



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD RESOLUTION 2012-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
ENDORING THE HRTPO 2013 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**, the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee developed a list of legislative priorities to aid in the preparation of the HRTPO Legislative Agenda for the 2013 General Assembly session;

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO has compiled the following legislative priorities to form the HRTPO 2013 Legislative Agenda for the purpose of conveying the information to the General Assembly for its review and consideration for the 2013 General Assembly session:

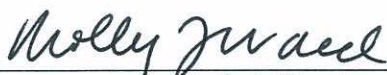
- The HRTPO supports synchronizing the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the Six-Year Improvement Program into one statewide programming document that is consistent with federal regulations and demonstrates allocations, obligations, and expenditures.
- The HRTPO supports legislation that requires sufficient funds to be provided to fully fund the Highway and Maintenance Operating Fund without impacting the Transportation Trust Fund.
- The HRTPO supports the identification of a dedicated source of funds to support both passenger rail services and their respective operating costs between Richmond and the Peninsula and Southside Hampton Roads.
- The HRTPO supports securing a dedicated, long-term and sustainable funding source for the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund.
- The HRTPO urges the Commonwealth of Virginia pursue federal funding for preparation of a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement for the continuation and expansion of intercity and high-speed passenger rail service from Richmond to Hampton Roads.

- The HRTPO urges the Commonwealth ensure a reliable dedicated source of funds for regional public transit services as part of any new Statewide or regional transportation funding solutions.
- The HRTPO supports reconstitution of the representation on the Commonwealth Transportation Board based on congressional districts by the General Assembly, as originally designated in Commonwealth Transportation Board membership.
- The HRTPO supports modifying PPTA regulations and guidelines within the Virginia Code to improve transparency by:
  - Placing more decision-making authority into the hands of policymakers instead of agency management staff; and
  - Mandating a robust and comprehensive public comment period on PPTA proposals and provide contract terms and the concessions contemplated in the Comprehensive Agreement prior to final selection.
- The HRTPO promotes policy changes that result in the flexibility for the construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the existing right-of-way.
- The HRTPO urges the Commonwealth of Virginia to pursue implementing fast ferry service in Hampton Roads and associated bus connections.

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization hereby endorses the HRTPO 2013 Legislative Agenda.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 15th day of November, 2012.




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Chair

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