

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #19: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

- A. Letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Mr. William Harrell City Manager, City of Chesapeake, March 8, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Mr. William Harrell City Manager, City of Chesapeake, informing the Commission of his decision to resign as Chesapeake City Manager to take on the responsibility of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hampton Roads Transit.

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- B. Letter to Shernita Bethea, Housing Administrator, HRPDC from Ms. Clarissa McAdoo, Executive Director, Suffolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority, March 15, 2012.**

Attached is a letter Shernita Bethea, Housing Administrator, HRPDC from Ms. Clarissa McAdoo, Executive Director, Suffolk Redevelopment & Housing Authority thanking her for participating and attending the Choice Neighborhood Initiative Planning Grant Information Session held on February 27, 2012.

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- C. Letter to Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, HRPDC from Mr. David Garraty, Professor, Virginia Wesleyan College, March 16, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, HRPDC from Mr. David Garraty, Professor, Virginia Wesleyan College thanking him for participating on a panel on the Hampton Roads Partnership's Shared Services Project.

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- D. Letter to John Carlock, Deputy Director, HRPDC from Mr. L. Preston Bryant, Senior Vice President, Infrastructure and Economic Development, McGuire Woods Consulting, March 28, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to John Carlock, Deputy Executive Director, HRPDC from Mr. L. Preston Bryant, Senior Vice President, Infrastructure and Economic Development, McGuire Woods Consulting, thanking him for the opportunity to work with HRPDC on the nutrient credit trading matters during the 2012 General Assembly session.

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E. Letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Mr. Amar Dwarkanath Interim City Manager, City of Chesapeake, April 2, 2012.

Attached is a letter to Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director from Mr. Amar Dwarkanath Interim City Manager, City of Chesapeake, resigning from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission as alternate member.

Attachment 19E

F. Letter to Elected Officials of Virginia's Golden Crescent from Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs Caucus, April 11, 2012.

Attached is a letter from the Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs Caucus to the Chief Elected Officials of the localities in Virginia's Golden Crescent proposing a collaborative approach to address transportation funding and potentially other issues of mutual concern.

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March 8, 2012

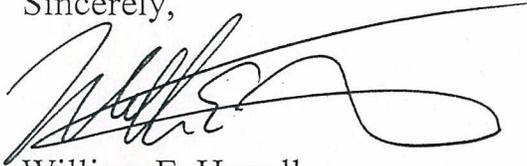
Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dwight
Dear Mr. Farmer:

Effective March 31, 2012, I resign my position as Chesapeake City Manager to take on the responsibility of President and Chief Executive Officer of Hampton Roads Transit. To this end, please consider this my resignation as a voting member of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) and an alternate on the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). I am proud of the progress we have made advancing the interests of the Hampton Roads region.

I also look forward to working with you in my new capacity on the TPO as we take on the challenging issues of transportation and regional mobility. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



William E. Harrell
City Manager

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- c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
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March 15, 2012

Shernita Bethea
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RE: East Suffolk Community: White Marsh Neighborhood Initiative

Dear Ms. Bethea:

Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (SRHA) would like to thank you for your participation and attendance at our **Choice Neighborhood Initiative Planning Grant Information Session** held on February 27, 2012. It is with pleasure that we were able to come together with neighboring businesses, residents and HUD officials to share our ideas on this endeavor and discuss the key components of the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant.

Our goal is to utilize the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant to transform a part of East Suffolk into a sound mixed-use, mixed-income community that sustains positive outcomes for families. Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority can not do this alone. Community outreach and collaboration are the keys to our success and to those we serve. We are confident that with your support we can continue to promote the development of this community transformation that is consistent with HUD's plan under this grant program.

Working together we can accomplish great things. A vibrant community is one of those. Your continued support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Clarissa E. McAdoo, PHM
Executive director

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March 16, 2012

Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
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Dear Greg:

Thank you for participating in yesterday's panel on the Hampton Roads Partnership's Shared Services Project. Your overview of the theoretical context for shared services initiatives nicely set the stage for the rest of the presentations. Your description of the tradeoff between the sorting theory and amalgamation concepts led to some lively discussions following the panel.

I was disappointed that attendance at the panel was lower than I had hoped and imagined it would be. However, many of those who did attend told me later how much they enjoyed the panel and how much they learned about shared services in general and the Partnership's Shared Services Project in particular.

Again, thank you for your willingness to participate in the panel. I was happy to hear that you intend to participate in future meetings at the Virginia Association of Economists.

Sincerely,

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David G. Garraty, Professor

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March 28, 2012

John M. Carlock, AICP
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Dear John:

I very much enjoyed working with you and your colleagues at the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission on nutrient credit trading matters during the 2012 General Assembly session. Our work together is embodied in House Bill 176 and Senate Bill 77.

The nutrient credit legislation was one of two significant natural resources initiatives during the 2012 session, the other being the Governor McDonnell's effort to integrate elements of the Chesapeake Bay Act, the Stormwater Management Act, and the Erosion and Sediment Control Act (House Bill 1065 and Senate Bill 407).

We began the legislative session with the goal of hoping to influence the nutrient credit trading legislation in ways that were protective and promotional of HRPDC's and its member localities' interests. Specifically, per our discussions with you and your team, we hoped to (i) see that the framework of an expanded nutrient credit exchange program would allow MS4 permit holders to trade with all sectors to achieve MS4 compliance; (ii) provide localities with the authority to establish local nutrient credit exchange programs; and (iii) grant localities' early notice of certain credits generated on private property within its jurisdiction. We also had developed a secondary list of more detailed items that should be considered for an expanded nutrient credit exchange program to be maximally successful, though we all agreed these additional items are likely more appropriate for later regulatory discussions.

These three HRPDC aims were not included, even conceptually, in early drafts of legislation to expand the state's nutrient credit exchange program – drafts, mind you, that were already being circulated among a few stakeholders at the time of our engagement. Some stakeholders we knew intuitively would not be overly supportive of our aims. Thus, we had a good deal of quick work to do in order to influence others' early thinking on the legislation and to actively insert ourselves the process in order to promote HRPDC's goals.

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I am pleased that with good and frequent collaboration with Whitney Katchmark and Jenny Tribo, and with our early outreach to the McDonnell Administration and potential likeminded stakeholders, such as the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies, we went in short order from merely hoping to influence the legislation to rewriting an existing draft of it and making those things we hoped to achieve truly foundational to the bills that passed. I also must heavily credit the expert legal assistance from McGuireWoods attorney Heather Stevenson and generous counsel from Dave Evans.

This legislation was highly technical and nuanced. As such, there were numerous stakeholders with keen interest in it, including local governments, developers, agricultural and environmental advocates, and private nutrient credit firms. In addition to working on the bill's language – as you know, it went through many, many drafts – much time was spent with stakeholders to understand their specific concerns and to address them where possible.

The frequent communications with you and your team, and your team's terrific responsiveness during the fast-moving legislative process, enabled us to be successful advocates for you. In the end, we achieved all the aims you laid out at the beginning of our engagement.

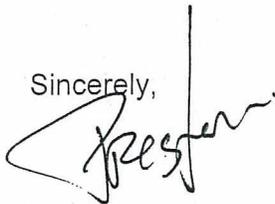
As of this writing, the Governor has not yet signed House Bill 176 or Senate Bill 77. We do not anticipate the Governor amending the bills, though such is possible as they undergo review by the Attorney General's office and the Governor's policy office. If there are amendments, we believe they would be only technical in nature. We will remain engaged on this matter until the legislation receives the Governor's signature.

Going forward, the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board will take the lead on drafting regulations to implement the expanded nutrient credit exchange program. The State Water Control Board will reevaluate trading ratios for nutrients. Given HRPDC's heavy investment and influence on the newly expanded nutrient credit trading law, I am certain you and your team will remain involved in the regulatory process. In fact, I think it imperative that you do. I would very much like to continue supporting you in that regard.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you. I hope our working relationship continues in the years ahead.

With many kind regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Preston Bryant, Jr.", written over a vertical line that extends upwards from the signature.

L. Preston Bryant, Jr.
Senior Vice President
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April 2, 2012

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
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Dear Mr. Farmer:

Effective this date, I hereby resign my position on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission as alternate member, as I will be assuming the role of voting member as of the appointment by City Council on March 27, 2012. I have made a recommendation to City Council that Eric Martin, Acting Deputy City Manager, be appointed as an alternate member to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission filling my vacancy.

I look forward to working with you more closely as a voting member. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

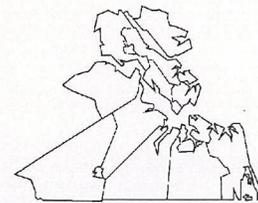


Amar Dwarkanath
Interim City Manager

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c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Dolores Moore, City Clerk
Sandy Madison, Deputy City Clerk

Hampton Roads Mayors and Chairs Caucus



April 11, 2012

Elected Officials of
Virginia's Golden Crescent

RE: Transportation Funding in Virginia

Dear Elected Officials of Virginia's Golden Crescent:

The Commonwealth of Virginia is unable to meet its transportation needs. The state has projected that by 2017, VDOT will not be able to fully fund its highway maintenance program nor fully match federal funding. In addition, it is projected that there will be no state transportation revenue for new highway construction. We all recognize the crisis Virginia faces as it relates to transportation, therefore, we strongly believe it is time for the Golden Crescent Region of Virginia to organize ourselves. We must encourage the General Assembly to address the Commonwealth's well-documented transportation needs. We need not tell you how important transportation is to the health, welfare, safety, and economic vitality of the Commonwealth.

In the Hampton Roads region, we are faced with the dilemma of trying to meet the transportation demands of a large military presence and the ever-expanding ports of Virginia. Moreover, the presence of large bodies of water requires very costly transportation infrastructure funding and maintenance support. The Richmond area faces the increasing demands put upon it by the bustling intersection of the state's two major interstates – I-95 and I-64. Northern Virginia's roadways are some of the most congested in America due to the presence of the national capital. As evidence of these points, we know that the following interstates are currently operating consistently at a service level F: I-95, I-495, I-395, and I-66. Finally, there are Northern Virginia's mass transit needs. All of these issues should unite those of us who represent the area from North Carolina to Richmond to the nation's capital.

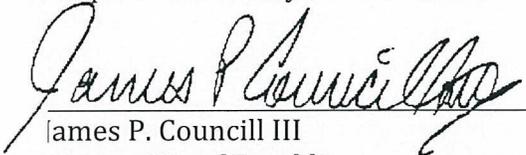
A number of years ago, there was an attempt made to have the Golden Crescent Region coalesce on a number of issues. At that time, the focus was on transportation and education. Considering the transportation crisis we now face, we strongly feel it is time again for us to join together, perhaps with the assistance of the business community. We believe our regions working together can effectively influence the General Assembly to address the transportation crisis. Specifically, there may be an opportunity if a special session is called later this year on tax reform and, possibly, to address the outcome of the Supreme Court's ruling on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

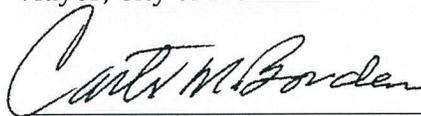
We propose convening a meeting, or quite possibly a summit, of the Mayors and the Chairs of the Boards of Supervisors from the Golden Crescent localities to discuss our mutually shared transportation concerns. The meeting would be conducted soon after the reconvened session in Richmond scheduled for April 18. The purpose of this gathering would be to coalesce around some general ideas relating to transportation funding, developing a strategy, and discuss outreach to the business community. More specifically, we would agree to harness our respective political influence and initiate a campaign to influence our General Assembly to address our significant transportation challenges. We also suggest that we invite staff of our respective Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) to assist us.

We would be happy to organize a conference call to further discuss this proposal and are anxious to hear from you about whether or not you believe this is a worthwhile endeavor. We are looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

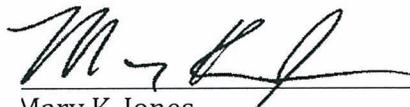
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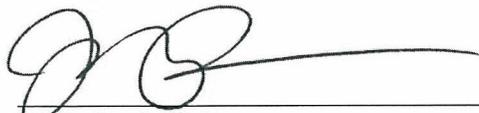

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Mayor, City of Franklin

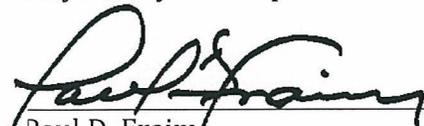

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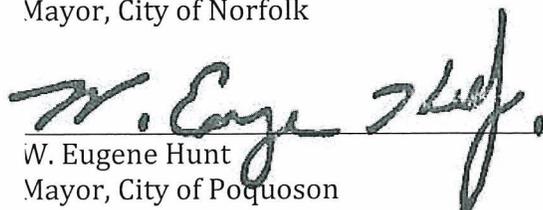

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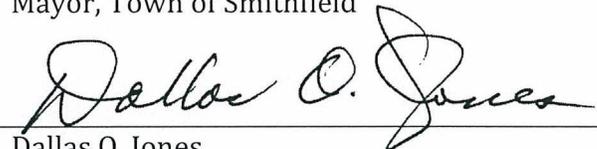

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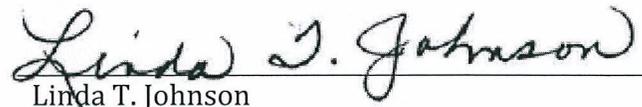

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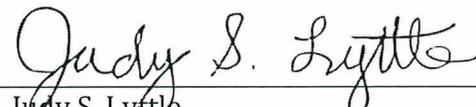

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