



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2010-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ENDORING U.S. ROUTE 17/DOMINION BOULEVARD AS A REGIONAL, HIGH-PRIORITY
PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the improvement of U.S. Route 17/Dominion Boulevard is the City of Chesapeake's highest priority primary system roadway project;

WHEREAS, the federal government has recognized the importance of U.S. Route 17/Dominion Boulevard as demonstrated by its designation by the Federal Highway Administration as a National Highway System High Priority Corridor, and by the designation of Dominion Boulevard as part of the Norfolk to Raleigh Connector as per the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and the subsequent transportation reauthorization Acts, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users;

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization is responsible for allocating Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds to qualifying projects within the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area;

WHEREAS, the Chesapeake City Council has approved a resolution authorizing the Chesapeake City Manager to seek re-programming the City of Chesapeake RSTP funds in order to advance the U.S. Route 17/Dominion Boulevard project;

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake ensures compliance with newly enacted statutory requirements regarding timeframes for the obligation and expenditure of federal RSTP funds as the U.S. Route 17/Dominion Boulevard project is a ready-to-go project and can be advanced to construction;

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake RSTP funds could be applied to the purchase of right-of-way for Dominion Boulevard in accordance with the statutory time frames;

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact in regard to the environmental process;

WHEREAS, the design plans are approximately 80% complete and will be 100% complete by the end of the 2010 calendar year;

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake and Virginia Department of Transportation staff continue to refine the funding and financing plan;



WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake has received a preliminary credit rating from one of the large rating agencies indicating that the plan of finance is sound; and

WHEREAS, additional funding allocated to the U.S. Route 17/Dominion Boulevard project will be used to buy down the toll, thus ensuring toll affordability for the citizens of Hampton Roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization endorses U.S. Route 17/Dominion Boulevard as a regional, high-priority project.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 15th day of September, 2010.

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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
Planning Organization