

HRTPO Project Prioritization and Selection Process

Agenda Item #8



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- **On November 18, 2009, the HRTPO Board directed the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to thoroughly discuss the rating, ranking and prioritization process.**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is comprised of:

- the Chief Administrative Officer of each TPO member locality
- Hampton Roads Transit
- Williamsburg Area Transit Authority
- Virginia Port Authority
- VDOT Hampton Roads District Administrator
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration (non-voting member)
- Federal Transit Administration (non-voting member)

The TAC has recommended exploration of a “prioritization” process containing three components:

- **Project Utility** (Congestion Level, System Continuity and Connectivity, Cost Effectiveness, Existing and Future Land Use Compatibility, Safety and Security, Infrastructure Condition, and Modal Enhancements)
- **Project Viability** (Additional Funding Availability, Prior Commitment, Federal Mandates, and Project Readiness)
- **Economic Vitality** (to be determined)

The Virginia Department of Transportation has recommended:

- Develop a revised scope for the 3-phase approach: adding Economic Vitality and removing this component from the Project Utility;
- Scope of work be developed cooperatively among HRTPO, VDOT, HRPDC staffs, and key members of the HRTPO program priorities steering committee;
- Determine funding amount necessary and identify source of funds;
- Pursue adding the third evaluation criteria, Economic Vitality, utilizing HRPDC staff with ODU support; and
- Set a definitive schedule for issuance of Version 1.3 reflecting the three evaluation criteria: Economic Vitality, Project Utility, Project Viability.

- **Revised Recommended Actions:**

- Develop a revised scope for the 3-phase approach – adding Economic Vitality.
- Coordinate with VDOT as recommended.