

Regional Legislative Agenda Update

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
January 19, 2023

Process

- July 21:** HRPDC and HRTPO Board
- August 11:** HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee
- August 22:** HRPDC Coastal Resilience Subcommittee
- August 29:** Regional Legislative Committee and Legislative Liaisons
- Sept 7:** CAO Committee
- Sept 16:** HRTPO Elizabeth River Crossing Task Force
- Sept 22:** Mayor/CAO Roundtable on Violence and Crime Prevention
- October 19:** HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee
- October 20:** HRPDC and HRTPO Board Approval

Public Safety Items

- CAOs work session with Commonwealth Attorneys/Police Chiefs
- December 5 – Mayor/CAO Violence Prevention Roundtable meeting with Commonwealth Attorney/Police Chief representatives
- As follow up, additional public safety items forwarded to HRPDC members with a request that any concerns be conveyed to staff – full support received for public safety additions

General Assembly Session

January 11: Convened

February 7: Crossover, last day for each house to act on its own legislation, except budget bills

February 23: Last day to act on remaining bills, and appoint conferees

February 25: Session adjourns

March 27: Last day for Governor's action on legislation

July 1: Effective date of legislation

General Assembly

- Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) Executive Directors meeting and legislator meetings on January 20 (Executive Director is member of VAPDC Board)
- Presentation to Hampton Roads Caucus on January 26 on Hampton Roads Regional Legislative Priorities
- Presentation to Virginia Outdoors Caucus on February 12 regarding Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT)

Public Safety

- Several bills have been introduced around regional legislative priorities such as:

Mental Health **

Witness Protection Program Funding **

Invest in New Forensic Tools

Support for 599 Funding

Coordinated Case Management System

Flock Cameras

Temporary Detention Order (TDO) **

Conflict Resolution/Mediation Skills in K-12 Public Schools

Enable Assistance from Retired Public Safety Professionals **

Study use of Technology to Address Violence and Crime

Mayor/CAO Roundtable

- Next Mayor/CAO Roundtable meeting will be scheduled for March
- Agenda items:
 - Discussion with mental health professionals
 - Update from Violence/Crime Dashboard Work Group
 - Review from General Assembly Session

Regional Violence Prevention Framework used as a guide

Flooding/Resilience

- Dedicated funding source for flood prevention projects
 - Governor's proposed budget includes \$ 200 million for Virginia Revolving Loan Fund
 - Loan program rather than a grant program
- Monitor status of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)
- Create a State structure for coordination

I-64 Gap Funding

29-mile gap between Exit 234 and Exit 205

Total cost for 29 miles is approximately \$ 750 million

The Hampton Roads region, through HRTAC, has invested \$ 311 million to complete three phases of I-64 improvements on the Peninsula to west of Williamsburg which have decreased the Gap by 21 miles

I-64 Gap Funding Status

Virginia General Assembly	\$ 470 million
Central Virginia Transportation Authority	\$ 100 million
Federal Rural Program Grant (New Kent section)	<u>\$ 25 million</u>
	\$ 595 million

\$ 750 m - \$ 595 million = \$155 million

Project to be approached in 3-phases

Potential Funding Sources

Virginia Smart Scale Program

Federal RAISE program (HRTPO application due end of February for \$ 25 million)

Budget amendment

Birthplace of America Trail

- Extension of 52 mile Virginia Capital Trail
- Williamsburg to Fort Monroe on Peninsula
- Jamestown Ferry to VA Beach on Southside
- Over \$ 95 million in budget for trails
- Make BoAT trail one of the “Big 4” trail opportunities in Virginia
- Presentation to VA Outdoor Caucus on February 12
- Pursue opportunities for budget amendments
 - Delegate Brewer has submitted a Budget Amendment for \$ 20 million to support the South Hampton Roads Trail and the Birthplace of American Trail

HB 1531 – Hampton Roads Interstate Highway Corridor Improvement Program and Fund

- Introduced by Delegate Jenkins
- Provides program for infrastructure and safety improvements to highway corridors surrounding and paralleling interstate highways in Planning District 23
- Funded by an additional 0.30 percent sales and use tax (would generate an additional \$84 million per year)
- Current HRTAC/HRTF regional tax for transportation is 0.70 percent

Jefferson Lab

- HRPDC has unanimously supported the location of a High-Performance Data Facility at Jefferson Lab
- HRPDC letter of support sent to Governor's office
- State non-federal match included in Governor's proposed budget