

**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FTAC RESOLUTION 2013-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR 2013.**

**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 February 21, 2013 to reevaluate its goals for 2013; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee approved the following revised goals for 2013:

1. Complete the *Economic Impact Analysis for Freight Movement in Hampton Roads, Virginia* study with RSTP funding. The study will aim to provide insight for balancing transportation improvements that attract freight and economic growth vs. factors that may drive business from the region.
2. Continue the public outreach program aimed at educating the public, business community, and HRTPO about the importance of transportation to the movement of freight and how it contributes to the region's economic growth.
3. React to HRTPO agenda items and pass resolutions that promote economic vitality and the movement of freight.
4. Advocate for system-wide rail/intermodal improvements.
5. Work to make freight issues a part of the HRTPO's agenda for their annual meeting with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).
6. Continue taking actions that lead the HRTPO Board and subcommittees to treat the region's transportation system as an interconnected network.
7. Participate in discussions on local, state, and national freight policy.
8. Work with the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) to establish a Virginia Freight Advisory Committee and Statewide Freight Plan to meet the requirements of the MAP-21 federal transportation bill, with the goal of obtaining federal funding for freight transportation projects that bring economic benefits to Virginia.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 21st day of February, 2013.

  
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Bill Bell  
Chairman  
HRTPO Freight Transportation  
Advisory Committee