

## **AGENDA ITEM #8: HURRICAN LANE REVERSAL PLAN**

### **SUBJECT:**

In late 2008, VDOT published its “Hurricane Lane Reversal Plan,” replacing VDOT’s “Hampton Roads Hurricane Traffic Control Plan” (2006).

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1995, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) released its first hurricane traffic control plan for Hampton Roads, which called for interstate ramp metering, phased evacuation, and closure of I-664 Northbound at the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel (MMBT) in the event of a hurricane. In 1996, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission published a review of VDOT’s plan and called for lane reversal on I-64 and opening I-664 Northbound at MMBT. In 2001, VDOT released an update to its traffic control plan, which added I-64 lane reversal to the ramp metering, phased evacuation, and closure of I-664 Northbound at MMBT from the previous plan. VDOT’s 2006 update included these same elements.

In September of 2008, VDOT released its current traffic control plan which adds stipulations for handling traffic from Hampton Roads to be implemented in the Richmond area, drops the ramp metering and phased evacuation of earlier plans, and retains the closure of I-664 Northbound at MMBT. In addition, the extensive maps of evacuation routes found in earlier plans have been replaced with a table of “Critical Evacuation Roadways” covering four highways: I-64, US 17, Route 10, and Route 164.

Mr. Stephany Hanshaw, VDOT Regional Traffic Operations Manager, will present highlights of the 2008 “Hurricane Lane Reversal Plan”.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Per discussion.