

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC or Commission)

Amendment to the Approved FY2021-2026 HRTAC Six Year Improvement Plan – Recommendation to Fund Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering for Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network Segments 1, 4A, 4B, and 4C

**Public Hearing
By Conference Call*
January 11, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

Dial Toll Free Telephone Number to Attend: (855) 735-2639

**Notice is hereby given that the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission will hold a public hearing on January 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. In light of the Governor's Declared State of Emergency due to COVID-19, it is impracticable and unsafe for the Executive Director to conduct a public hearing in a single location, so, consistent with the Commission's meeting practice during the State of Emergency, the public hearing will be held electronically, by telephone, using the following toll free telephone number: (855) 735-2639.*

The subject matter of the hearing is described below. The public is encouraged to participate in the public hearing process by (i) attending the meeting by dialing into the telephone line (time will be allotted for comments from the public), and/or (ii) submitting written comments not later than 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 11, 2021, by (a) mailing them to Kevin Page, Executive Director, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320 or (b) e-mailing them to KPage@HRTAC.ORG.

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Information**

Background:

The Master Agreement for Development and Tolling of the Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network (a.k.a the 'Master Tolling Agreement') executed by and between VDOT and HRTAC provides for the development of segments of the Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network ('HRELN'). The HRELN is included in the Approved FY2021-FY2026 HRTAC Six Year Improvement Plan allowing for project specific elements to be added over time. Working with VDOT, the early phases of the development of project readiness has matured to the need for more defined project scope and cost estimates. HRTAC Staff and professional advisors to the HRELN project feel that the need for the initial phase of Preliminary Engineering of the construction of the roadway and tolling facility is warranted and can be provided for through engagement with VDOT. In discussions with VDOT, the initial phase ('Phase 1') of Preliminary Engineering will be conducted for the full scope of the project that will be Segments 4A (Jefferson to the I-664 interchange), 4B (Mercury Boulevard to LaSalle), 4C (LaSalle to Settlers Landing), and Segment 1 (I-564 Interchange to the I-264 Interchange). Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering is the next phase of project development and is critical to the Commission in understanding estimated project costs and engineering challenges ahead as the segments of the HRELN development are evaluated to advance. A Commission authorized public hearing will need to be conducted to receive public input in relation to the proposed amendment to the Approved FY2021-FY2026 HRTAC Six Year Improvement Plan to fund Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering for Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network Segments 1, 4A, 4B, and 4C. The Commission, at its December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting, took action and: i. Approved the proposed amendment to the Approved FY2021-FY2026 HRTAC Six Year Improvement Plan to fund Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering for Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network Segments 1, 4A, 4B, and 4C; and, ii. Authorized the Executive Director to conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed amendment.

Fiscal Impact:

There is a combined fiscal impact to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund of \$26,959,125.00 associated with this Action Item. VDOT proposes accomplishing Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering through three project agreements:

Segment 1 – UPC 117840 - \$5,621,500.00

Segment 4A/4B – UPC 117839 - \$5,916,425.00

Segment 4C – UPC 117841 - \$15,421,200.00