



## HRTPO PASSENGER RAIL PLANNING PROGRAM – NEXT STEPS

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# HRTPO BOARD PASSENGER RAIL OBJECTIVES

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## HRTPO Resolution #2009-05:

- Endorsed the designation of a “High-Speed Rail” corridor along the NS/Route 460 corridor; designated ultimately at speeds of more than 110 MPH;
- Endorsed the enhancement of existing intercity passenger rail service along the CSXT/I-64 corridor; and
- Established a Regional High-Speed Rail Task Force.

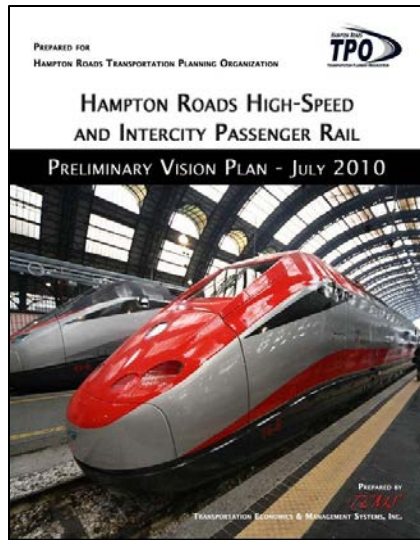
Further resolved, that the HRTPO strongly pursue hiring a long term High-Speed Rail/Intercity Passenger Rail consultant to guide the HRTPO Board through development of a strategic high speed and intercity passenger rail plan.

(October 2009 Resolution #2009-05)

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## CONTRACTED STUDIES

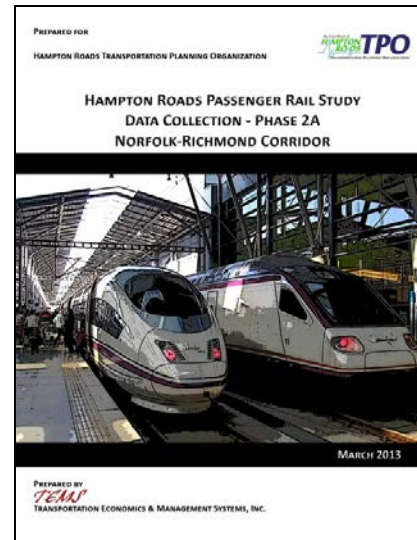
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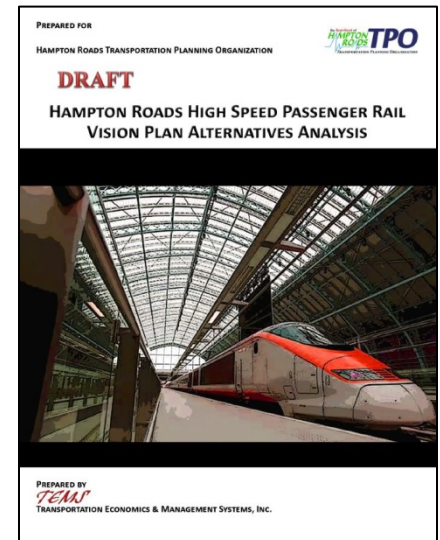
**Phase 1**  
Preliminary  
Vision Plan  
(July 2010)



**Phase 1B**  
Blueprint  
Study  
(December 2010)



**Phase 2A**  
Data  
Collection  
(March 2013)



**Phase 2B**  
Vision Plan  
(Draft)

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## PASSENGER RAIL TASK FORCE ROLE

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- Thirteen meetings since 2010
  - Topics have included:
    - High-speed rail studies
    - Norfolk Amtrak Service and Station Development
    - Newport News Multimodal Station Development
    - Virginia Beach and NNS Light Rail Extension Studies
  - Primary role in making recommendations to HRTPO Board on approval of consultant studies and providing input on related studies and projects.

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## HRTPO STAFF ROLE

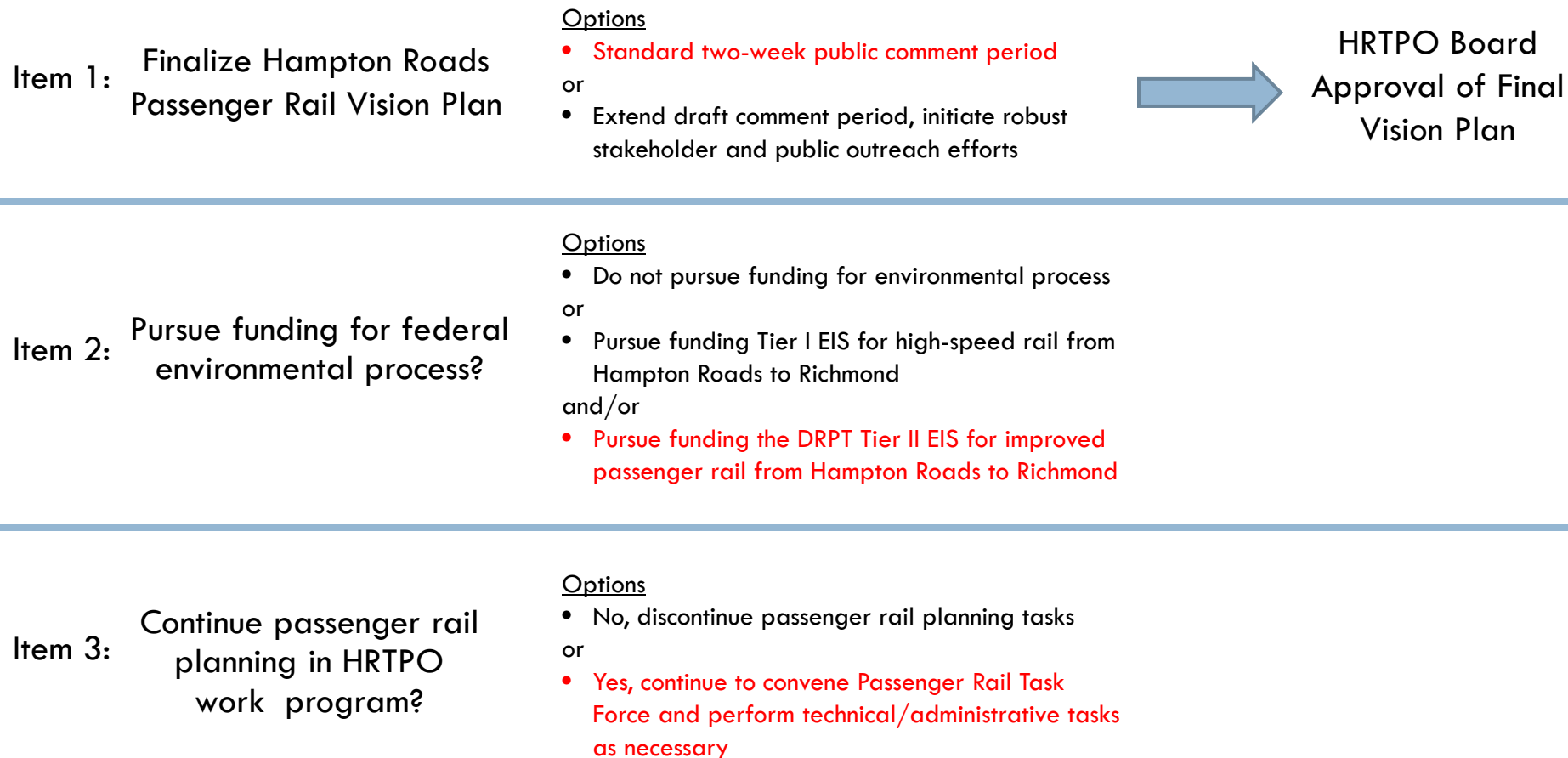
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- Administrative
  - Oversee contracts and invoicing of consultant work
  - Coordinate Passenger Rail Task Force meetings and other stakeholder involvement
  - Receive and integrate public comments into studies
- Technical
  - Review consultant analysis/data, provide feedback and resources as necessary
  - Monitor federal & state legislation and funding opportunities

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## WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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## Recommended Actions:

- 1.) Confirm that Hampton Roads Vision Plan Draft should be up for HRTPO Board approval after appropriate public comment period.
- 2.) Provide a recommendation of next steps (if any) to advance higher speed passenger rail planning in the Hampton Roads region.