

**ITEM #16: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public are invited to address the HRTPO Board. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

**ITEM #17: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no submitted public comments. Any written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

**ITEM #18: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS HRTPO MEETING**

The transcribed public comments from the October 19, 2017 HRTPO Board meeting are attached.

Attachment 18

**Transcribed Public Comments from the  
October 19, 2017 HRTPO Board Meeting**

*The views and opinions expressed during the public comment period do not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the HRTPO.*

One person requested to address the HRTPO Board at the October 19, 2017 Meeting. Chair Shepperd asked her to limit her comments to three minutes.

**Ms. Donna Sayegh  
Portsmouth Citizen**

Good morning. My name is Donna Sayegh and I live in Portsmouth. On today's agenda, I see the Executive Director's report and all the meetings he has attended regarding all the preparation requesting federal grant money for all the roads, bridges, and tunnel projects in the Hampton Roads area. There's also a resolution for the HRTPO's Legislative Agenda. The resolution states that the HRTPO is designed by the Governor of Virginia in accordance with the federal bureaucracy regulations and state regulations from the federal regulations. The HRTPO, the policy body responsible for the urban transportation planning and programming process of the Hampton Roads federal Metropolitan Planning Areas. The HRTPO board is comprised primarily of local elected officials and Virginia General Assembly and elected appointed representatives from the regional transit authorities, state agencies such as VDOT, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Port Authority and the Virginia Department of Aviation and federal agencies as a Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration, after approval, this resolution is to be transmitted to locally elected officials, the Hampton Roads Caucus of the General Assembly and the Hampton Roads Federal Congressional Delegation. The legislative agenda then lists all the money at once from the tax paying citizens of the Hampton Roads area that the federal government has and is keeping. As a reminder, President Nixon on March 27, 1969, through the Government Reorganization Act, divided the United States into ten regions. Through the authority of the President of the United States, President Nixon established a federal regional council for each of the ten regions, the fact that state borders have been destroyed to create ten regions instead of 50 union states. There is no jurisdiction for a federal bureaucracy to legislate for municipal government and the union states. For example, the EPA, the DEA, IRS and FBI have no constitutional authority to legislate in a union state. These agencies of the federal government have jurisdiction only on federal territory demeaning the authority of the elected officials and replacement of these officials by appointing federal administrators is the clear and present danger to a representative government imposed by federal regional government. This body represents the federal administrators. Federal grants to state government are the fuel which makes the region engines go. The individual union states are blackmailed through withholding of federal funds if federal legislation is not enacted into state law thereby opening the door to a power base with a silent revolution of federal regionalism. Unknown to most of the public, all our laws are written by the Uniform Commission on State Law, also known as the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. We, the people, are no longer a republic. We are a socialist government ruled by dictators. Thanks for listening.