



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2019-04**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD PRIORITIZE THE NEXT COMMONWEALTH-FUNDED WIDENING OF INTERSTATE 64 TO BEGIN AT EXIT 234 IN JAMES CITY COUNTY AND ADVANCE WESTWARD TOWARD BOTTOMS BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2019, the General Assembly of Virginia enacted the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program and Fund, which includes a provision that a portion of the revenues collected under the Program shall be used by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for *operational improvements and other enhancements to improve the safety and reliability of, and travel flow along, [other] interstate highway corridors in the Commonwealth;* and

WHEREAS, I-64 is the only interstate that accesses the Hampton Roads Region – home to 1.7 million people, the Port of Virginia, a large number of military installations, and a thriving tourist industry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a critical corridor for freight movement and military mobility, I-64 is a primary emergency evacuation route as well as a major route for reaching prime tourist destinations; and

WHEREAS, in the Hampton Roads Region, three projects are widening approximately 21 miles of I-64 on the Peninsula from four to six lanes between Jefferson Avenue (Exit 255) and Route 199 (Exit 234) at a total cost of \$534 million; and

WHEREAS, the I-64/Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion project and the I-64 Southside Widening and High Rise Bridge project are widening an additional 18 miles of I-64 from four to six lanes, adding a new 4-lane bridge-tunnel facility and adding a new 4-lane, high-level bridge at a total cost of \$4.39 billion; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of these five projects, 66 of the 75 miles of I-64 that lie within the Hampton Roads Region will have a cross section of at least six lanes; and

WHEREAS, the 9-mile segment of I-64, from Route 199 (Exit 234) to the James City County/New Kent County line will be the only segment of I-64 in the Hampton Roads Region with a cross section of less than six lanes; and

WHEREAS, in the Richmond area, one project will widen approximately 4 miles of I-64 from four to six lanes between I-295 (Exit 200) and Bottoms Bridge (Exit 205); and

WHEREAS, the widening of the 29-mile segment of I-64 from Route 199 (Exit 234) to Bottoms Bridge (Exit 205) from four to six lanes has been deemed to be a priority by the State; and



WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Region has demonstrated its commitment to improving I-64 by funding more than 87 percent of total cost of the five Hampton Roads projects described above with regional funds allocated by the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the HRTPO hereby encourages the Commonwealth Transportation Board to keep up the momentum of the Region's I-64 improvements that have steadily been progressing up the Peninsula toward Richmond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the HRTPO requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board prioritize the next Commonwealth-funded widening of Interstate 64 to begin at Exit 234 in James City County and advance in phases towards Bottoms Bridge.

This Action was **APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 18th day of July, 2019.

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