



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2013-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ENDORSING THE HRTPO 2014 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, and Williamsburg; the Counties of Isle of Wight, James City, and York; and a portion of Gloucester County;

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, the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee developed a list of legislative priorities to aid in the preparation of the HRTPO Legislative Agenda for the 2014 General Assembly session;

WHEREAS, the HRTPO has compiled the following legislative priorities to form the HRTPO 2014 Legislative Agenda for the purpose of conveying the information to the General Assembly for its review and consideration for the 2014 General Assembly session;

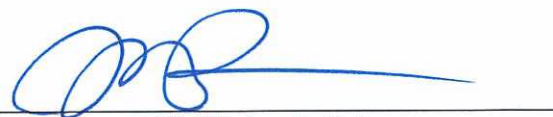
WHEREAS, upon approval, this resolution will be transmitted to local governments and the Hampton Roads Delegation of the General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization hereby endorses the following HRTPO 2014 Legislative Agenda:

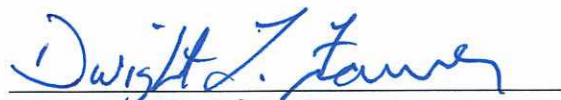
- The HRTPO urges the Commonwealth of Virginia pursue federal funding for preparation of a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for the continuation and expansion of intercity and high-speed passenger rail service from Richmond to Hampton Roads.
- The HRTPO supports reconstitution of the representation 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.

- The HRTPO supports modifying PPTA regulations and guidelines within the Virginia Code to improve transparency by:
 - Placing more decision-making authority into the hands of policymakers instead of agency management staff; and
 - Mandating a robust and comprehensive public comment period on PPTA proposals and provide contract terms and the concessions contemplated into the Comprehensive Agreement prior to final selection.
- The HRTPO supports requiring the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to distribute Highway Maintenance and Operations Funds to public and private operators of toll roads on an equitable basis, in order to reduce the reliance upon toll dollars for the funding of maintenance of toll roads. In addition, the HRTPO supports encouraging the CTB and VDOT to re-examine state maintenance commitments on existing contracts for private toll road operators.
- The HRTPO supports the identification of a dedicated source of funds to support public transportation for the Hampton Roads region.
- The HRTPO supports a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) Review of the Equity of Transportation Funding, similar to the 1984 JLARC Study #64, to provide an updated examination of the adequacy of funding for transportation.
- The HRTPO supports the full implementation of the recommendations of the 2010 HB42/SB201 Transportation Programs Performance Audit.
 - Background: JLARC was directed by the Virginia General Assembly, in its 2010 session (HB 42 and SB 201), to assess Virginia's approach to transportation planning and programming. This assessment was an attempt to *"address the alignment of Virginia's processes with federal requirements, collaboration between the State and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and staffing issues."*
- 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.
- The HRTPO supports a regional bonding authority for the Hampton Roads region.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 21st day of November 2013.



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