

J. HRTPO Letter of Support for FTA 5339 Funding for the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)

Attached is a letter, dated May 3, 2022, from Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, to Mr. Zach Trogdon, WATA Executive Director, expressing HRTPO support for funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 Grant Program for WATA's Administration and Operations Facility project.

Attachment 22J

K. HRTPO Letter of Support for Congressionally Directed Spending for the City of Norfolk

Attached is a letter, dated May 5, 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 Norfolk's Duffys Lane Transit Transfer Center Relocation project.

Attachment 22K

L. HRTPO Letter of Support for PID Funding for the Port of Virginia

Attached is a letter, dated May 6, 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 Port Infrastructure Development (PID) Grant Program for the Port's Norfolk International Terminal North Yard Optimization project.

Attachment 22L

M. VDOT's HRTAC Program Development Monthly Executive Report

VDOT provides monthly reports to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) staff on the status of the Regional Priority Projects.

Attachment 22M

May 3, 2022

Mr. Zach Trogdon
Executive Director
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)
7239 Pocahontas Trail
Williamsburg, VA 23185

RE: HRTPO Letter of Support for the WATA Administration and Operations Facility
Project: 2022 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program Application

Dear Mr. Trogdon:

The HRTPO is pleased to provide this letter of support for WATA's funding application through the 2022 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program for the WATA Administration and Operations Facility Project. The project includes the construction and rehabilitation of the existing facility located at 7239 Pocahontas Trail in Williamsburg, Virginia.

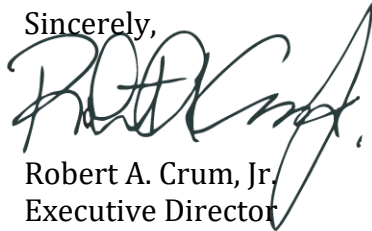
WATA is a multi-jurisdictional public transit agency providing fixed-route and ADA complementary paratransit services in the Hampton Roads region of Virginia in the City of Williamsburg, James City County, York County, and portions of the City of Newport News. WATA's services are key to addressing racial equity and barriers to opportunities by providing safe and reliable public transportation to those who are not able to afford or otherwise cannot operate a private vehicle. WATA's services also assist in addressing the emission of greenhouse gases by reducing the use of privately-owned vehicles.

WATA is requesting funding in the amount of \$5,586,090, which will be crucial in completing the construction and rehabilitation of the existing facility. Originally built for private use in 2004, the facility consists of 10,267 square feet of maintenance space and 7,112 square feet of dispatch and office space. WATA purchased the facility in October 2020 to move forward with improving the facility for public transportation use. The facility supports the services of ten (10) fixed routes and ADA complementary paratransit services. Facility upgrades include electric vehicle charging infrastructure, water reclamation equipment, dedicated training areas, and improved site security measures. The project is an infill development and is being developed completely within an existing impervious area and will therefore result in no net increase in runoff or land disturbance.

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The staff of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) has reviewed the proposed project and it is consistent with the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). If the project is selected under the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program, the funding will be added to the project, as required, in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Please contact me at (757) 420-8300 for any additional information or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Crum, Jr.", written over a printed name and title.

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director

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Copy: Barbara Creel, WATA