

HAMPTON ROADS PASSENGER RAIL UPDATE

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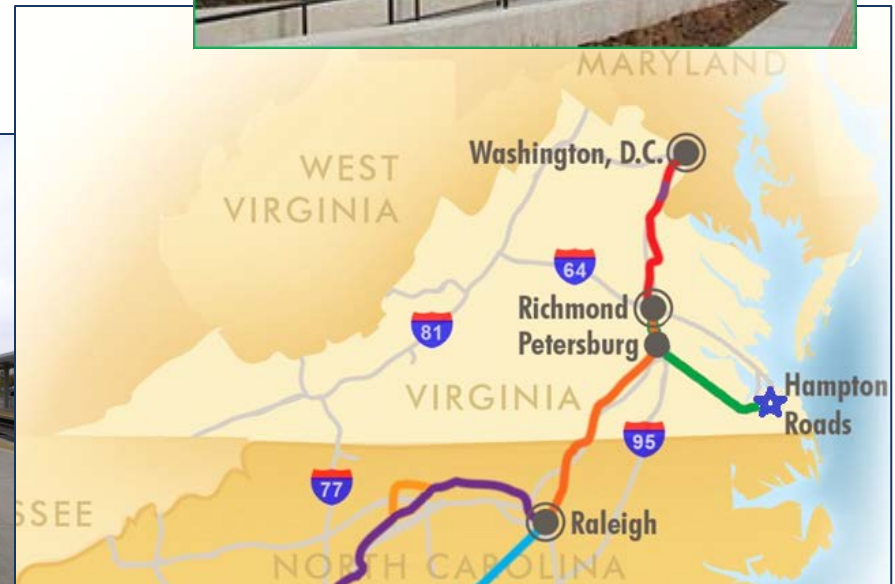
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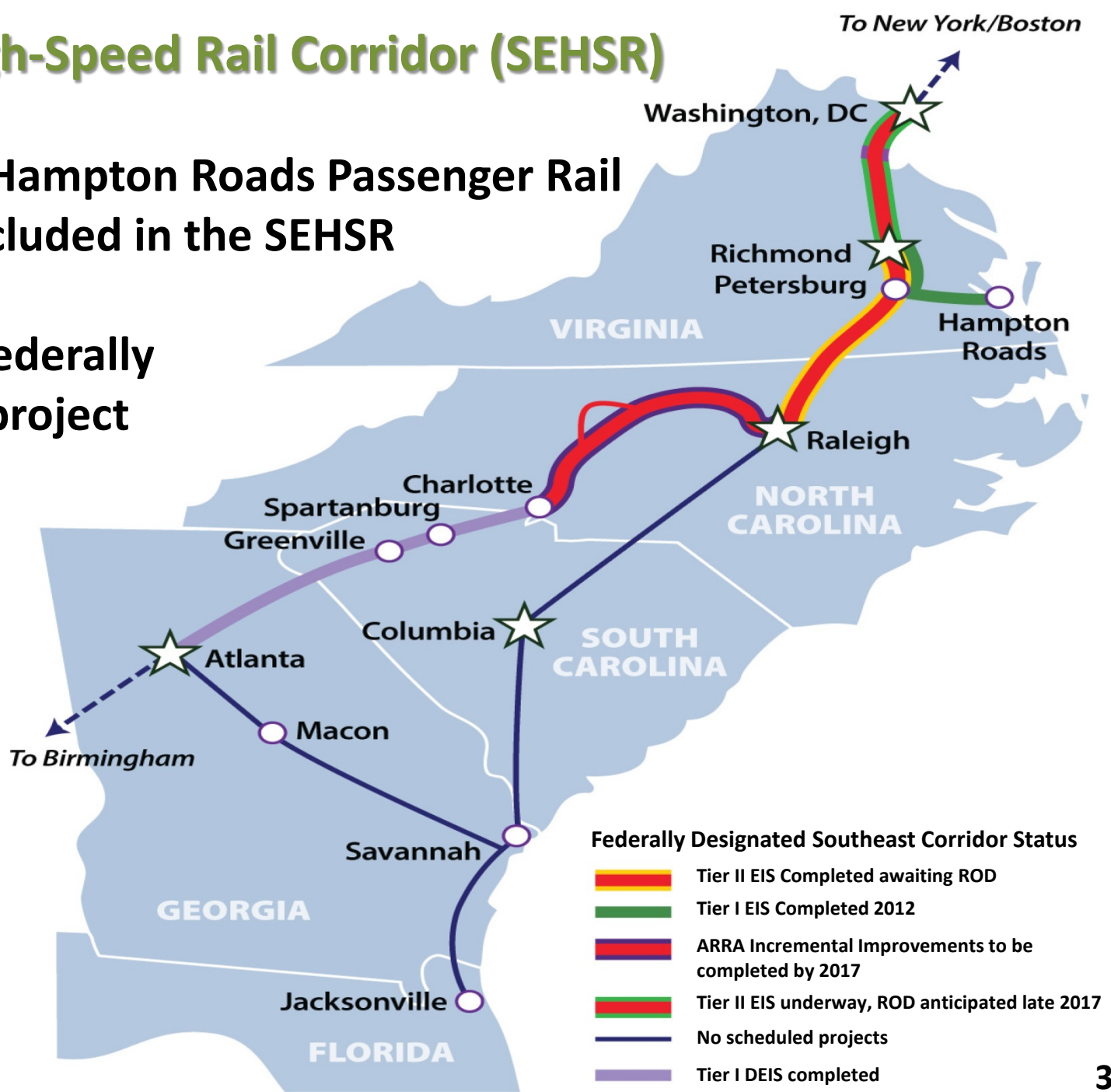
2017 HRTPO Legislative Agenda: Passenger Rail Initiatives

- Norfolk Trains 2 and 3
- Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for Richmond to Hampton Roads higher-speed passenger rail



Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor (SEHSR)

- Richmond /Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Project is included in the SEHSR
- SEHSR is a Federally designated project



Passenger Rail In Hampton Roads

- **Better promotion of existing Hampton Roads Passenger Rail service**
 - Meeting scheduled for December 8, 2016 between HRTPO staff, HRTPO Rail and Public Transportation Task Force (RPTTF), and representatives from DRPT and Amtrak.
 - Discussion will focus on marketing measures to promote ridership of the existing passenger rail system and to better inform our citizens of their passenger rail options.
- **HRTPO staff proposes to submit an IPROC application in 2017**
 - To fund a TIER II EIS for the Richmond/Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Project.
 - HRTPO submitted an IPROC application in January 2016 for the TIER II EIS.

Recommended Action

- **Authorize the Executive Director to submit an IPROC Application for the TIER II EIS for the Richmond to Hampton Roads Passenger Rail project.**
- **Action to be taken under Meeting Agenda Item #17-F.**

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