

ITEM #12: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

ITEM #13: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Submitted public comments are attached. Any written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

Attachment 13

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**HRTPO Public Comment**  
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RE: HRTPO Proposed Legislative Agenda

Name: Mr. Douglas L. Smith, Mr. Dan Bell
Date: October 31, 2013
Subject: HRTPO Proposed Legislative Agenda

Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)



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Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization

Future of Hampton Roads (FHR) is the region's independent think tank which has been a strategic proponent of regional cooperation and transportation improvements for over 30 years.

FHR has reviewed Attachment 10-C of the Hampton Road's Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) -proposed legislative agenda and is in support of the following points:

Passenger Rail:

- The HRTPO urges the Commonwealth of Virginia pursue federal funding for preparation of a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for the continuation and expansion of intercity and high-speed passenger rail service from Richmond to Hampton Roads.
- The HRTPO supports continued funding of the Virginia Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund (IPROC) at the level set forth in the Virginia Transportation Act of 2013.

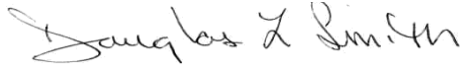
Commonwealth Transportation Board:

- The HRTPO supports reconstitution of the representation on the Commonwealth Transportation Board based on congressional districts so that representation on the CTB would be aligned with the population of the Commonwealth. Specifically, to have one CTB member appointed for each Congressional district, while retaining the current number of At-Large members.

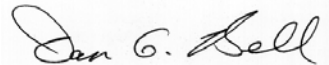
Public Transportation Funding:

- The HRTPO supports the identification of a dedicated source of funds to support public transportation for the Hampton Roads region.

FHR applauds the efforts of HRTPO and urges our legislators to pass these critical transportation improvements. Sincerely,



Douglas L. Smith – Chairman



Dan Bell – President

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**HRTPO Public Comment**  
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RE: Support for High Speed Rail in HRTPO

Name: Louis L. Guy, Jr., P.E.

Date: November 11, 2013

Subject: Support for High Speed Rail in HRTPO

Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)

I am writing to support the HRTPO Resolution, especially as it refers to High Speed Rail plans for Hampton Roads.

It is vitally important in our region for the Commonwealth of Virginia to pursue federal funding for preparation of a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for the continuation and expansion of intercity and high-speed passenger rail service from Richmond to Hampton Roads. It is also critical to continue funding of the Virginia Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund (IPROC) at the level set forth in the Virginia Transportation Act of 2013.

I commend the HRTPO for its leadership in helping the region move forward to regain its appropriate place in the nation.

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RE: Support for HRTPO Resolution

Name: James Gray, President/CEO The Hampton Roads Committee of 200+Men Incorporated

Date: November 12, 2013

Subject: Support for HRTPO Resolution

Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)



THE HAMPTON ROADS COMMITTEE OF 200+ MEN INC.

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November 12, 2013

Mayor McKinley Price, Chairman
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
723 Woodlake Drive
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Dear Mayor Price,


The Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men Inc. is a regional organization of African American Men who work together for community betterment supporting regional cooperation, educational attainment and economic justice.

Transportation, including mass transit improvements, is a vital component crucial to the economic well-being of the citizens of Hampton Roads, especially the African American community.

Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men Inc. has reviewed Attachment 10-C of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization's (HRTPO) proposed 2014 legislative agenda and we fully support the HRTPO's resolution.

Thank you for your leadership to advance transportation improvements in the Hampton Roads region. We encourage you to continue your efforts and look forward to working with the HRTPO to benefit the Hampton Roads region.

Sincerely,


James A. Gray
President/CEO