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**PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION**

Route: 264  
Project Number: 0058-965-107, PE101  
From: Western Terminus of the Downtown Tunnel  
To: Eastern Terminus of the Downtown Tunnel  
Federal Project: STP-965-5(057)  
County/City: Portsmouth, Norfolk  
PPMS/UPC ID: 76642

The subject project meets the criteria for Programmatic Categorical Exclusion in accordance with:

- 23 CFR 771.117 (c)(1)
- Agreement approved by the Federal Highway Administration on December 29, 2004 (d)(1) (see attached).



PCE Agreement.pdf

Description of CE Category: c19 Purchase and installation of operating or maintenance equipment to be located within the transit facility and with no significant impacts off the site.

Project Description: The proposed improvements to the Downtown Tunnel consist of modifications to the existing eastbound and westbound tunnels necessary for the existing facility to conform to the National Fire Protection Association Standard 502 "Standard for Road Tunnels, Bridges, and Other Limited Access Highways" (NFPA 502). These modifications will include but may not be limited to upgrades to: the existing water supply, ventilation, electrical, and emergency response systems, as well as any other system identified in NFPA 502 or its successor. Additional modifications may include communications and intelligent transportation systems software and equipment. All work will take place within the existing tunnel facility.

USGS Map   
N/A  (For Non-highway construction only)

**IMPACTS:**

	YES	NO
Significant Impacts to Planned Growth or Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relocations <b>Source: VDOT Innovative Projects Delivery Division</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substantial Land Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
USCG Construction Permit, USACE Individual Section 404 Permit <b>Source: VDOT Hampton Roads District Water Quality Staff</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adverse Effect on Historic Properties <b>Source: VDOT Hampton Roads District Cultural Resources Staff</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of Land Protected by Section 4(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significant Air, Noise or Water Quality Impacts <b>Source: VDOT Hampton Roads District Water Quality Staff</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significant Impacts on Travel Patterns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Changes in Interstate Access Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Individual or Cumulative Significant Environmental Impacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

No further environmental document will be required.

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