



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION 2010-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION'S CONVENTIONAL PASSENGER RAIL INITIATIVE, AND THE HAMPTON ROADS HIGH-SPEED AND INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL VISION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has received General Assembly approval to fund passenger rail capital improvements along the Norfolk Southern/Route 460 rail corridor between the cities of Norfolk and Richmond;

WHEREAS, DRPT has indicated the passenger rail service along the Norfolk Southern/Route 460 corridor can be implemented by calendar year 2013;

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Resolution #2009-05 led to the procurement of consultant services to develop a Hampton Roads high-speed and intercity passenger rail Preliminary Vision Plan, which evaluates the base 79-mph/90-mph concept and determine if there is a case for high-speed passenger rail service;

WHEREAS, the Preliminary Vision Plan results of the consultant's report indicate that the HRTPO objectives to bring high-speed passenger rail along the Norfolk Southern/Route 460 corridor and enhanced intercity passenger rail along the CSXT/I-64 corridor are financially and economically feasible; and

WHEREAS, additional analysis of the Preliminary Vision Plan will be required to complete the Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Vision Plan and support the results of the Preliminary Vision Plan to investigate the financial and economic feasibility of the high-speed and intercity passenger rail between the regions of Hampton Roads and Richmond/Petersburg.

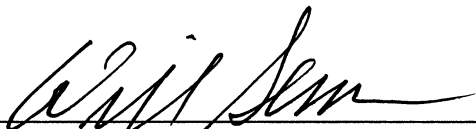
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the HRTPO fully supports DRPT's initiative for conventional passenger rail service by introducing one train per day from Richmond to Norfolk and enhancing the current service each day from Newport News to Richmond;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HRTPO endorses a Phase II consultant effort to develop a scope of work to define the necessary steps needed to upgrade the conventional speed passenger rail service to high-speed passenger rail service on both corridors; and

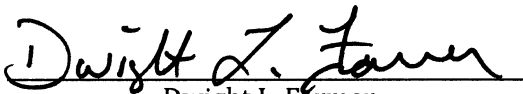


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the HRTPO Board authorizes the Executive Director to develop a Phase II scope of work and negotiate a contract between the HRTPO and TEMS, Inc. for review and approval during the September 15, 2010 HRTPO Board meeting.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 21st day of July, 2010.



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