

ITEM #13: 2018 HRTPO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: *Robert Crum, HRTPO*

SUMMARY:

The 2018 Legislative Agenda has been drafted for HRTPO Board consideration and submission to the Hampton Roads Caucus of the General Assembly and the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation. The 2018 Virginia General Assembly Session convenes on January 10, 2018.

Mr. Robert Crum, Executive Director, will brief the HRTPO Board on this item.

BACKGROUND:

The HRTPO 2018 Legislative Agenda contains the following priorities (resolution attached):

- Funding for Passenger Rail Trains 2 and 3 to Norfolk
- Efforts that promote higher-speed passenger rail service between Hampton Roads and Richmond
- Pursuit of federal/state funding for the widening of I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond from Exit 205 (Bottoms Bridge) to Exit 234 (Route 199 – Lightfoot)
- Pursuit of legislation to make whole the original intent of HB2313 by providing additional transportation funding to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF)
- Increased representation for the Hampton Roads region on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The HRTPO Rail and Public Transportation Task Force, during its meeting on September 26, 2017, unanimously recommended that the HRTPO pursue funding options to cover the loss of state transit capital funding that will result from the expiration of Capital Projects Revenue (CPR) bonds.

Attachment 13

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Action to be taken under Meeting Agenda Item #21-C):

Approve the Resolution.



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2017-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ENDORING THE HRTPO 2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.**

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), designated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with Section 134, Title 23, United States Code (23 USC 134) and applicable federal and state regulations, is the policy body responsible for the urban transportation planning and programming process of the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area;

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area includes the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, and a portion of Franklin; the counties of Isle of Wight, James City, York; and a portion of Gloucester and Southampton Counties;

WHEREAS, the HRTPO Board is comprised primarily of local elected officials and General Assembly members, representatives from the regional transit authorities as well as from state agencies such as the Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, and Virginia Department of Aviation, and federal agencies such as the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration;

WHEREAS, upon approval, this resolution will be transmitted to local governments, the Hampton Roads Caucus of the General Assembly, and the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization hereby endorses the following HRTPO 2018 Legislative Agenda:

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APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 19th day of October, 2017.

Thomas G. Shepperd
Chair
Hampton Roads Transportation
Planning Organization

Robert A. Crum Jr.
Executive Director/Secretary
Hampton Roads Transportation
Planning Organization