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Dwight L. Farmer
Chosen as next Executive Director/Secretary
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization

Chesapeake, VA. – Dwight L. Farmer has been chosen to be the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's next Executive Director/Secretary succeeding the HRPDC's long-time leader, Arthur L. Collins, who retired May 1, 2008. Mr. Farmer will also serve as the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization's Executive Director/Secretary.

Mr. Farmer, a Virginia native, has served the HRPDC/MPO since 1978. He was appointed Deputy Executive Director of Transportation and Emergency Management in 1998. Mr. Farmer received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech and an M.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer and received an appointment for the past 29 years with Old Dominion University in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department as an Adjunct Associate Professor.

Mr. Farmer has served as chairman and a member of numerous Statewide Advisory Committees to the Virginia General Assembly, Virginia Department of Transportation and the office of the Virginia Secretary of Transportation during the past twenty years. These appointments have included a review of the Commonwealth of Virginia's public infrastructure investment policies as well as the equity of statewide allocation formulas.

Mr. Farmer was appointed by the Governor to the Virginia Rail Advisory Board in 2005, and currently is President of the Virginia Rail Policy Institute. He was awarded Government Engineer of the year award in 2004 by the Norfolk Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Farmer stated that "I am honored to be working with an outstanding Board of very talented local elected and appointed officials. I am also extremely excited about this opportunity and look forward to new and productive opportunities."

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