



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION 2009-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBER LOCALITIES TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 450, Title 23, United States Code and applicable federal and state regulations, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), designated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia as the metropolitan planning organization, is responsible for the urban transportation planning and programming process of the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area, which 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, Section 450, Title 23, United States Code requires that the metropolitan planning organization in an urbanized area, as a condition of the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area;

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), enacted on August 10, 2005, requires that metropolitan planning organizations develop and use a participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning and programming process;

WHEREAS, Section 450, Title 23, United States Code requires that the public involvement process be periodically reviewed by the metropolitan planning organization in terms of effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the public participation plan to ensure a full and open participation process;

WHEREAS, the HRTPO developed HRTPO Public Participation Plan cooperatively, with assistance from the Virginia Department of Transportation, Hampton Roads Transit, and the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 450, Title 23, United States Code, the HRTPO Public Participation Plan was placed under a 45-day public review and comment period, from September 24, 2009 to November 9, 2009;

WHEREAS, the HRTPO Public Participation Plan incorporates input from local and regional stakeholders and interested persons;