

AGENDA ITEM #9: DEVELOPING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

SUBJECT:

The prioritization of transportation projects has been designated a priority by the HRTPO Board in an effort to build consensus and pursue the scarce resources available for the extensive transportation needs in the region.

BACKGROUND:

At its July 21, 2010 meeting, the HRTPO Board approved the transportation project prioritization report, which was the culmination of a year-long effort to create a tool for prioritizing projects. During the discussion which followed, the Board expressed the desire to have the prioritization of projects on the agenda for its September 2010 meeting, in preparation for the 2011 Virginia General Assembly session.

HRTPO staff has worked with locality and VDOT staffs to collect the data needed to apply the prioritization tool in an efficient manner under this accelerated schedule. The prioritization tool provides a way to glean the effectiveness of proposed transportation projects at a high level. Creating the final priorities will be the prerogative of the HRTPO Board, with the output from the tool being a resource to assist in making these decisions.

It is expected that draft prioritization results will be provided to TTAC following an LRTP Subcommittee meeting on August 27; an e-mail will be sent to notify TTAC members of the availability of the materials on the HRTPO website.

Mr. Andy Pickard, Principal Transportation Engineer, will review the results of the tool.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the TTAC can assist the HRTPO Board by:

- 1) endorsing the prioritization effort, and
- 2) providing advisement to the Board on priorities