



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
BOARD RESOLUTION 2011-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
ENDORING THE HRTPO 2012 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 2012 General Assembly session;

**WHEREAS**, the HRTPO has compiled the following nine legislative priorities to form the HRTPO 2012 Legislative Agenda for the purpose of conveying the information to the General Assembly for its review and consideration for the 2012 General Assembly session:

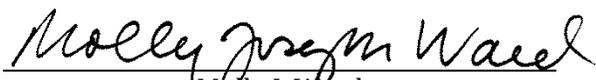
- The HRTPO supports synchronizing the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) into one statewide programming document that is consistent with federal regulations and demonstrates allocations, obligations, and expenditures.
- The HRTPO supports the implementation of the recommendations of the December 2010 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) audit as it pertains to review of Virginia's transportation planning and programming.
- The HRTPO supports the synchronization of the codification of metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), the Virginia Department of Transportation and Department of Rail and Public Transportation in the Code of Virginia to align with the federal regulations on transportation as they pertain to the role, responsibilities and products of MPOs and State agencies in the transportation planning and programming processes.

- The HRTPO supports legislation that requires sufficient funds to be provided to fully fund the Highway and Maintenance Operating Fund.
- The HRTPO supports the identification of a dedicated source of funds to support passenger rail operating costs between Richmond/Petersburg and Hampton Roads including the Peninsula and Southside.
- The HRTPO supports legislation requiring that the Commonwealth of Virginia pursue federal funding for the continuation and expansion of intercity and high-speed passenger rail service in the Hampton Roads region.
- The HRTPO supports the removal of the matching requirement for passenger rail projects as prescribed in the Rail Enhancement Fund; *“Such projects shall include a minimum of 30 percent cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, or a local government source, or a combination of such sources.”*
- The HRTPO supports the addition of “federal funds” to the list of matching sources for passenger rail projects seeking funding from the Rail Enhancement Fund; amending the sentence *“Such projects shall include a minimum of 30 percent cash or in-kind matching contribution from a private source, which may include a railroad, a regional authority, or a local government source, or a combination of such sources.”*
- The HRTPO supports reconstitution of the representation on the Commonwealth Transportation Board that is more commensurate with the population distribution of the Commonwealth.

**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 2012 Legislative Agenda.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 20th day of October, 2011.



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