

**AGENDA ITEM #2: DRAFT HRTPO 2011 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: SUMMARY OF APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS**

**SUBJECT:**

Review of the recommendations approved at the May 13th Legislative Ad-hoc Committee meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

During the May 13th meeting, the Legislative Ad-hoc Committee approved the below recommendations of legislative priorities to aid in the preparation of the HRTPO Legislative Agenda for the 2011 General Assembly session.

**A. Metropolitan Planning Organization Codification**

Amendment of the Code of Virginia to fully embrace federal regulations regarding metropolitan planning and programming as well as authority of metropolitan planning organizations.

**B. Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund**

Legislation that requires the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund to fully fund maintenance.

**C. Commonwealth Transportation Board Number of Members Assessment (§ 33.1-1)**

Reassessment of the representation on the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

**D. Rail Enhancement Fund (§ 33.1-221.1:1.1)**

Addition of "*federal funds*" to the list of matching sources for projects seeking funding from the Commonwealth's Rail Enhancement Fund.

**E. High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail**

- a. Support the extension of high-speed and intercity passenger rail service between Richmond/Petersburg and Hampton Roads with the ultimate objective to connect to the Washington, DC Northeast Corridor.
- b. Identify a dedicated source of funds to support the passenger rail operating costs between Richmond/Petersburg and Hampton Roads.