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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

2016 Legislative Priorities

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Passenger Rail

The HRTPO supports:

- The pursuit of federal/state funding to complete a Tier II EIS for ***higher-speed passenger rail between Hampton Roads and Richmond.***
- The pursuit of funding for ***Trains 2 and 3 to Norfolk.***

Highway Funding

The HRTPO Supports:

- The pursuit of federal/state funding for the widening of ***I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond.***
- The Amendment of HB1402 (Highway maintenance payments to Richmond for moving-lanes converted to bicycle lanes) to ***include any local government.***

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC)

The HRTPO supports HRTAC efforts to revise its enabling legislation to ***improve both operational and governance efficiencies.***

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The HRTPO supports ***increased representation*** on the CTB for the Hampton Roads Region.

Marketplace Fairness Act

The HRTPO supports Congressional approval for the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA).

Bonus Funding

The HRTPO supports Congressional recognition of regions that increase local taxes to bridge the gap between federal transportation funding and regional transportation needs by ***providing bonus funding to these metropolitan regions.***

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K-12 Education

The HRPDC overwhelmingly supports *increased state funding for K-12 public education.*

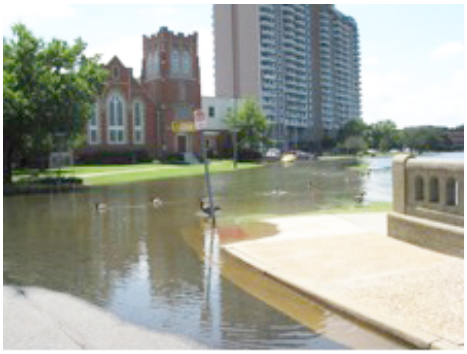
The Economy

The HRPDC supports *GO Virginia* and opportunities to diversify and strengthen our regional economy by providing incentives for regional cooperation and collaboration between government, businesses and educational institutions.

The Environment

The HRPDC supports:

- Increased cost-share funding for *Agriculture Best Management Practices.*
- Increases to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund in the *amount of $50M/ Year.*
- Funding to complete needed *wastewater treatment plant upgrades.*
- Funding mechanisms to update land cover mapping *every 3 years.*



Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding

The HRPDC supports several recommendations from the Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding, most notably the *continuation of the subcommitee's work and establishing a State Resiliency Officer.*

State Code Amendment

The HRPDC supports our local governments efforts to *prohibit wakes on flooded streets to protect property.*

Housing

The HRPDC supports continued appropriations to the *Virginia Housing Trust Fund.*

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