

# HRTPO 2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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# PROPOSED ITEM

## *Continue to pursue Federal and State funding for the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project.*

- Largest transportation project in Virginia's history at \$3.8 Billion.*
- Majority of funding currently provided by HRTAC regional taxes.*
- Project supports military (national security), Port (east coast economy), emergency evacuation, and State tourism industry.*

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*Request that the Commonwealth place priority on widening the 9-mile section of I-64 from Exit 234 (Route 199 – Lightfoot) to the James City County/New Kent County line.*

- Monies allocated to the I-64 corridor from the I-81 funding agreement should be prioritized for investment in this project.*

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## *Support increased funding to the Virginia SMART SCALE Program.*

- Due to limited funding, SMART SCALE project selection is only conducted every two years.*
- The most recent Statewide competitive pool included less than \$450 Million for entire state.*
- By comparison, Hampton Roads is funding over \$5 Billion of Interstate Highway projects with regional funds through HRTAC.*

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# RECOMMENDED ACTION

- *Approve HRTPO Resolution 2019-05 for submittal to local governments and the Hampton Roads Caucus of the General Assembly.*