

**7. U.S. ROUTE 58 COURTLAND INTERCHANGE  
ARRA DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM:  
TIGER II**

On December 16, 2009 the President signed the FY 2010 Appropriations Act, which appropriated \$600 million to the Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investments. This appropriation is part of the larger American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), otherwise known as the Federal Stimulus. Of this total amount, \$140 million of the funds are to be used for projects in rural areas. This grant opportunity is highly competitive and awards will be given to projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. These grants have a 20% matching requirement; however, rural projects can be funded at 100% with no local match required. All funds awarded through this process must be obligated by September 30, 2012.

In coordination and with staff assistance from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), Southampton County is preparing a grant application in the amount of \$22.310 million to fund the construction of the Courtland Interchange on U.S. Route 58. As you may recall, this project has been in and out of the VDOT 6 year primary plan numerous times over the past several years. This project would provide a grade separated overpass at the intersection of Jerusalem Road (US 58 Business) and Southampton Parkway (US 58). Additionally, Old Bridge Road would be realigned to connect with the overpass and the appropriate entrance and exit ramps would be provided. The right-of-way for the project has already been secured by VDOT and the state environmental permits are in place. Because this project may be funded by federal monies, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) would have to be satisfied. VDOT initiated the NEPA process for this project on July 28, 2010.

This project was presented to the HRPDC Board of Directors for their support at their meeting on July 21, 2010. The HRPDC endorsed the project as being regionally significant due to the importance that US Route 58, with specific recognition of the route as primary thoroughfare for the movement of goods and services and as a primary evacuation route for the Hampton Roads region. Additionally, this project would promote immediate job creation which is important to Southampton County and the region. Southampton County is currently considered a Federally Economically Distressed Area, a key component of the grant evaluation criteria.

Grant applications are due Monday, August 23, 2010. Attached is a resolution of support that can be included with the application. Notification of awards to the grant recipients should occur by the end to the calendar year. If successful, VDOT would administer these funds and coordinate the advertisement, bidding process and construction of the interchange. A timeline for actual construction of the interchange is still pending and dependent upon successful funding of the project.

**MOTION REQUIRED:**

**If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.**