

### **SUBJECT:**

CTAC recommendations on transportation funding and mobility issues will be discussed.

### **BACKGROUND:**

A panel discussion on transportation funding, provided to the CTAC members on May 13, 2010, described how economic conditions are adversely affecting transportation revenue sources. Gasoline consumption has declined along with the motor vehicle sales and use tax and Hampton Roads' population is outpacing its transportation system. Furthermore, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) revenues for FY 2010 were almost \$3.4 billion, an 11% decrease from the FY 2007 VDOT budget. Diminishing revenues for transportation signify less opportunity for capital investment and thereby amplifying the region's problem in alleviating congestion.

During the CTAC meeting of June 24, 2010, the Committee received a presentation on the results of Citizen Focus Groups that were conducted as part of the HRTPO's community outreach strategies to seek out and consider transportation interests and needs of Hampton Roads residents. In addition, the CTAC received a congestion briefing from HRTPO staff in the form of an overview of the HRTPO Congestion Management Process (CMP).

Based on the above, the CTAC has expressed interest in developing recommendations on transportation funding and mobility issues to be presented to the HRTPO Board. It should be noted that the Board, during its July 2010 meeting, requested that project prioritization work related to the 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan be presented to the Board at its September 15, 2010 meeting. Therefore, input from the CTAC regarding transportation funding and mobility would be most effective if provided in time for the October 20, 2010 Board meeting.

The HRTPO staff will be prepared to assist the CTAC with the development of a resolution to be presented to the HRTPO Board should that be the desire of the CTAC.

Mr. William Harrison, CTAC Chair, will lead the discussion.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Discuss transportation funding and mobility issues and consider recommendations to be made to the HRTPO Board.