

Regional Legislative Committee

August 12, 2025

Primary and Secondary Road Fund

- Over \$3 Billion of needed transportation improvements on our region's Primary and Secondary Roads
- Current Hampton Roads Transportation Fund includes a regional sales tax the equivalent of 7/10 of a penny
- Increasing the regional sales tax to a full penny would generate approximately \$84 Million per year that could be financed through HRTAC to address unfunded needs

Impacts on our Residents

- \$ 48 per year per person
- \$ 4 per month per person



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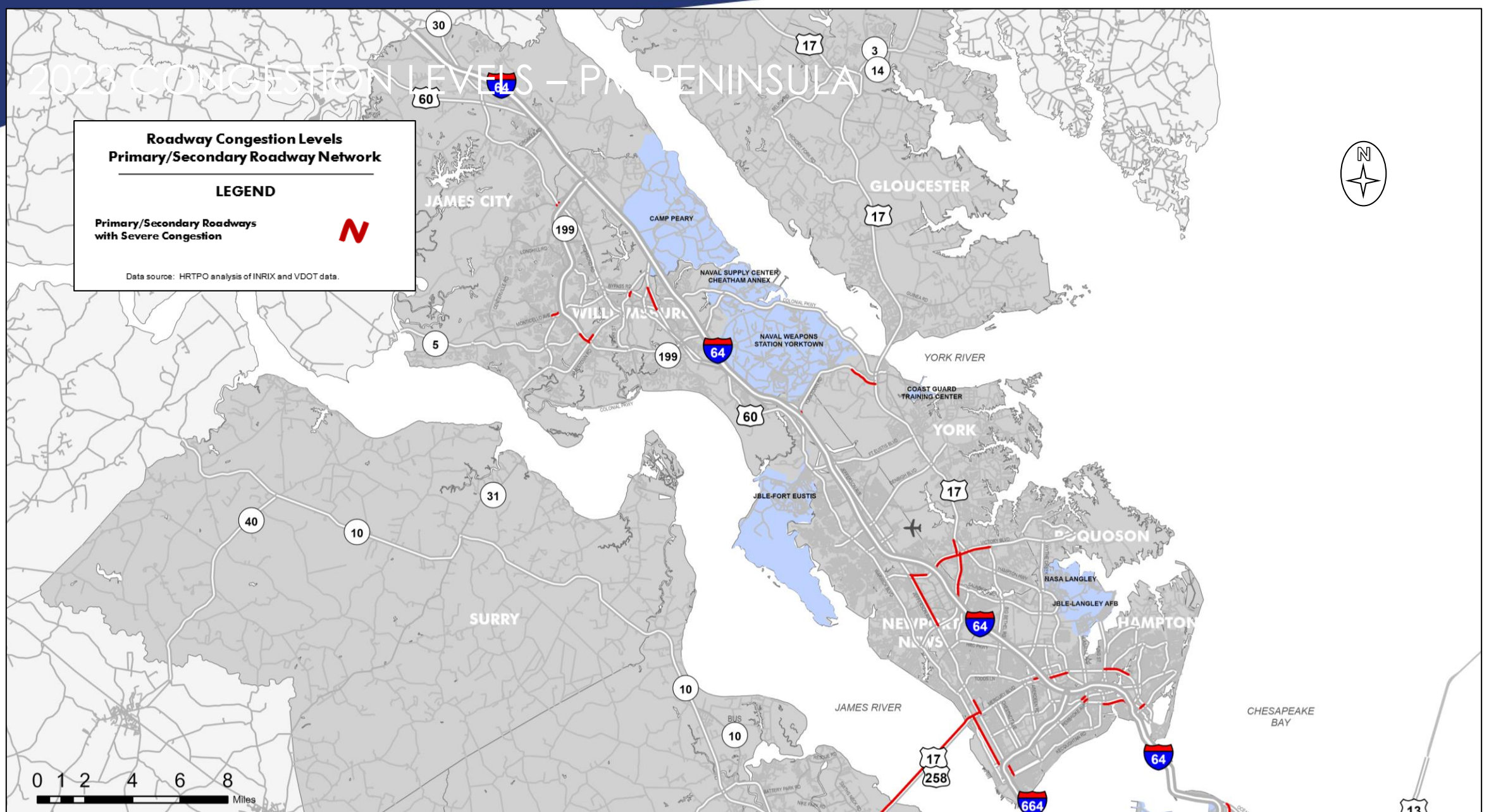
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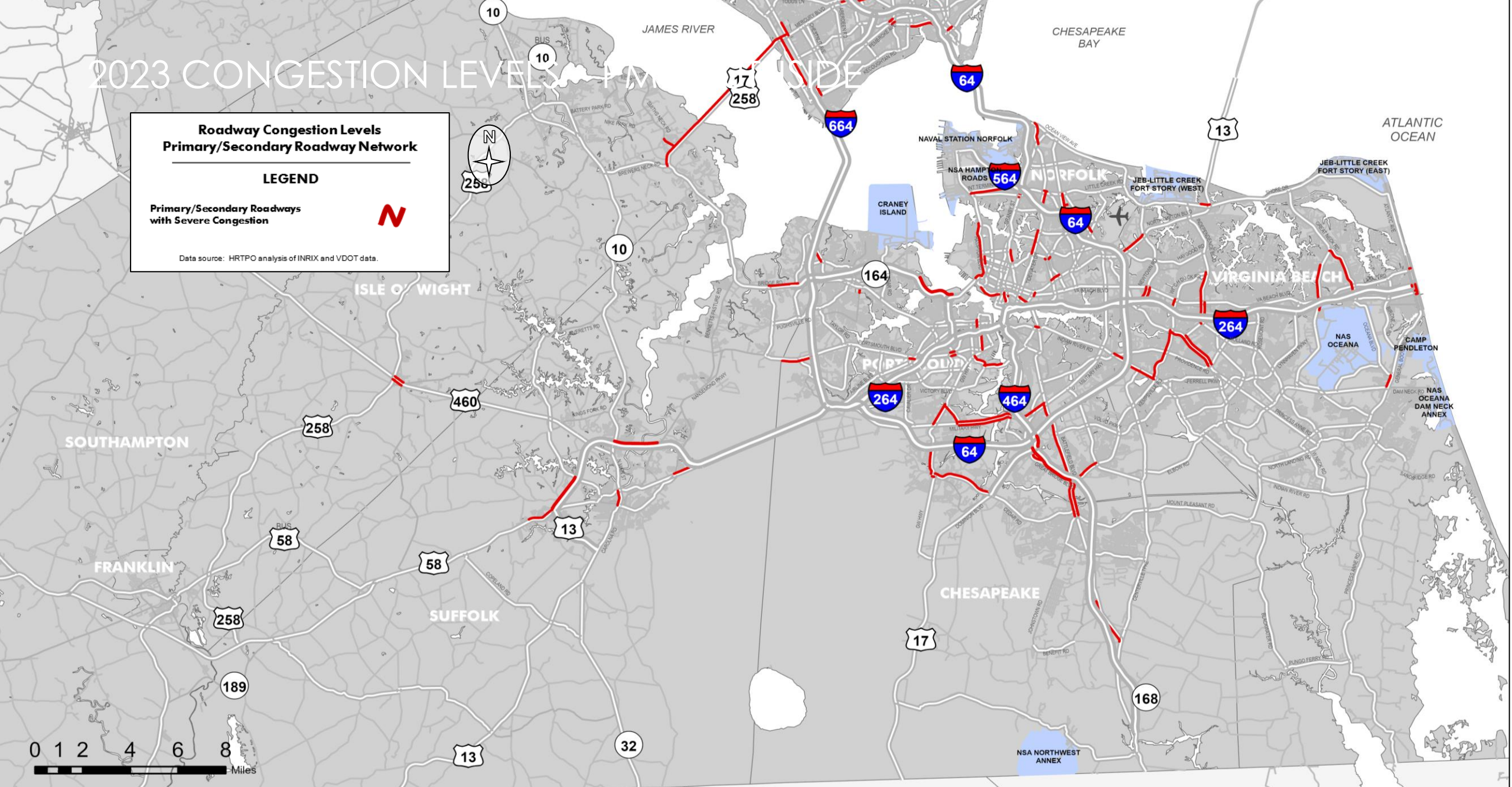
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Examples of Congested Primaries/Secondaries

AM Peak

Peninsula

- Hampton Hwy
- Penniman Rd
- Richmond Rd

Southside

- Battlefield Blvd
- Chesapeake Expy
- Hampton Blvd
- Indian River Rd
- Military Hwy/Gilmerton Br
- Northampton Blvd
- Princess Anne Rd
- Route 10 Smithfield
- Victory Blvd
- Western Fwy

PM Peak

Peninsula

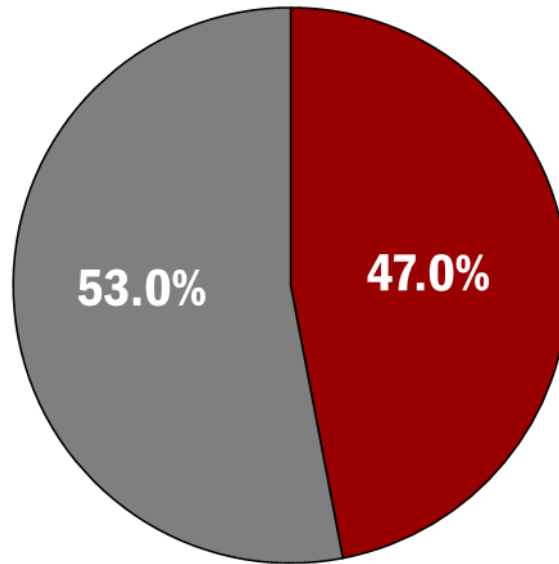
- Goosley Rd
- James River Bridge
- Jefferson Ave
- Mercury Blvd
- Monticello Ave
- Oyster Point Rd
- Richmond Rd
- Route 17 (NN/York)
- Route 199/Jamestown Rd
- Victory Blvd

Southside

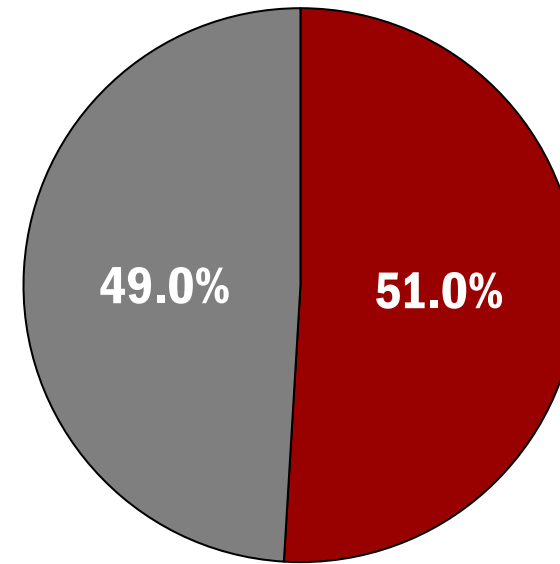
- Battlefield Blvd
- Bridge Rd
- Chesapeake Expy
- Elm Ave
- Great Neck Rd
- Hampton Blvd
- Independence Blvd
- Indian River Rd
- Kempsville Rd
- Military Hwy/Gilmerton Br
- Portsmouth Blvd
- Route 17/258 (JRB)
- Smiths Neck Rd
- Suffolk Bypass
- Western Fwy

REGIONAL CONGESTION BY LANE-MILE (2023)

**AM Peak
Period**



**PM Peak
Period**



- **Primaries/Secondaries**
- **Others (Interstates, Urban, etc.)**

Thank You Hampton Roads Caucus

- HB 2466 – Passed House and Senate
- Vetoed by Governor
- HRTPO requests that the Hampton Roads Caucus resubmit a similar Bill this year

Funding for Flood Prevention

- Continue to provide State funding to support the Community Flood Preparedness Fund (Minimum of \$ 200 Million)
- Develop a State funding program to provide the non-federal match for federal grants to support large-scale flood relief projects

State Funding for HRPDC

Current State Funding at \$ 190,943

Budget Amendment Submitted in both Senate and House

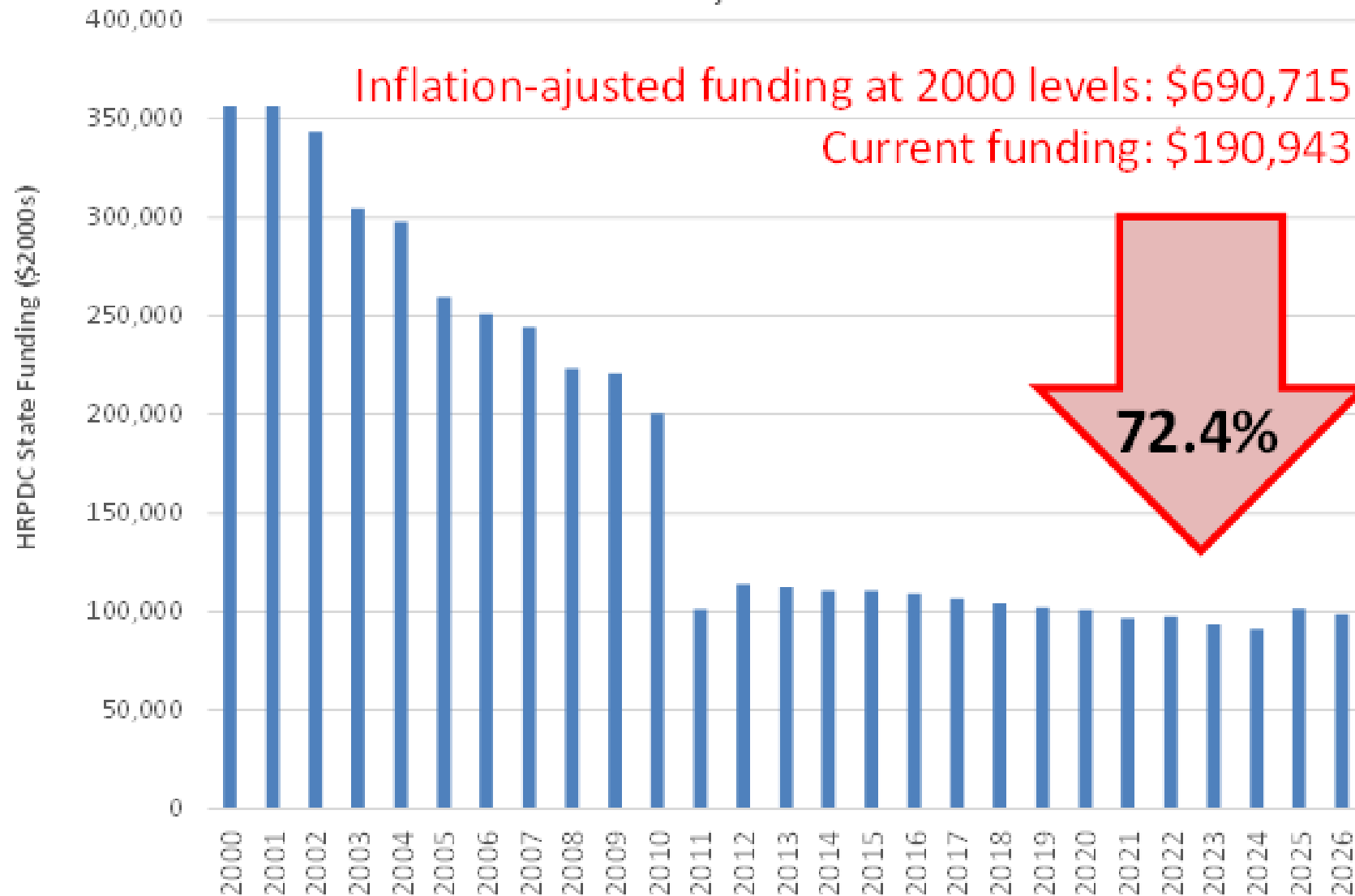
Senator Christie New Craig

Delegate Cliff Hayes

\$ 190,000 State Funding Increase to the HRPDC was not included in State Budget

State Funding for HRPDC

Inflation-Adjusted



Request

- Restore State Funding for Virginia's Planning District Commissions
- Coordinated statewide effort with all 21 PDCs

Trail Funding

Virginia Capital Trail

- 52-mile trail extending from downtown Richmond to James City County.
- Trail planning started in the late 90s, with trail construction ending in 2015.
- Over 1 million users on the trail in 2020.

Funding Needs – Approximately \$400 M

- **Trail 757: \$240-\$300 million**
 - Approx. 60 miles remaining, \$240 - \$300 million
- **Dismal Swamp Trail: \$3 million**
 - Total 5 miles of trail to complete the gap between the Virginia and North Carolina sections.
 - Approx. 1.8 miles remain on the Virginia side of the trail; TPO staff estimate around \$3 million.
- **VB Trail: \$55 million**
 - Funding is needed for the design and construction of 7 miles;
- **ERT: \$47- \$53 million**
 - Approx 7 – 10 miles planned east extension (pending route selection)
 - TPO staff estimate: Around \$47 - \$53 million
- **Other: \$25 million**
 - TPO staff estimate approximately \$25 million to complete sections of the SHRT in Chesapeake and Portsmouth

Emergency Management (recommendations from AHAC)

- Increase Regional Sheltering/Mass Care Capabilities
- Improve Shelter Staffing
- Create a Statewide Shelter Registration System
- Strengthen Emergency Management
- Enhance VDEM Financial Independence

Currently, only 20% of VDEM's budget is supported with State dollars – 80 % is provided by Federal grant monies

Energy Supply

- Support State policies that provide for a comprehensive approach to energy supply development
 - Offshore Wind
 - Natural Gas
 - SMRs

Other Potential Legislative Items

- Support Faster and More Reliable Passenger Rail Service between Hampton Roads, Richmond and the Northeast Corridor
- Adequate Funding for Hampton Roads' Three Transit Providers
- Continue Efforts to Mitigate Toll Impacts at Downtown and Midtown Tunnels
- Provide adequate funding for transportation network maintenance and repair
- Funding to support economic development site preparation