

January 6, 2012

MEMORANDUM #2012-03

TO: Rural Transportation Technical Committee (RTTC)

BY: Dale Stith, Transportation Planner

RE: RTTC Meeting – January 10, 2012

A RTTC meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, in the Regional Building Conference Room D, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
- 3. SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. 2035 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan**

SUBJECT:

The HRTPO 2035 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) final report is ready for approval.

BACKGROUND:

The HRTPO and VDOT have produced the Hampton Roads 2035 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP). The RLRTP is part of a new initiative to create regional transportation plans in rural areas that complement those in Virginia's metropolitan and small urban areas. Each RLRTP was developed as a blueprint, or vision plan, to address the needs of the transportation system in rural areas, regardless of anticipated funding availability. This regional plan can then be used by local, regional, and state agencies to help identify transportation funding priorities.

HRTPO 2035 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan
(Available at www.hrtpo.org)

HRTPO 2035 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan –Technical Report
(Available at www.hrtpo.org)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend HRTPO Board approval of the final report.

6. Prioritize Recommendations from RL RTP

SUBJECT:

Prioritization of RL RTP recommendations

BACKGROUND:

Per the FY 2012 HRTPO UPWP, recommendations from the RL RTP will be prioritized into two categories: 1) by jurisdiction, and 2) by region.

HRTPO staff recommends modifying the Project Prioritization Tool as necessary to prioritize RL RTP recommendations. Necessary data will need to be provided by VDOT and localities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend use of Project Prioritization Tool to prioritize RL RTP recommendations

7. Public Outreach in Rural Localities

SUBJECT:

Public outreach strategies for rural localities

BACKGROUND:

HRTPO staff would like to implement strategies to increase awareness of the transportation planning process in rural localities. These activities would be tailored to engage low-income and/or minority communities or households.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion

8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Recommendations

SUBJECT:

Compile a list of rural bicycle and pedestrian recommendations

BACKGROUND:

Per the FY 2012 HRTPO UPWP, a list of local and regional bicycle and pedestrian recommendations in the rural areas needs to be compiled. These recommendations will be used in the development or enhancement of local bicycle/pedestrian plans. The identified projects will be used by VDOT to strengthen the bicycle and pedestrian element of the next Surface Transportation Plan, allow VDOT to map the planned recommendations, and provide an inventory of which jurisdictions have bicycle/pedestrian plans.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion

9. 'Day to Ride'/Inventory of Major Roads

SUBJECT:

Host a 'Day to Ride' in each member jurisdiction

BACKGROUND:

Per the FY 2012 HRTPO UPWP, HRTPO staff will coordinate and host a 'Day to Ride' and inventory major roads in each member jurisdiction. The purpose of this effort is to discuss problems and potential solutions. VDOT will provide transportation. These field trips will help build working relationships and provide an opportunity to gain local/state perspective on transportation challenges in rural areas.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion

10. Old/New Business

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RTTC Voting Members:

Donald Goodwin, FR

Beth Lewis, SH

Jerry Kee, VDOT

Eric Stringfield, VDOT

RTTC Voting Alternate Members

Ray Hunt, VDOT

Joseph Lomax, VDOT

RTTC Invited Participants

Jay Westbrook, CSX

Courtney Ware, DRPT

Ivan Rucker, FHWA

Jimmy Gray, Franklin Airport

Marc Kirchner, Norfolk Southern

Cynthia Creede, SSSEVA