



HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION 2009-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL SERVICE TO RICHMOND/PETERSBURG AND TO THE HAMPTON ROADS REGION.

WHEREAS, the improved passenger rail service between Richmond and Hampton Roads to ultimately connect to the Southeast, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions as an extension of the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor will offer an alternative to congested highways and manage traffic congestion between Richmond and Hampton Roads, reduce fuel consumption, enhance local economies, revitalize urban/rural centers, provide new and/or improved freight access for a faster and cheaper way to bring goods to market, improve rail safety and enhance rail service capacity, and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization has identified the extension of high-speed rail from Washington D.C. to Richmond/Petersburg and from Richmond/Petersburg to Hampton Roads as an important regional priority and a critical connection to the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization hereby endorses the extension of high-speed rail service from Washington D.C. to Richmond/Petersburg and the Hampton Roads region; and encourages the preparation and submission of an application by the Commonwealth of Virginia for funding of this important infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization strongly encourages the Federal Railroad Administration to approve the Commonwealth of Virginia's funding application for monies to construct high-speed rail from Richmond and Petersburg to the Hampton Roads region.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 15th day of July, 2009.

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William D. Sessoms
Chairman
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Dwight L. Farmer
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