



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON METROPOLITAIN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE HAMPTON ROADS AREA  
(3 C AGREEMENT)**

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# MOU Purpose

- **Documentation of responsibilities establishing and maintaining a cooperative, comprehensive and continuing (3-C) metropolitan transportation planning and programming process as defined and required by the United States Department of Transportation in regulations 23 CFR 450 subpart C**

# MOU History

- **Previous 3-C Agreement drafted in Oct 1996, updated September 2001, to reflect the 1999 merger of Peninsula Transportation District Commission and the Tidewater District Commission**
- **New agreement required for Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act : A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU) 2005 reauthorization compliance**

# MOU Agreement

- **Between state, MPO, Public Transit Operators, State Air Quality Agency, HRAQC and HRPDC**
- **Identifies**
  - 3-C process
  - Designated agency for air quality planning
  - Lead planning organization for air quality conformity
  - Transportation Management Area (TMA) requirements

# MOU – Guiding Articles

- **Planning and Modeling Boundaries**
  - Subject to MPO and Governor approval
- **MPO core activities**
  - MPO budget
  - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
  - Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP)
  - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - Congestion Management Process (CMP) in TMAs
  - Participation Plan
  - Ensure items above developed in accordance with federal requirements

# MOU – Guiding Articles

- **Transportation Technical Committee**
  - Designated technical staff of the MPO members,
  - Others as needed and as approved by MPO
  
- **Regular Meetings**
  - Applies to both the MPO and TTC
  - Regular Schedule
  - MPO posted online
  - MPO open to public

# MOU – Guiding Articles

- **UPWP**
  - Approved by FTA and FHWA
- **Participation Plan**
  - Formal and written
  - Accommodate limited English proficiency or visually impaired
- **Congestion Management Process**
  - Performance measures and goals
  - Cooperative effort with the Department
- **Air Quality Planning**
  - Federal and State air quality regulatory requirements
  - Department lead conformity analyses
- **Inclusion and selection of project recommendations**
  - CLRP projects
  - TIP projects
- **Financial Planning and Programming and Obligations**
  - Fiscal Constraint and Financial Forecasts
  - Annual Obligation Report

# Hampton Roads MOU – Status

- Sept 07 / Jan 08, MPO staff and District review
- Nov / Dec 07, OAG legal review of draft 3C agreement
- Jan 08, MPO staff recommendations incorporated
- Feb 08, air quality requirements addressed
- Feb 08, FTA / FHWA certification review corrective actions
- Formal MPO endorsement and resolution required / pending
- MOU can be executed once MPO issues resolved related to corrective actions (TAC)

# Statewide MOU – Status

- **MOUs pending signatures**
  - Winchester
  - Harrisonburg
  - Roanoke
  - Blacksburg
  - Lynchburg
  - Danville
  - Bristol
  - Kingsport
- **Concerns**
  - Secretary of Transportation appointment of the state representative, corrective MOU language needed?
  - State elected officials may serve on the MPO, corrective MOU language needed?

**Questions?**