

ITEM #9: HB2313 HRTF REVENUES: RESOLUTION

In recent meetings, the HRTPO Board has been briefed on programming options that would maximize the “regional” component of the HB2313 transportation revenues. The legislation dedicates two revenue streams to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) and prescribes the HRTPO to have full purview and discretion on how and when to spend these dollars. Beginning in FY 2014, HRTF funding will be approximately \$179 million, growing to \$234 million in FY 2019, generating approximately \$5.5 billion over the next twenty years for regional transportation projects that provide the greatest impact on reducing congestion as prescribed in HB2313.

During the July 18, 2013 meeting, members of the Hampton Roads General Assembly Delegation specified that the intent of the HRTF revenues prescribed in the HB2313 legislation would be used, in the most effective manner possible, to fund transportation projects that provide the greatest impact on reducing congestion. They also clarified it was not their intent that the HRTF be used to fund projects in every locality within Planning District 23, but rather to fund projects that are significant to the region as a whole.

The purpose of the attached resolution is to confirm the intent of the HRTPO Board regarding the use of HRTF revenues. The resolution is included under Consent Agenda Item #12-K for HRTPO Board approval.

In a related matter, HRTPO staff is currently updating the prioritization scores for all of the regionally significant projects and studies in the 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan. This information will be presented to the Board in October to assist in the selection of projects to be funded with HRTF revenues.

Mayor Molly Ward, HRTPO Chair, will lead the discussion on this item.

Attachment 9



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BOARD RESOLUTION 2013-06**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ENDORSING THE PURPOSE OF HOUSE BILL 2313 HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUES.

WHEREAS, HB2313 establishes new revenues for transportation, a portion of which will be deposited to a newly established Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (the "Fund") effective July 1, 2013;

WHEREAS, HB2313 provides that the Fund be expended solely for new construction projects on new or existing roads, bridges and tunnels in the localities comprising Planning District 23 as approved by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (the "HRTPO") and that the HRTPO shall give priority to those projects that are expected to provide the greatest impact on reducing congestion; and

WHEREAS, the HRTPO understands the intent of the legislation to mean that the Fund must be utilized in the most effective and efficient manner and applied to regionally significant projects to reduce congestion for the benefit of the entire Planning District 23 region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization endorses the identification of Fund revenues, as prescribed in HB2313, for the use of funding regionally significant projects.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization at its meeting on the 19th day of September, 2013.

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