

**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FTAC RESOLUTION 2015-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN SUPPORT OF SECURING A FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION FOR THE HAMPTON ROADS TO RALEIGH HIGHWAY CORRIDOR AND REQUESTING THE COMPLETION OF ITS CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN VIA VIRGINIA'S OFFICE OF INTERMODAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT (OIPi).**

**WHEREAS**, as prescribed in the HRTPO Bylaws, the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) provides input and guidance as needed on issues that affect the movement of freight in Virginia for the purpose of supporting economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, key industries within Hampton Roads, such as international trade, manufacturing, tourism, military operations and retail sales rely on efficient transportation connections outside the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the FTAC has long supported, as part of a long-term vision of promoting economic prosperity, using a systems approach to evaluate transportation infrastructure needs, including system improvements to a series of interdependent projects as funding allows; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed new regional transportation projects were evaluated for their utility, viability and economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Norfolk, Virginia to Raleigh, North Carolina highway corridor is listed as a Congressional High Priority corridor and has been designated part of a Corridor of Statewide Significance in Virginia and a Strategic Highway Corridor in North Carolina;


**WHEREAS**, there is an initiative to secure a future Interstate designation for the Hampton Roads, Virginia to Raleigh, North Carolina corridor, running along U.S. Route 17 between Chesapeake, Virginia and Williamston, North Carolina and along U.S. Route 64 between Williamston and Raleigh, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative would significantly improve the transportation connection between the Hampton Roads and Raleigh commerce centers and enhance economic vitality along the corridor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the FTAC supports securing a future Interstate designation for the Hampton Roads, Virginia to Raleigh, North Carolina Highway Corridor, and

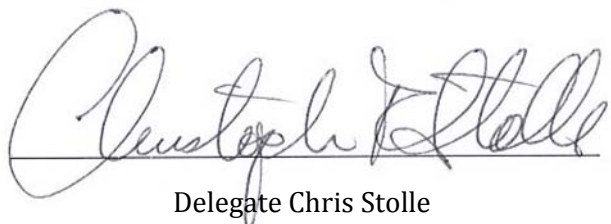
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the FTAC requests that the VA Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment consider this segment for study via the Corridor Master Planning process as defined by the CTB.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 18th of December 2014.



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