

H. FTAC RESOLUTION: HAMPTON ROADS TO RALEIGH HIGHWAY CORRIDOR – FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION

Mr. David White, representing the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC), informed the HRTPO Board that on December 18, 2014, the FTAC approved a resolution “in support of securing a future interstate designation for the Hampton Roads to Raleigh Highway Corridor and requesting the completion of its corridor master plan via Virginia’s Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment.” The FTAC letter and resolution is attached.

Attachment 19-H

**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FTAC RESOLUTION 2015-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN SUPPORT OF SECURING A FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION FOR THE HAMPTON ROADS TO RALEIGH HIGHWAY CORRIDOR AND REQUESTING THE COMPLETION OF ITS CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN VIA VIRGINIA'S OFFICE OF INTERMODAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT (OIPi).

WHEREAS, as prescribed in the HRTPO Bylaws, the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) provides input and guidance as needed on issues that affect the movement of freight in Virginia for the purpose of supporting economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, key industries within Hampton Roads, such as international trade, manufacturing, tourism, military operations and retail sales rely on efficient transportation connections outside the region; and

WHEREAS, the FTAC has long supported, as part of a long-term vision of promoting economic prosperity, using a systems approach to evaluate transportation infrastructure needs, including system improvements to a series of interdependent projects as funding allows; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new regional transportation projects were evaluated for their utility, viability and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk, Virginia to Raleigh, North Carolina highway corridor is listed as a Congressional High Priority corridor and has been designated part of a Corridor of Statewide Significance in Virginia and a Strategic Highway Corridor in North Carolina;

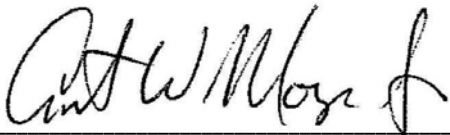
WHEREAS, there is an initiative to secure a future Interstate designation for the Hampton Roads, Virginia to Raleigh, North Carolina corridor, running along U.S. Route 17 between Chesapeake, Virginia and Williamston, North Carolina and along U.S. Route 64 between Williamston and Raleigh, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would significantly improve the transportation connection between the Hampton Roads and Raleigh commerce centers and enhance economic vitality along the corridor;

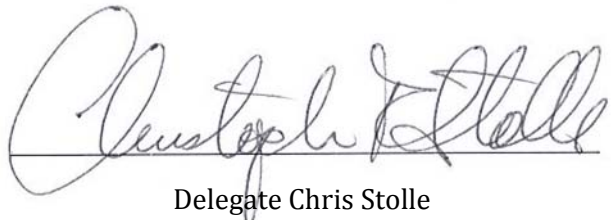
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FTAC supports securing a future Interstate designation for the Hampton Roads, Virginia to Raleigh, North Carolina Highway Corridor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FTAC requests that the VA Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment consider this segment for study via the Corridor Master Planning process as defined by the CTB.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 18th of December 2014.



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