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HRTPO Board Members:
HRTAC Members:

Over the next few months, we will make the most important regional transportation decision of this generation by recommending an alternative from the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for implementation. This decision will be critical to transportation mobility in our region, as well as our regional economy, port and military assets. As members of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), it is critical we set the bar for leadership and collaboration to ensure we make the best decision for our metropolitan region.

The milestones for this decision making process will be as follows:

- September 15: The HRTPO will receive a presentation from HRTPO staff providing technical information on each alternative at this meeting.
- The HRTAC will discuss a plan of finance for the various alternatives and take action to forward this information to the HRTPO at this meeting.
- September 19: The public comment period for the HRCS Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will conclude.
- October 20: The HRTPO will receive a summary of comments received during the public comment period, discuss the HRTAC's plan of finance for the various alternatives and receive input from its member jurisdictions on their preferred alternatives.
- November 17: The HRTPO will take action to recommend a preferred alternative to the CTB.
- The HRTAC will take action to recommend a plan of finance to support the HRTPO's recommended alternative.
- December 6/7: The CTB will take action to identify a preferred alternative to forward to the Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Highway Administration for consideration.

Your participation in this process is essential to ensure we make the best decision for the future of the Hampton Roads region. Please plan on attending and participating in the HRTPO and HRTAC meetings noted above. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Crum and Kevin Page should you or your jurisdiction require the assistance of our professional staff as we advance through this process.

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Now is the time for strong and bold regional leadership as we make a decision on this important transportation initiative. We look forward to your participation and vision as we move ahead with this process.

Sincerely,



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