



HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
RESOLUTION 2009-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING REGIONAL HIGH-SPEED AND INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL.

*WHEREAS*, the Obama Administration "proposes to help address the Nation's transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network of 100-600 mile intercity corridors that connect communities across America;"

*WHEREAS*, significant new Federal funding has been made available in support of implementing the proposed national high-speed rail vision;

*WHEREAS*, the Federal Railroad Administration has initiated a national High-Speed Rail program and a vision for developing a cohesive national intercity and high-speed passenger rail network;

*WHEREAS*, any use of private rail infrastructure requires an agreement between the railroad, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the rail service provider;

*WHEREAS*, the Commonwealth of Virginia and State of North Carolina are positioned to extend the Northeast corridor to Charlotte via Richmond/Petersburg; and

*WHEREAS*, the Hampton Roads region is currently included on the U.S. Intercity Passenger Rail Network.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) endorses the designation of a "High-Speed Rail" corridor along the Norfolk Southern/Route 460 corridor designated ultimately at speeds of more than 110 MPH;
2. That the HRTPO, in conjunction with the high-speed rail corridor, endorses the enhancement of the intercity passenger rail service along the CSX/I-64 corridor; and
3. That the HRTPO establishes a Regional High-Speed Rail Task Force.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization strongly pursues hiring a long term High-Speed Rail/Intercity Passenger Rail consultant to guide the HRTPO Board through development of a strategic high speed and intercity passenger rail plan; and

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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William D. Sessoms  
Chairman  
Hampton Roads Transportation  
Planning Organization

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Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary  
Hampton Roads Transportation  
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