



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION 2010-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ENDORSING A STRATEGY TO ENSURE THAT NO ARRA FUNDS ARE LOST FROM HAMPTON ROADS.

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, signed into law on February 17, 2009, provided \$27.5 billion nationwide for highway infrastructure improvements;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia received an ARRA apportionment of \$694 million for highway infrastructure improvements, of which the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Area received \$41 million;

WHEREAS, since March 2009, the \$41 million in ARRA funding has been sub-allocated to Hampton Roads localities and transit agencies through the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO);

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has set an absolute deadline of February 2, 2010 for the final submission of all required documents (bid documents, detailed estimate, scoping document, environmental documents and due diligence forms, public involvement exemptions, etc.) for each ARRA-funded project;

WHEREAS, any ARRA funds that are not obligated by March 2, 2010 may be withdrawn and redistributed to States that have had no funds withdrawn;

WHEREAS, VDOT is concerned that some locality-administered projects may not meet the March 2, 2010 obligation deadline;

WHEREAS, as insurance against any ARRA funds being lost from Hampton Roads, VDOT has proposed a substitute project to which at-risk ARRA funds could be transferred; and

WHEREAS, the substitute project is Princess Anne Road, widen to four lanes between Dam Neck Road and Holland Road (UPC# 93522), which is a certified ARRA project that is on schedule to meet the March 2, 2010 obligation deadline.