

**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FTAC RESOLUTION 2012-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ENDORSING THE FREIGHT PROVISIONS OF MAP-21, THE NEW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL.

WHEREAS, as prescribed in the HRTPO Bylaws, the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) advises the HRTPO Board on regional freight transportation requirements, conducts public outreach activities that help HRTPO efforts to help raise awareness of the importance of freight transportation to the region, and collects region-wide public input on these matters; and

WHEREAS, the FTAC met on July 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the FTAC discussed the new transportation bill, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)*, which was signed by the President on July 7th, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the bill gives freight movement a much higher level of visibility than in past bills; and

WHEREAS, the bill's new National Goals and Performance Measures include Freight Movement and Economic Vitality as a goal that is in the national interest; and

WHEREAS, the bill consolidates certain programs into a new, focused National Freight Network Program to improve the movement of goods; and

WHEREAS, the bill includes a new National Freight Policy that encourages investment in strategies to improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement, including state freight plans; and

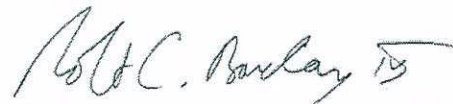
WHEREAS, the bill updates the statewide and metropolitan planning process to promote efficient system management and operations to enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the FTAC endorses the freight provisions of MAP-21, and recommends that the HRTPO direct FTAC to partner with Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning (OIP) to take actions stated in the freight provisions of MAP-21, in order to strategically place Virginia in a leadership position for freight transportation and best position Virginia and Hampton Roads for future federal freight funding.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 13th day of July, 2012.



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