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Letter & Resolution from HRT

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Mr. Dwight L. Farmer
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Dear Mr. Farmer:

I am writing to bring to your attention the recent passing of the attached Resolution 11-2008: A Resolution Endorsing Transit as a Component of Any Major Transportation Link in Hampton Roads, by the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads.

As public conversation about transportation priorities and solutions continues to unfold in Hampton Roads, I trust that you will find great value in the vision that is embodied in this resolution.

Sincerely,


Michael S. Townes
President/CEO

Attachment

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RESOLUTION 11-2008

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSIT AS A COMPONENT
OF ANY MAJOR TRANSPORTATION LINK IN HAMPTON
ROADS, VIRGINIA.**

WHEREAS, the citizens, businesses and institutions of the Hampton Roads region of the Commonwealth of Virginia require an adequate, multi-modal transportation system to support the movement people, goods and services throughout the region, state, nation and the world to ensure a viable economy and superior quality of life; and

WHEREAS, past investments in the current transportation system have been largely constrained to highways and roadways and that such investment has not been able to keep pace with increasing demand; and

WHEREAS, growth in vehicle use and emissions contribute substantially to deteriorating air quality in the region and increased travel times and congestion are resulting in rising economic costs; and

WHEREAS, the cost of fuel has been shown to be volatile, rising to all-time highs during the summer and plunging again in the fall, prompting uncertainty about the future sustainability of the resource; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads region has unique and difficult geographic challenges to providing alternate modes of transportation cause by a significant amount of waterways bisected with tunnels, bridges and roadway crossings that fail to provide for dedicated facilities for mass transit alternatives; and

WHEREAS, development patterns have recognized the demand for a return to urban living and the resulting higher density has made investment in mass transit a desirable and viable alternative mode of transportation again;

WHEREAS, at its annual strategic planning meeting held on November 7 and 8, 2008, the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads envisioned the expansion of mass transit alternatives for the region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
COMMISSION OF HAMPTON ROADS VIRGINIA:**

That the Commonwealth of Virginia consider adding mass transit as a component of any major transportation link, tunnel, bridge or roadway in Hampton Roads.

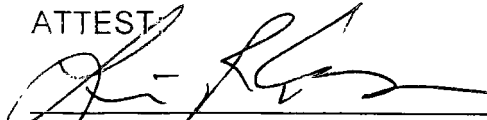
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
OF HAMPTON ROADS:**

That the President and CEO is hereby directed to communicate this resolution through appropriate correspondence to all legislative and executive branches of government with involvement in the planning, funding or construction of any major transportation link in Hampton Roads.

Adopted by the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, on this 11th day of December, 2008.

TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
OF HAMPTON ROADS

ATTEST



Commission Secretary, Luis Ramos



Chairman, Grace G. Routten