



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2015-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ENDORING THE HRTPO 2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.**

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), designated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with Section 134, Title 23, United States Code (23 USC 134) and applicable federal and state regulations, is the policy body responsible for the urban transportation planning and programming process of the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area;

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area includes the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg; the counties of Isle of Wight, James City, and York; and a portion of Gloucester County;

WHEREAS, the HRTPO Board is comprised primarily of local elected officials and General Assembly members, representatives from the regional transit authorities as well as from state agencies such as the Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, and Virginia Department of Aviation, and federal agencies such as the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration;

WHEREAS, upon approval, this resolution will be transmitted to local governments, the Hampton Roads Caucus of the General Assembly, and the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization hereby endorses the following HRTPO 2016 Legislative Agenda:

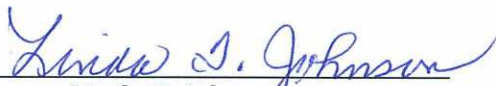
State:

- Pursuit of federal/state funding for Tier II EIS for higher-speed passenger rail between Hampton Roads and Richmond.
- Pursuit of federal/state funding for the widening of I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond.
- Supports HRTAC efforts to revise its enabling legislation to improve both operational and governance efficiencies.
- Pursuit of funding for Trains 2 & 3 to Norfolk.
- Amendment of HB 1402 (Highway maintenance: payments to City of Richmond for moving-lanes converted to bicycle lanes) to include any local government.
- Gubernatorial appointment(s) of additional Hampton Roads representation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Federal:

- Support Congressional approval for a long-term surface transportation funding authorization act.
- Support Congressional approval for the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA).
- Support Congressional recognition of regions that increase local taxes to bridge the gap between federal transportation funding and regional transportation infrastructure needs by providing bonus funding to these metropolitan regions.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 19th day of November, 2015.



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