

E. HRTPO Letter of Support for RAISE Funding for the City of Virginia Beach

Attached is a letter, dated March 25, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Ms. Katie E. Shannon, Virginia Beach Engineering Support Manager, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the City's Nimmo Parkway Phase VII-B project.

Attachment 22E

F. HRTPO Letter of Support for RAISE Funding for the Port of Virginia

Attached is a letter, dated April 8, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Ms. Barbara S. Nelson, Port of Virginia Vice President, Government Affairs and Transportation Policy, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the Port's Virginia International Gateway Wharf Expansion project.

Attachment 22F

G. HRTPO Letter of Support for Congressionally Directed Spending for the City of Chesapeake

Attached is a letter, dated April 11, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to U.S. Senator Tim Kaine and U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner, expressing HRTPO support for Congressionally Directed Spending for the City of Chesapeake's Portsmouth Boulevard Gateway project.

Attachment 22G

H. HRTPO Letter of Support for FLAP Funding for the City of Newport News

Attached is a letter, dated April 22, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Ms. Jacinda Russell, U.S. DOT FHWA Federal Lands Access Program Manager, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for segments of the Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT) within the City.

Attachment 22H

I. HRTPO Staff Request Letter to VDOT to Add the I-564 Intermodal Connector to the Virginia STRAHNET Map

Attached is letter, dated May 2, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Mr. Christopher Hall, VDOT Hampton Roads District Engineer, requesting that the I-564 Intermodal Connector be added to the Virginia Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) map.

Attachment 22I

April 22, 2022

Ms. Jacinda Russell
Federal Lands Access Program Manager
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Eastern Federal Lands Division
22001 Loudoun County Parkway
Building E2, Suite 200
Ashburn, VA 20147

RE: Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant Application for Birthplace of America Trail

Dear Ms. Russell:

The Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT) is a multi-use trail that will be the centerpiece of a regional active transportation network and economic driver connecting the Virginia Capital Trail in Richmond, Virginia to the numerous waterfront communities of Hampton Roads. The trail is designed as a shared-use path with several points of access to Colonial National Historic Park, including Historic Jamestowne, the Yorktown Battlefields, and Cape Henry as well as the Fort Monroe National Monument. The trail will enhance non-motorized transportation and tourism, as well as recreational and health and wellness opportunities for hundreds of thousands of Virginia residents, many of whom come from historically underserved communities. The entire BoAT will be approximately 190 miles when completed.

The trail section included in this FLAP application is approximately 2.6 miles in length and is located completely within Newport News Park. It provides direct access to the historic tour roads of the Yorktown Battlefield Complex within the Colonial National Historical Park, which are currently used by both pedestrians and bicyclists. The City of Newport News is planning to expand trailhead parking at the Newport News Park campground office to accommodate the anticipated increased use. The trail cross-section will be a minimum 10-foot wide, paved (bituminous) shared-use path that will generally conform to VDOT Complete Streets: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Guidelines, Bus Stop Design, and Parking Guidelines Appendix A(1) in association with local engineering standards. The shared-use path will allow visitors in Newport News Park to walk or ride a bike to directly access the national park as opposed to driving into Yorktown, helping to reduce vehicular emissions and congestion.

The total project cost is approximately \$7.1 million with the City requesting the full project amount in its FLAP application.

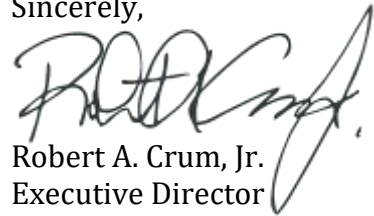
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The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is spearheading efforts to coordinate the planning and construction of the BoAT as a key active transportation facility for the region.

The staff of the HRTPO has reviewed the proposed project and it is included in the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Should this project be selected under the FLAP Grant Program and sufficiently funded, it will be added to the Transportation Improvement Program within a reasonable time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RACrum, Jr.", written over the printed name and title.

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director

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Copy: Carolyn Poissant, Newport News