

**AGENDA ITEM #11: PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND SELECTION PROCESS: FINAL REPORT**

**SUBJECT:**

The final report on the transportation project prioritization and selection process is ready for approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

In the summer of 2009, the HRTPO Board requested that staff evaluate the outcome of amending the 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan. During these discussions, the need to establish a methodology for project prioritization and selection was identified. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) provided assistance with this effort via its on-call consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates. The goal of the project was to develop a methodology to assist the HRTPO Board with prioritizing transportation projects according to their technical merits and regional benefits, in light of scarce financial resources.

In December 2009, the HRTPO Board requested the project prioritization tool be revised to take into account the economic benefits of projects to the region. The methodology for the economic vitality component was approved by the HRTPO Board at its June 16, 2010 meeting. The initial report has been edited to reflect the three components – project utility, project viability, and economic vitality.

The document was made available for public review and comment from June 30, 2010 through July 14, 2010. No comments have been received.

Ms. Camelia Ravanbakht, Deputy Executive Director, will brief the HRTPO Board on the project prioritization tool and its creation.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the final report and associated methodology.