

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC or Commission)

Amendment to Approved HRTAC FY2021-FY2026 Plan of Finance Update – Remaining Projects of the Third Crossing SEIS - Bowers Hill Environmental Study UPC 111427

**Public Hearing
By Conference Call*
December 4, 2020
10:00 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 December 4, 2020 at 10:00 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 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2020, 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**

At its September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Commission took action to i. endorse the Staff recommendation to allocate \$3,904,630 additional funding to the Bowers Hill Environmental Study (UPC 111427); and, ii. authorized the Executive Director to conduct a public hearing regarding amendment to the Commission Approved HRTAC FY2021-FY2026 Plan of Finance Update for the allocation of additional HRTAC funds to support expansion of the Scope of Work to include the segment of I-664 from Bowers Hill to College Drive.

Background:

VDOT and HRTAC entered into agreement to provide \$4.0 million to conduct the Remaining Projects of the Third Crossing SEIS – Bowers Hill Environmental Study. Through extensive study and coordination with the HRTPO and its Bowers Hill Interchange Study Working Group, VDOT, and HRTAC, it has been determined that the Bowers Hill Interchange scope of work needed to be modified to include the segment of I-664 between Bowers Hill Interchange and the College Drive Interchange due to the amount of significant congestion along I-664 that was extending into the Bowers Hill Interchange. At its May 21, 2020 meeting, the HRTPO took action to expand the scope of the study to include a managed express lanes component through the interchange and along the I-664 segment to College Drive. VDOT's correspondence requesting additional funding for the project is attached to this briefing memo for reference. Following the public hearing, the Commission will take action at its next meeting to amend the Approved HRTAC FY2021-FY2026 Plan of Finance Update for the allocation of additional HRTAC funds to support expansion of the Scope of Work to include the segment of I-664 from Bowers Hill to College Drive and authorize the Chair and Executive Director to amend the Standard Project Agreement with VDOT.

Fiscal Impact

On November 19, 2019, the Commission de-obligated \$3,904,632.42 of obligated funding from the 460/58/13 project. There will be an impact to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund in the amount of \$3,904,630 as redirected from the 460/58/13 project funding de-obligation. In consultation with PFM, the Approved HRTAC FY2021-FY2026 Plan of Finance Update remains constrained with the obligation of \$3,904,630 to the Bowers Hill Study.