

September 25, 2014

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FUTURE OF HAMPTON ROADS, INC.**

Whereas the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) began the development of a High Speed Rail Vision Plan in 2009 to evaluate the potential of high speed and enhanced passenger rail service alternatives for the region, the search has resulted in a number of technical reports and has been described as near completion; and

Whereas rail service, specifically high speed rail, has been identified by Future of Hampton Roads as the key transportation element necessary to maintain regional economic competitiveness by effectively connecting the region to economic centers in the northeast, southeast and around the country; and

Whereas it is the opinion of Future of Hampton Roads' Board of Directors that a final report "High Speed Rail Vision Plan" from HRTPO is vital to the region's ability to pursue funding and support for key studies, and improvements in infrastructure for rail service;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Directors for Future of Hampton Roads that the organization formally urges the HRTPO to complete and release the High Speed Rail Vision Plan as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman, Future of Hampton Roads