

LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT



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TWO ITEMS

- ***Resolution: HRTPO 2015 Legislative Agenda***
- ***Resolution: Long-Term National Transportation Funding Authorization***

HRTPO 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Legislative Ad-hoc Committee has recommended the following priorities for inclusion in the 2015 Legislative Agenda:

- *Pursue Federal funding for Tier II EIS for higher-speed passenger rail service between Richmond and Hampton Roads*
- *Reconstitute CTB membership based on congressional districts*
- *Distribute Highway Maintenance and Operations Funds to reduce reliance upon toll dollars for maintenance of toll facilities*
- *Identify dedicated source of funds for public transportation*
- *Make Transit an eligible use of Hampton Roads Transportation Fund*

HRTPO 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (CONT.)

- *Pursue options to cover loss of state transit capital funding resulting from expiration of Capital Projects Revenue Bonds*
- *JLARC review of equity of transportation funding*
- *Full implementation of recommendations of 2010 Transportation Programs Performance Audit (HB42/SB201)*
- *Continued funding of Virginia Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund*
- *Amend HRTAC and HRTF legislation to allow for the use of HRTF moneys to fund HRTAC staff and administration*
- *Amend HRTAC legislation to allow Chief Elected Officers (CEO) to designate another member of council or board of supervisors to cast votes in place of CEO*

HRTPO 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (CONT.)

- *Amend HRTAC legislation to use decennial census population figures for year of census and Weldon Cooper Center population estimates for each year between census years*
- *Support that additional revenues from an increase in the Virginia wholesale gas tax be allocated the same way Marketplace Fairness Act revenues would have been allocated under HB2313*

URGING CONGRESS TO PASS LONG-TERM TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AUTHORIZATION

- *MAP-21 was signed into law on July 6, 2012, following several years of short-term extensions of the previous Act*
- *MAP-21 authorized funding for FY 2013 and FY 2014*
- *Congress considering extension of MAP-21, but short-term measures do not provide stable and dependable funding*
- *HRTPO Resolution urges Congress to pass a long-term surface transportation funding authorization act that ensures the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund*

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Meeting Agenda Item 16-E:

- ***Approve the two resolutions:***
 - ***HRTPO 2015 Legislative Agenda***
 - ***Long-Term National Transportation Funding Authorization***