

Agenda Item 14 New Business

Request for Support for Joint Base Langley-Eustis Clear Zone

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission



January 17, 2013

The City of Hampton is asking for the HRPDC's assistance and support for Senator Frank Wagner and Delegate Gordon Hesel, who have introduced budget amendments in the Virginia General Assembly to proactively ensure the long-term viability of Langley-Air Force Base.

- The City of Hampton is asking the Commonwealth to contribute \$3 million in FY 2013 and \$3 million in FY 2014 to help solve the encroachment issue around Langley Air Force Base. The City has pledged to match Commonwealth contributions dollar-for-dollar.
- This is both a safety issue and a proactive investment to ensure the long-term viability of Langley's mission of operating high-performance combat aircraft.
- Langley Air Force Base is a powerful economic engine for Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth, pumping \$1.2 billion annually into the region's economy.
- It is a much less expensive proposition to resolve this issue now, rather than wait for the Department of Defense or a BRAC Commission to take actions to close Langley.
- Please tell State Legislators, Governor McDonnell, the Federal Action Contingency (FACT) Fund Committee, and members that serve on the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees to include these funds in order to solve the encroachment issue.