



**Hampton Roads Transportation
Planning Organization Meeting
October 21, 2009**

AGENDA NOTE HANDOUT

Item #5:

**HRTPO Project Prioritization and Selection
Process: Progress Report – Additional Information**



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Subject: Two Transportation Issues

Dear Dwight:

The region is making tremendous progress on moving our transportation system forward by the prioritization process currently underway. To best capitalize on this process, two more complementary actions need to be undertaken. First when we provide a prioritized listing of projects to the General Assembly in January, we also need to provide them with an updated source of revenue streams. Therefore, I respectfully request that you have staff update House Bill 3202 revenue streams to the most recent year available. Also, if there were other revenues considered in years past for transportation, please update these estimates as well.

The second item that I believe needs to be pursued aggressively is the reopening and amendment of the 2030 Transportation Plan. Your staff has been working on this, however I think it's very important that this comes to a timely completion. A number of jurisdictions, like Virginia Beach, have projects that will reach a milestone in the next year or so and an un-reopened 2030 Plan will prevent them from moving forward. For instance, the Lesner Bridge and the fixed guideway service in Virginia Beach will not be able to move past their current status until the 2030 Plan is revisited.

I know that neither of these requests is without some controversy, however, I think it's very important that we move forward on these two tasks as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

William D. Sessoms, Jr.
Mayor

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