



Public Meeting Announcement  
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)

U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

*Presentation will begin promptly at the start of the meeting*

Please share your views and comments with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Virginia Division and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Region III at a public meeting regarding the transportation planning and program development process for the Hampton Roads region. The public meeting will be held in-person **on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** located at:

The Regional Building  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

If you would like to participate in the meeting virtually or by phone, please visit or click the following link:

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**Background:** Every four years, the FHWA and FTA conduct a Certification Review of the metropolitan transportation planning process that must include public involvement. Per federal statute and regulation, “in conducting a certification review, the FHWA and the FTA shall provide opportunities for public involvement within the metropolitan planning area under review. The FHWA and the FTA shall consider the public input received in arriving at a decision on a certification action.” (23 USC 134 (K)(6)(D), 23 CFR 450.336(b)(4))

The Certification formalizes continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process by U.S. DOT to help ensure that the planning requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 to 5305 are being satisfactorily implemented in a nondiscriminatory manner.

The Certification provides an opportunity to provide advice and guidance to enhance the metropolitan planning process and improve the quality of transportation decisions. Although FHWA and FTA routinely interact with the metropolitan planning organization and its partner agencies in reviewing and approving planning products and providing technical assistance, this formal external review can be a catalyst to improve the effectiveness of the planning process and its ability to address major issues facing the metropolitan area.

The HRTPO is created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process for the Hampton Roads region. The HRTPO is staffed by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC).

The scheduled public meeting is a component of the statutorily required Federal review of the transportation planning process cooperatively conducted by the HRTPO, the Hampton Roads Planning

District Commission (HRPDC), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), Suffolk Transit, and local governments serving the Hampton Roads region to assess compliance with Federal statutes and regulations. To learn more about the HRTPO, please visit: <https://www.hrtpo.org/>.



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## Participant Information

If participating virtually, public comments may be shared two ways:

- 1) Once connected to the meeting, please type your comments into the chat box or unmute your line to speak.
- 2) Submit comments via e-mail to Chelsea Beytas or Ivan Rucker (e-mails provided below)

If you require assistance or additional accommodations to participate, please contact Quan McLaurin ([qmclaurin@hrpdca.gov](mailto:qmclaurin@hrpdca.gov)) by **Friday, August 2, 2024**.

**If you are not able to attend the in-person or virtual meeting, you may also address your comments to:**

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1835 Market Street, Suite 1910 | Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 656-7961, [chelsea.beytas@dot.gov](mailto:chelsea.beytas@dot.gov)

or

Federal Highway Administration, Virginia Division  
c/o Ivan Rucker  
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**All public comments are due by Wednesday, September 10, 2024.**