

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Meeting – July 17, 2025
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia
Agenda**

**Lunch – Noon (757 Room)
Call to Order – 12:30 PM (Regional Board Room)**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval/Modification of Agenda **[Action Requested]**
3. Public Comments
 - A. Submitted Public Comments
 - B. Public Comment Period
4. Chair Report
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Community Advisory Committee Report
7. Consent Agenda **[Action Requested]**
 - A. Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2025 Commission Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report – May 2025
 - C. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #2
 - D. Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) Contract and Agreement Extension
 - E. Davis Ad Agency – Contract Renewal
 - F. Fiscal Year 2026 Hampton Roads Regional Meetings Schedule
8. Partnering with Industry for River Restoration – KC Filippino, HRPDC
9. Strategic Plan for Hampton Roads: Issue Prioritization – Eric Walberg and Tho Tran, HRPDC
10. Regional Legislative Agenda – Bob Crum, HRPDC
11. Upcoming Meetings
12. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
13. Technical Committee Meeting Summaries
14. For Your Information
15. Old/New Business
16. Adjournment

**HAMPTON ROADS
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING**

**Lunch will be available in the 757 Room at Noon
The meeting will begin at 12:30 PM in the Regional Board Room
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

- 1. Call to Order**
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 - A. Submitted Public Comments**

No public comments have been submitted since the last HRPDC meeting. Any written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be announced at the meeting.

B. Public Comment Period

Members of the public are invited to address the Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

- 4. Chair Report**
- 5. Executive Director's Report**
- 6. Community Advisory Committee Report**

The HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on June 12, 2025, at Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU). The agenda/discussion items for this meeting included briefings on VWU, the HRTPO Rail Crossing Study, the HRPDC Climate Action Plan, and the HRPDC Strategic Plan. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the Brock Environmental Education Center.

- 7. Consent Agenda *[Action Requested]***
 - A. Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2025 Commission Meeting**

The minutes from the May 15, 2025 Commission meeting are included as Attachment 7A for Commission approval.

B. Treasurer's Report – May 2025

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the activities of May 2025 is included as Attachment 7B for Commission approval.

C. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #2

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 HRPDC/HRTPO Budget, approved on May 16, 2024, was officially amended at the January 16, 2025, meeting. Subsequently, the HRPDC/HRTPO received new grant awards and adjustments to existing awards. Below is a summary of the changes through June 30, 2025.

The previously approved amended budget totaled **\$44,882,382**. This budget amendment results in an increase of **\$216,227** bringing the total Operating and Pass-Through budget to **\$45,098,609**. The increase of **\$216,227** is the result of the following changes:

\$ +	4,700	New local funding for Chesapeake Bay Restoration – Bay Star Homes (all of which will pass through to consultants).
+	40,000	Additional funding from the Southside Network Authority for operational support
+	214,752	Use of Capital Reserves set aside for upgrades to servers and storage capabilities
+	38,258	Adjustments to Housing Federal Income for differences between estimated and final actual award amounts (\$23,753 of which will pass through to housing recipients).
+	77,307	New award for the National Fish and Wildlife Federation for subaward (all of which will pass through to subawardee).
-	(158,790)	Various adjustments to Emergency Management grants from UASI (\$65,670 of which was intended to pass through to consultants).
\$	216,227	FY 2025 Budget Increase

Attachment 7C

Staff recommends that the Commission approve FY 2025 Budget Amendment #2.

D. Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) Contract and Agreement Extension

HRPDC executed a contract with Spectrum/Charter Communications on May 11, 2022 to extend broadband services to 12,223 addresses in Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Suffolk. With additional grant funds remaining as Charter completes the original scope of work, the Department of Housing and Community

Development (DHCD) has granted permission to expand the scope of work to extend broadband services to an additional 594 addresses. To complete the amended scope of work, the contract must be extended for an additional year.

Contract No.: RPE-FY2022-C01

Amended Period of Performance: 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026

Contract Amount: \$21,120,053.50

Amount Adjustment: \$0

HRPDC executed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Suffolk on March 17, 2022 to set forth the terms by which HRPDC and the participating localities would provide services and personnel to complete the deliverables funded by the V ATI grant and define the local contributions of each locality. With the extension of the V ATI grant agreement and the Spectrum/Charter Communications contract, the MOA must receive a no-cost extension of an additional year.

Agreement No.: RPE-FY2022-MA01

Amended Period of Performance: 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026

MOA Amount: \$6,400,000

Amount Adjustment: \$0

Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to exercise a one-year extension of the contract with Spectrum/Charter Communications and a one-year extension of the MOA with Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Suffolk.

E. Davis Ad Agency – Contract Renewal

HRPDC executed a contract with David Ad Agency on September 1, 2004 to provide on-call marketing and advertising services. The initial contract term was for one year and may be renewed for up to four successive one-year periods, under the terms of the original contract, upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Amended Period of Performance: 9/1/2025 to 8/31/2026

Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to exercise the renewal option for FY 2026.

F. Fiscal Year 2026 Hampton Roads Regional Meetings Schedule

The regional meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2026 is included as Attachment 7F for Commission approval.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should consider action to approve the July 17, 2025 Consent Agenda.

8. Partnering with Industry for River Restoration – KC Filippino, HRPDC

Dr. KC Filippino, HRPDC Senior Water Resources Planner, will describe the HRPDC's successful partnership with Buckeye Partners, LLC to install a living shoreline, plant native vegetation, and expand tree cover along the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. This project showcases how public-private collaboration can deliver real environmental benefits—reducing pollution and flooding—while overcoming challenges of working on industrial, private property. Improvements contribute to local water quality and Chesapeake Bay clean-up goals while bringing together non-profit organizations, state and local government, and industry.

9. Strategic Plan for Hampton Roads: Issue Prioritization – Eric Walberg and Tho Tran, HRPDC

A key element in the development of a Strategic Plan for Hampton Roads is the identification of priority regional issues. HRPDC staff have been working to engage a variety of stakeholders to better understand their priorities. At our July 17 meeting, the Commission members will have an opportunity to discuss and rank a broad range of regional issues across six topic areas: Economy, Visitor Appeal, Housing and Community Development, Resident Well-Being, Infrastructure, and Natural Environment.

Mr. Eric Walberg, HRPDC Principal for Planning and Economics, and Mr. Tho Tran, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, will provide a brief introduction followed by engagement with the Commission on issue prioritization.

This item is presented for information and discussion by Commission members.

10. Regional Legislative Agenda – Bob Crum, HRPDC

For the past several years, HRPDC and HRTPO have adopted a regional legislative agenda to convey to the General Assembly and Federal Delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of Hampton Roads. This regional legislative agenda is typically approved by the Commission and HRTPO Board at their October or November meetings to allow these regional legislative priorities to be shared with Hampton Roads Caucus members before the start of the General Assembly session in January.

The Joint HRPDC and HRTPO Regional Legislative Committee will meet to develop a recommendation for a regional legislative agenda to be considered by the Commission and HRTPO Board. The membership of this Legislative Committee is as follows:

Shannon Glover, Portsmouth	HRPDC Chair
Michael Hipple, James City County	HRTPO Chair
Jimmy Gray, Hampton	HRPDC Vice-Chair
Rick West, Chesapeake	HRTPO Vice-Chair
Mary Bunting, Hampton	CAO Committee Chair
Chris Price, Chesapeake	CAO Committee Vice-Chair

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director, will brief the Commission on last year's regional legislative agenda and related actions by the Virginia General Assembly and request

input from HRPDC members on potential topics that could be regional legislative priorities to be considered by the Commission and HRTPO Board.

This item is presented for information and discussion by Commission members.

11. Upcoming Meetings

August, 2025

No Meeting per Regional Meeting Schedule

September, 2025

No Meeting per Regional Meeting Schedule

October 16, 2025

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Update
- Fiscal Year 2025 Audited Financial Statements
- Inflationary Pressure in Local Government Expenditures
- Regional Legislative Agenda
- Southside Network Authority (SNA) Update – Regional Fiber Ring
- Virginia Chief Resilience Officer Greg Steele

November 20, 2025

*****Christopher Newport University (CNU) in Newport News*****

- CNU President William Kelly
- Regional Legislative Agenda
- Roadway Flooding Sensor Network
- Start Smart, Recycle Right

12. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

HRPDC Advisory Committee meeting minutes approved since the last Commission meeting are included as Attachment 12.

13. Technical Committee Meeting Summaries

Summaries of HRPDC Technical Committee meetings held since the last Commission meeting are included in Attachment 13.

14. For Your Information

- A letter dated May 15, 2025 to The Honorable W. Howard Lutnick, Ms. Laura Grimm, and the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation regarding HRPDC support for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) continuing work on Atlas 15, Volume 2, is included as Attachment 14A.
- A letter dated May 19, 2025 to The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito and The Honorable Tammy Baldwin regarding U.S. Senators' support for appropriating \$500 million for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is included as Attachment 14B.

- C. A letter dated May 27, 2025 to Thomas Shirk of the College and Career Academy at Pruden expressing HRPDC's appreciation for the customized 757 Bike Rack is included as Attachment 14C.
- D. A letter dated June 4, 2025 to The Honorable Mark Sickles, The Honorable Mamie Locke, and Mr. Hal Greer regarding Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission (JLARC) Coastal Storm Risk Management Projects Study representation is included as Attachment 14D.
- E. A letter dated June 6, 2025 to the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation regarding proposed FY 2026 budget cuts to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is included as Attachment 14E.
- F. A letter dated June 24, 2025 from Isle of Wight County appointing County Administrator Donald T. Robertson to the HRPDC is included as Attachment 14F.
- G. A letter and resolution dated June 25, 2025 from the City of Chesapeake reappointing City Manager Christopher M. Price to the HRPDC is included as Attachment 14G.
- H. A letter and resolution dated June 25, 2025 from the City of Chesapeake reappointing Deputy City Manager Brian S. Solis to the HRPDC is included as Attachment 14H.
- I. A letter and resolution dated June 25, 2025 from the City of Chesapeake reappointing Council Member Ella P. Ward to the HRPDC is included as Attachment 14I.

15. Old/New Business

16. Adjournment

HRPDC & HRTPO BOARD LEADERSHIP

The staff is excited to start the new fiscal year working with the leadership of the HRPDC and HRTPO to direct and advance regional priorities within the Hampton Roads community. New officers were elected in January with Mayor Shannon Glover (Portsmouth) and Mayor Jimmy Gray (Hampton) serving as Chair and Vice Chair of the HRPDC; and Supervisor Michael Hipple (James City) and Mayor Rick West (Chesapeake) serving as Chair and Vice Chair of the HRTPO.



Pictured (L to R): Mayor Jimmy Gray, Mayor Rick West, Mayor Shannon Glover, Supervisor Michael Hipple

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS (CAOs)

The HRPDC CAO Committee met on July 2 at the City of Newport News Department of Development in City Center. Agenda items included:

- Regional Operational Coordination Tabletop Exercise Briefing
- Information sharing on Items of Regional Interest
- Regional Legislative Agenda – process for preparation and approval of the 2026 Regional Legislative Agenda and potential topic areas for consideration
- Review of the HRPDC/HRTPO Committee Structure
- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

CAP2CAP EVENT

The HRPDC/HRTPO team staffed an information table at the **Virginia Capital Trail Foundation's annual CAP2CAP event** held on May 9 at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park in James City County. This event was a great opportunity to share information with the community on the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO.





DELEGATE PHIL HERNANDEZ TOWN HALL MEETING

The HRPDC/HRTPO team attended a Town Hall meeting hosted by Delegate Phil Hernandez on May 22 at the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library in Ocean View. HRPDC Regional Economist Nikki Johnson provided a briefing on changing federal priorities and potential implications for the Hampton Roads economy. Over 100 residents attended this Town Hall session.



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee meeting was hosted at the Virginia Wesleyan University Campus on June 12. Our agenda items included:

- Welcome and Opening Remarks by Virginia Wesleyan President Dr. Scott Miller
- HRTPO Rail Crossing Analysis
- Hampton Roads Climate Action Plan Update
- Regional Strategic Plan

REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY PANEL (RTAP)

The RTAP met at the Regional Building on June 16, with over 40 community partners in attendance. Agenda/discussion items included:

- HRPDC Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program
- HRT 757 Express – status report on the advancement of the HRT regional backbone system
- HRT Unified Fare Systems Study (also involves Williamsburg Area Transit Authority and Suffolk Transit) and efforts to unify fare systems regionwide to help make inter-system trips easier and more seamless
- Legislative Priorities related to transit
- Regional information sharing on transit related topics

SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

The HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director served as facilitator for the Smithfield Town Council Retreat on June 17.



SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On July 2, the HRPDC staff team provided a presentation to the Southampton County Board of Supervisors on regional economic trends and the work, programs and projects of the HRPDC and HRTPO.



OTHER MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OUTREACH

- Participated in the May 9 meeting of the Southside Network Authority Board
- Participated in a virtual meeting with U.S. Representative Jen Kiggans on May 12 with other regional organization leaders
- **Held a meeting on May 12 with staff from U.S. Representative Bobby Scott's office to discuss surface transportation reauthorization**
- Attended the Suffolk State of the City on May 13
- Met with Christopher Newport University President William Kelly on May 14 in Newport News to discuss the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO
- Participated in regular calls with regional organizations to discuss federal policy matter issues
- Provided a briefing to the HRPDC All Hazards Advisory Committee (AHAC) on May 27
- **Participated in a meeting of the region's Public Information Officers on May 27**
- Attended a tour of the new Virginia Beach Dome Facility with HRPDC/HRTPO staff on May 29
- Participated in a meeting with Senator Mark Warner at the Virginia Tech Center in Newport News on May 30
- Participated in a series of in-house meetings with staff to discuss topic areas related to the Regional Strategic Plan
- **Attended the June 5 meeting of the Region's Economic Development Directors at the Regional Building**
- Attended a meeting of the Regional Environmental Committee on June 5 at the Regional Building
- Participated in the Virginia Association of Planning Directors Executive Director meeting on June 6
- Attended the Blueprint Virginia 2025 Regional Meeting on June 11 in Norfolk
- Participated in the Southside Network Authority Board meeting on June 13



- Met with the Executive Director of Minus 9 to 5 on July 3
- Met with representatives of Norfolk staff on July 7 to discuss flood prevention funding needs
- The HRPDC/HRTPO staff hosted Karen Scherberger with Festevents on July 9 to discuss Sail250 and opportunities for the Hampton Roads region. Representatives of the Hampton Roads Alliance staff also participated in this discussion

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Minutes of May 15, 2025 Meeting**

The May 15, 2025 meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) was called to order by the Chair at 12:33 p.m. in the Regional Board Room located at 723 Woodlake Drive in Chesapeake, Virginia with the following in attendance:

Commissioners in Attendance:

Shannon Glover, Chair (PO)
Jimmy Gray, Vice-Chair (HA)
Andrew Trivette, Treasurer (WM)
Patricia King (CH)*
Christopher Price (CH)
Brian Solis (CH)
Ella Ward (CH)
Paul Kaplan (FR)
Michelle Ferebee (HA)
Carol Steele (GL)
Joel Acree (IW)
Randy Keaton (IW)
Michael Hipple (JC)
Scott Stevens (JC)
Cleon Long (NN)

Courtney Doyle (NO)*
Jeremy McGee (NO)*
David Hux (PQ)
Randy Wheeler (PQ)
Brian Thrower (SH)
Leroy Bennett (SU)
Albert Moor (SU)
Lue Ward (SU)
Melissa Rollins (SY)
Patrick Duhaney (VB)*
Bobby Dyer (VB)*
Amelia Ross-Hammond (VB)*
Douglas Pons (WM)
Mark Bellamy (YK)
Sheila Noll (YK)

Commissioners Absent:

Debbie Ritter (CH)
Rosylen Oglesby (FR)
Phillip Bazzani (GL)
Mary Bunting (HA)
Alan Archer (NN)
Phillip Jones (NN)
Kenneth Alexander (NO)
Carlos Clanton (NO)
Patrick Roberts (NO)

Steven Carter (PO)
William Gillette (SH)
Steven Bowman (SM)
Michael Stallings (SM)
Walter Hardy (SY)
Stacy Cummings (VB)
Barbara Henley (VB)
Worth Remick (VB)
Joash Schulman (VB)

Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr., Secretary

Other Participants:

Jason Mitchell (HA)
Ginger Blount-Moore (NN)
Trista Pope (NO)

**Late arrival or early departure*

Others Recorded Attending:

David Westcott (CH); Peter Shaw (Future of Hampton Roads); Drew Lumpkin (Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable); Donald Robertson (IW); Diane Kaufman (U.S. Senator Tim Kaine's Office); Brenda Roberts (Congresswoman Jen Kiggans' Office); Angela Hopkins (NN); Bryan Pennington (NO); Megan Gribble and Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO); Marcellus Nixon (SNA); Andrew Damon (VB); Angela Effah-Amponsah (VDOT); Erin Carter (U.S. Senator Mark Warner's Office); and Greg Grootendorst, Kelli Arledge, Robert Cofield, Emma Corbitt, Katie Cullipher, Jeff DiScala, Rebekah Eastep, Simone Elmore, KC Filippino, Markay Hall, Tealen Hansen, Nikki Johnson, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Matt Klepeisz, Andrew Margason, Ben McFarlane, Cynthia Mulkey, Ivy Ozmon, Pavithra Parthasarathi, John Sadler, Jill Sunderland, Tho Tran; Joe Turner, Christopher Vaigneur, and Eric Walberg (HRPDC/HRTPO Staff)

Chair Shannon Glover welcomed new Commission member Michelle Ferebee, Hampton City Council member.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chair Glover called for a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Bobby Dyer Moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director, stated that there were no submitted public comments. He invited members of the public to address the Commission. There were no requests to provide public comment.

Chair Report

Chair Glover noted that going forward, a Chair Report would be part of the agenda to allow for reporting on items happening in the region. He stated that he attended the Mayor's Institute on City Design at Harvard University, which was a great opportunity to meet other mayors throughout the country and discuss city design and how to incorporate justice and equity in urban areas.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Crum referenced his monthly report in the agenda packet. He noted that HRPDC staff members would brief the Commission about recent events and invited Nikki Johnson, HRPDC Regional Economist, to address the Commission.

Ms. Johnson referenced the May edition of the Economic Monthly, which was provided to the Commission members as a handout. She stated that each issue features a headline article on a timely topic shaping the regional economy. This month's article concerns the rising concern

of stagflation, which is elevating inflation as well as a slowdown in economic growth. The remainder of the Economic Monthly provides the latest economic data relevant to the region.

The U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted in the first quarter of 2025, largely due to a surge in imports. In Hampton Roads, job and labor force growth slowed, and the unemployment rate ticked up. Ms. Johnson encouraged the Commission members to reach out if there were any questions or feedback.

The May issue of the Economics Monthly is available on the HRPDC website using the following link:

<https://hrpdca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14643/051525-PDC-05A Handout-Economic-Monthly-PDF?bidId=>

Mr. Crum invited Ms. Rebekah Eastep, HRPDC Senior Environmental Education Planner, to brief the Commission on the environmental education efforts.

Ms. Eastep stated that the Great American Cleanup is a program of Keep America Beautiful and is the nation's largest community cleanup program. The askHRgreen.org Recycling and Beautification (R&B) Committee hosted a two-day regionwide kickoff event to start a season of cleaning and to encourage volunteers to participate in cleanup events throughout the year. Cleanup activities include litter cleanups in land and water, tree plantings, park maintenance, and other beautification projects.

In 2025, over 3,400 volunteers improved 318 public spaces across Hampton Roads. A total of 5,200 trash bags, which is about 68 tons of litter, were collected. She stated that the cleanup events would not be possible without the support of the localities and community partners. She especially thanked the Litter and Prevention Community Coordinators of each locality, who helped with coordination and supplies.

The Great American Clean Up presentation is available on the HRPDC website using the following link:

<https://hrpdca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14644/051525-PDC-05B Presentation-2025-Great-American-Cleanup-PDF?bidId=>

Mr. Crum invited Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Chief Resilience Officer, to provide an update regarding rainfall predictions and flooding.

Mr. McFarlane stated that earlier this year, the Commission voted to recommend that localities incorporate increased rainfall standards into local ordinances and policies. These standards are essential for properly designing stormwater management infrastructure. He noted that rainfall decisions are made based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Precipitation Atlases. Volume 2 of Atlas 14 covers Virginia and is considered the present-day rainfall precipitation atlas based on the assumption of a stationary climate.

NOAA is working on Atlas 15, which will replace Atlas 14. Atlas 15 Volume 1 updates the present-day rainfall amounts and accounts for observed climate trends, and Volume 2

projects future rainfall and accounts for observed climate trends and projections. However, NOAA has recently paused working on Atlas 15 Volume 2. This volume is considered critical to providing accurate and authoritative data that can be readily incorporated into our state regulatory requirements and local ordinances. Without this volume, more efforts at the local levels will be necessary.

Mr. McFarlane recommended that the HRPDC authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Secretary of Commerce, the NOAA Administrator, the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation, and state officials stating the region's support for NOAA Atlas 15 Volume 2 and the desire to see it completed on schedule.

Motion: Commissioner Paul Kaplan Moved to send a letter as recommended by Mr. McFarlane; seconded by Commissioner Ward. The Motion Carried.

Commissioner Carol Steele inquired about the original timeline for completing Atlas 15 Volume 2. Mr. McFarlane stated that the preliminary data was supposed to be released by the end of this year, and the final products were supposed to be delivered in 2026.

Mr. McFarlane's presentation and the handout are available on the HRPDC website using the following links:

- NOAA Atlas 15 Update Flyer
https://hrpdcva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14645/051525-PDC-05C_Handout-NOAA-Atlas-15-One-Pager-PDF?bidId=
- NOAA Atlas 15 Update Presentation
https://hrpdcva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14646/051525-PDC-05C_Presentation-NOAA-Atlas-15-Update-PDF?bidId=

Mr. Crum shared pictures of the new 757 bike rack, which was added as part of the parking lot improvement project. He thanked Mr. Thomas Shirk and his students from the College and Career Center Academy at Pruden Suffolk Public Schools for creating this art piece. Chair Glover stated that he would send a recognition to the students on behalf of the Commission.

The 757 Bike Rack slide is available on the HRPDC website using the following link:

- 75 Bike Rack
https://hrpdcva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14647/051525-PDC-05D_Presentation-757-Bike-Rack-PDF?bidId=

Community Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Crum stated that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) representative was not present and reported that the CAC had met on April 10, 2025 at Nauticus in Norfolk to discuss important regional issues.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Crum explained that the Consent Agenda included the following items for consideration and approval:

- Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2025 Commission Meeting
- Treasurer’s Report – March 2025
- Contract Renewals
- VATI Contract Extension – Spectrum/Charter
- On-Call Services Contract Extensions
- Request for Proposals: On-Call Services Contracts
- United States Geological Survey Contract for Subsidence Benchmarking
- Procurement of Services for Regional Roadway Flooding Sensor Network
- HRPDC Fiscal Year 2025 Work Program

Motion: Commissioner Michael Hipple Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget

Ms. Tealen Hansen, HRPDC/HRTPO Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Commission on the FY26 Budget.

Ms. Hansen stated that the FY26 Budget information was included in the agenda packet. The total budget for the HRPDC/HRTPO is \$35,459,765. Out of this amount, \$24,363,693 are pass-through funds which are being passed onto localities, various community organizations, and vendors. The operating budget is \$11,096,082.

The operating budget sources are state allocations and member dues. While the numbers have increased, the inflation-adjusted basis shows that the buying power has decreased. The operating expenditure budget proposed for FY26 is \$8,640,147, with the majority related to personnel costs. The proposed budget provides for a 3% general wage increase for staff, increased health insurance costs, new water supply planning grants, federal PL transportation planning funding, and federal transit (5303) funding.

Ms. Hansen stated that the federal transit funding numbers had just been released, and a budget amendment would be necessary once the federal picture settled and the impact on the organizations was clearer.

Future challenges for the organization include, among others:

- Lack of flexible funding streams
- Slower or stagnant revenue growth
- Unpredictability of federal funding
- Building infrastructure
- Technology

- Cash flow – for grants
- 50-employee threshold and additional requirements for service
- Inflation

Motion: Commissioner Amelia Ross-Hammond Moved to approve the FY26 Budget as recommended by the HRPDC/HRTPO Joint Personnel and Budget (P&B) Committee; seconded by Commissioner Kaplan. The Motion Carried.

The FY26 Budget presentation is available on the HRPDC website using the following link: https://hrpdcvva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14648/051525-PDC-08_Presentation-FY-2026-Budget-PDF?bidId=

Commissioner Dyer stated that the Commissioners of the City of Virginia Beach would have to leave the meeting early to attend the Annual Memorial of Fallen Officers.

**Commissioner Jeremy McGee arrived*

**Commissioners Bobby Dyer, Amelia Ross-Hammond, and Patrick Duhaney departed*

Water Supply Planning

Ms. Ivy Ozmon, HRPDC Water Resources Planner III, briefed the Commission on the water supply planning process.

The five overarching goals of water supply planning are ensuring adequate and safe drinking water, protecting all beneficial users, encouraging alternative water sources, promoting water conservation, and cross-jurisdictional water projects.

Each region submits a jointly produced water supply plan to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) every ten years. These plans are then combined in the state water resources plan, an overarching document that helps identify areas with potential water shortfalls and informs proactive water supply management actions.

The HRPDC coordinates the plan development with the localities. DEQ grants are available to support this work, and the HRPDC will receive \$23,568 in 2025. On April 2, 2025, the Water Supply Planning group held a kickoff meeting to develop the plan, which will be submitted to DEQ in October 2029.

Ms. Ozmon stated that the state regulation was amended and now requires regional preparation of the plan. The new regulation also outlines different Regional Planning Areas (RPAs) throughout the state. The Hampton Roads region was divided into the Southeast Virginia RPA and the York & James River 2 RPA. She noted that DEQ allowed for reassessments if a locality had shared water resources. New Kent's request for reassignment was approved, and New Kent will be included in the regional plan of Hampton Roads.

The Directors of Utilities meet monthly and serve as the advisory committee. Additionally, locality representatives were designated to assist in the plan development.

The following data will be requested and evaluated to develop the plan:

- Surface and groundwater supplies
- Historical withdrawals, average use, and peak use
- Inventory of all self-supplies, private, and municipal water systems
- Future demand
- Conservation programs
- Action plans for drought response
- Risk reduction

Commissioner Cleon Long asked for additional information regarding encouraging alternate water sources. Ms. Ozmon stated that not every locality has the ability to permit groundwater supplies, and many do not own any surface water. Furthermore, the state limits withdrawals. If a locality is limited in the supply of water, different strategies, such as reusing water, could be applied.

Commissioner Hippel stated that it would be most important to have an inventory of water resources. While there are rules on what can and cannot be done with water, it needs to be determined how much is available first. For example, the water that James City County uses for drinking water and the water the paper mill in West Point uses are counted the same, while there should be a differentiation. He asked if private wells were included in the data. Ms. Ozmon stated that they would be captured in the plan. The state uses models based on monitoring data to determine water supply volumes. She stated that Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, serves on the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee. This committee is actively advocating to improve the data that goes into the model.

Commissioner Kaplan stated that some of the Commissioners were touring the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Research facility. In the near future, 50 million gallons of cleaned and treated water will be injected into the aquifer that many localities and private users share. He stated that since the paper mill in Franklin was repurposed, it only uses 25% of the water it used to. Additionally, smaller localities often rely on groundwater only and cannot afford water filtration plants. Ms. Ozmon responded that the group is working with the Western Tidewater localities to develop a master water plan. She added that the groundwater level numbers collected during the temporary closure of the paper mill were used in conversations with DEQ to show how quickly the groundwater level rebounded and to provide a surrogate for what can be expected from the SWIFT water injections.

Mr. Crum stated that the water supply plan is a great example of regional collaboration and shows how the localities save on costs when working with the HRPDC.

The Water Supply Planning presentation is available on the HRPDC website using the following link:

https://hrpdcva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14649/051525-PDC-09_Presentation-Water-Supply-Planning-PDF?bidId=

State of Emergency Management

Mr. John Sadler, HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator, briefed the Commission on current Emergency Management efforts.

He began his presentation by stating what guides Emergency Management. The first guiding document is the Region V Measure, also known as the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), is a regional assessment of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) core capabilities against predefined scenarios and identifies 33 core capabilities that one should be able to do in a single emergency event. The second guidance concerns actions that need to be completed to be eligible for federal grants, and the third guidance relates to directives from leadership, policy changes, real events, and after-action reports.

The Hampton Roads All-Hazard Advisory Committee (AHAC) is at the center of all regional emergency management. This committee consists of representatives from all 17 localities of Hampton Roads, about 40 additional members from any agency involved in Emergency Management, and two HRPDC staff members.

The AHAC Subcommittees and Working Groups include the following:

- Interoperable Communications Subcommittee
- Urban Areas Working Group Subcommittee
- Cybersecurity Subcommittee
- Operational Coordination Working Group
- Sheltering Working Group
- Projects Working Group

The AHAC recently completed a common operating picture tool, which transforms situational reports that are given to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) during a disaster into a visual graph and maps. Additionally, the crisis communication framework was completed, which provides a framework for the Public Information Officers (PIOs) to come together in a joint information center to better coordinate messages and provide accurate and timely information to the citizens. Furthermore, the AHAC completed a regional logistics framework related to resource deconfliction.

The AHAC is planning a regional exercise where the Baltimore shipwreck incident would be mirrored. Unfortunately, due to uncertainty in federal funding and the recently implemented FEMA manual review process, which stopped the reimbursement of these grants, this initiative has been paused. Another initiative that is underway is operational coordination planning. This helps to determine the triggers for when data should be entered into the tool and what information should be shared. As the initiatives mentioned are all funded through the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant, the AHAC is looking at ways to sustain all the capabilities in case this funding is eliminated.

In 2018, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) determined that a portion of UASI spending needed to be allocated for cybersecurity. The AHAC Cybersecurity Subcommittee was formed and completed an initial assessment to highlight the gaps that needed to be addressed. These gaps identified included policies and procedures, election delineation, cyberattack response plan, business impact analysis, data classification, IT disaster recovery plan, and penetration testing.

The Interoperable Communications Subcommittee completed an Overlay Regional Interoperability Network (ORION) assessment, which is a separate radio system shared by the region to lay on top of the local emergency radio systems. Equipment associated with these networks needs to be constantly updated and replaced.

Mr. Sadler emphasized that the presentation does not comprehensively describe all the emergency management work done in the region and that the first responders and emergency managers are working tirelessly on these and other initiatives.

Commissioner Carol Steele shared that the number of cyberattacks on local governments in Virginia has increased. She noted that, in her experience, these attacks were not handled by the Emergency Management departments.

Commissioner Joel Acree noted that there would be a Virginia Operations Plan Exercise (VOPEX) in the summer. He asked how the challenges associated with budget cuts or FEMA modifications that may surround those exercises are being handled. Mr. Sadler stated that this specific exercise is VDEM-driven, and that he was unaware of the federal funding impact. Commissioner Acree stated that the local Emergency Managers are struggling with the unknowns as well.

Mr. Sadler's presentation is available on the HRPDC website using the following link:
https://hrpdcvva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14650/051525-PDC-10_Presentation-Emergency-Management-Update-PDF?bidId=

**Commissioner Courtney Doyle departed*

Regional Housing Assessment Update

M. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director, briefed the Commission on the Regional Housing Assessment Update.

The Regional Housing Assessment Working Group is comprised of twelve Commission members. Representatives of the Federal Delegation, community partners, the military, economic development, and state and local governments are also involved.

Mr. Grootendorst stated that housing is a regional issue, especially because many people in Hampton Roads work in a different jurisdiction from where they live. He also noted that housing intersects with many different things, such as health, transportation, culture, economic development, employment, poverty/wealth, quality of life, education, and safety/well-being.

The following components were determined to be included in the housing assessment:

- Analysis of current policies, strategies, and conditions
- Gap analysis of current programs and services
- Best practices and toolkits
- Housing strategies that incorporate transportation and economic development
- Impact of defense/military presence on housing

Mr. Grootendorst emphasized that the assessment is not a collection of locality plans, directives for localities or non-profits, or a static document.

The desired outcomes of the assessment are as follows:

- Identification of greatest needs
- Improved access to resources
- Sharing of best practices, models, and toolkits
- Ability to better leverage state and federal resources
- Integration between housing, transportation, and economic development
- Increased quality of life for Hampton Roads residents
- Housing for all

The program is currently in the final review for the Virginia Housing Market Analysis Grant. A draft RFP has been submitted to Virginia Housing for review and approval. A follow-up meeting with the local funding partner for support will be held, and staff will continue to compile local studies and data to assist with the assessment. The Regional Housing Assessment Working Group will reconvene once funding is awarded.

Mr. Grootendorst stated that the Regional Housing Assessment Working Group is looking for new members to fill vacant positions. Chair Glover stated that he would be submitting a name to fill the vacant spot for Portsmouth.

The Regional Housing Assessment Update presentation is available on the HRPDC website using the following link:

https://hrpdcvva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14651/051525-PDC-11_Presentation-Regional-Housing-Assessment-Update-PDF?bidId=

**Commissioner Patricia King departed*

Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Crum noted that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2025. There is no HRPDC meeting scheduled for June 2025.

Mr. Crum introduced Mr. Marcellus Nixon, SNA Executive Director. He encouraged the Commissioners to contact Mr. Nixon if they are interested in fiber or its connection to economic development.

Commissioner Kaplan thanked the Commissioners from Isle of Wight and their staff for their support to Franklin's Planning and Community Development department as they were experiencing vacancies, and for helping to keep up with permits and inspections.

Advisory Committee Minutes

Mr. Crum stated that links to HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting minutes approved since the last Commission meeting were provided in the agenda packet for Commission member information.

Technical Committee Meeting Summaries

Mr. Crum indicated that summaries of HRPDC Technical Committee meetings held since the last Commission meeting were included in the agenda for Commission member information.

For Your Information

Mr. Crum referenced the correspondence of interest included in the agenda packet for Commission member information.

Old/New Business

Chair Glover stated that Ms. Kelli Arledge would send an email on behalf of the HRPDC/HRTPO Joint P&B Committee to request feedback in evaluating the Executive Director's performance during the past year.

There was no other old or new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Shannon E. Glover
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director/ Secretary

FISCAL YEAR 2025
5/31/25
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
92% OF FISCAL YEAR COMPLETE

REVENUES	Annual Budget	Previous YTD	Current Month	YTD	% Received /Expended
State PDC Revenue	\$ 190,943	\$ 143,207	\$ 47,736.00	\$ 190,943	100%
DEQ	1,260,754	735,965.59	\$ 141,475.02	877,440.61	70%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	2,704,114	322,614.00	\$ 12,102.72	334,716.72	12%
Housing DHCD/ Portsmouth/ Chesapeake/IoW	1,132,026	274,086.27	\$ 28,291.27	302,377.54	27%
Virginia Housing VAPDC Grant	2,260,000	650,000.33	\$ -	650,000.33	29%
Virginia Housing VHDA Spac Grant	5,000	2,300.00	\$ -	2,300.00	46%
Natl Fish & Wildlife Foundation	377,379	194,750.21	\$ 179,060.43	373,810.64	99%
Elizabeth River Project NFWF	-	77,307.00	\$ -	77,307.00	0%
Water Quality Assessment	670,200	670,200.00	\$ -	670,200.00	100%
SCRC LDD	29,634	29,634.49	\$ -	29,634.49	100%
VDEM	3,239,701	1,355,552.85	\$ 30,898.69	1,386,451.54	43%
Local Jurisdiction Membership Dues	1,753,239	1,673,448.25	\$ 34,223.75	1,707,672.00	97%
Local Jurisdiction Programs	1,916,799	1,902,141.00	\$ 17,731.25	1,919,872.25	100%
Chesapeake Bay Restoration Grrant	-	-	\$ 4,700.00	4,700.00	0%
HRMFFA	55,000	11,337.34	\$ -	11,337.34	21%
HR Economic Development Site Readiness	1,588,823	22,741.58	\$ 3,363.06	26,104.64	2%
DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant	53,253	3,932.35	\$ 17,635.53	21,567.88	41%
Wetlands Watch	44,532	-	\$ -	-	0%
Solid Waste Planning Unit	20,000	-	\$ -	-	0%
Southside Network Authority	80,000	54,757.01	\$ 25,015.00	79,772.01	100%
VA Telecommunications	19,275,717	2,642,511.30	\$ 15,421.20	2,657,932.50	14%
Start Smart, Recycle Right Program	33,333	24,750.00	\$ 8,250.00	33,000.00	99%
SALES, INTEREST & MISC	287,815	309,118.28	\$ 30,947.52	340,065.80	118%
VDOT-PL SEC 112	5,398,229	1,655,675.05	\$ -	1,655,675.05	31%
HRTAC	301,645	67,253.97	\$ -	67,253.97	22%
VDRPT 5303/ Pass Through	1,292,464	432,866.98	\$ 141,662.79	574,529.77	44%
SP&R	72,500	41,540.03	\$ -	41,540.03	57%
Special Contracts/Deferred/Pass Through	839,282	-	\$ -	-	0%
Total Revenue	44,882,382	13,297,691	738,514	14,036,205	31%
EXPENDITURES					
PERSONNEL	\$ 6,743,418	\$ 4,175,485	\$ 388,826	\$ 4,564,310	68%
STANDARD CONTRACTS	275,935	15,637	\$ 384	16,021	6%
SPECIAL CONTRACTS/PASS THROUGH	36,831,637	5,317,570	\$ 697,945	6,015,515	16%
OFFICE SERVICES	1,031,392	500,709	\$ 42,876	543,585	53%
INDIRECT COSTS	-	1,527,760	142,267	1,670,026	0%
Total Expenses	44,882,382	11,537,160	1,272,298	12,809,458	29%
TOTALS	\$ -	\$ 1,760,531	\$ (533,783)	\$ 1,226,747	*

* HRTPO grants operate on a quarterly reimbursement basis; as such the total YTD does not reflect the commission's current financial position.

HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FY2025 SUMMARY JUNE 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT

TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	Current 12/31/2024 AMEND	Current 6/30/2025 AMEND	FY2025 PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET				
			TOTAL BUDGET	TPO PASS-THRU	PDC PASS-THRU	TPO OPER BUDGET	PDC OPER BUDGET

REVENUES

Local Contributions Member Dues (Note 1)

Local Program Contributions

Other Local Projects

Miscellaneous/Other

HRMFFA

SNA

HRTAC

HRTAC - HRCS

Federal & State Grants:

Transportation (Fed & State)

Planning District - Federal

Planning District - State

Planning District - State Allocation DHCD (Note 2)

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

Deferred

Pass-Thru Revenues

TOTAL REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR

1,753,239	0	0	1,753,239	0	0	636,024	1,117,215
1,073,815	0	(4,860)	1,068,955	0	0	0	1,068,955
20,832	527	0	21,359	0	0	0	21,359
287,815	0		287,815	0	0	0	287,815
55,000	0	0	55,000	0	0	0	55,000
80,000	0	40,000	120,000	0	0	0	120,000
301,645	0	0	301,645	0	0	301,645	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7,077,699	384,154	(146,115)	7,315,738	0	0	5,651,713	1,664,025
5,651,713	0	0	5,651,713	0	0	5,651,713	0
1,130,543	334,848	(146,115)	1,319,275	0	0	0	1,319,275
104,500	49,306		153,807	0	0	0	153,807
190,943	0	0	190,943	0	0	0	190,943
10,650,045	384,681	(110,975)	10,923,751	0	0	6,589,382	4,334,369
284,627	(729)	214,752	498,650	0	0	0	498,650
33,815,743	(251,985)	112,450	33,676,208	475,456	33,200,752	0	0
44,750,415	131,967	216,227	45,098,609	475,456	33,200,752	6,589,382	4,833,019

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EXPENDITURES

Personnel (Note 3)

Standard Contracts (Note 4)

Special Contracts (Note 5)

Expenditures Schedules Operation (Note 6)

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Pass-Thru Expenditures

Deferred Contingencies (Note 7)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR

6,743,418	0	0	6,743,418	0	0	3,224,064	3,519,354
275,935	20,000	0	295,935	0	0	151,583	144,352
505,438	61,902	214,752	782,092	0	0	392,519	389,573
1,023,892	38,600		1,062,492	0	0	537,856	524,636
8,548,683	120,502	214,752	8,883,937	0	0	4,306,022	4,577,915
33,815,743	(251,985)	271,200	33,834,958	475,456	33,359,502	0	0
2,385,989	263,450	(269,725)	2,379,714	0	(158,750)	2,283,360	255,104
44,750,415	131,967	216,227	45,098,609	475,456	33,200,752	6,589,382	4,833,019

Note 1: Local Member Contributions were reduced by \$0.02 in FY2013 to \$0.80 per capita. Increase to \$0.85 in FY22, \$0.90 in FY23 & \$1.00 in FY24

Note 2: State Allocation grant has been reduced from a high of \$366,628 in FY2001 to \$151,943. Increase to \$165,943 in FY22, Increase to \$190,943 in FY23

Note 3: Funding for 50 Full-Time positions.

Note 4: Standard Contracts include: Space, Insurance, Equipment Rental, Maintenance & Repairs, Legal, & Audit.

Note 5: Special Contracts include Internet/Web hosting, design, and maintenance; recycling; public involvement.

Note 6: Schedules: Includes hospitality for mtgs, consumables, equip, copy costs, telephone, memberships, travel.

Note 7: Contingencies consist of those revenues received in current fiscal year that it is anticipated won't be spent until a future fiscal year.

**FY 2026 Hampton Roads Regional
Meetings (July 2025 – June 2026)
HRPDC/HRTPO/HRMFFA/HRTAC**

Date	HRTPO 10:30 AM	HRPDC 12:30 PM	HRMFFA 10:30 AM	HRTAC 12:30 PM
JULY 17, 2025				
AUGUST 15, 2025	No Meetings Currently Scheduled			
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025				
OCTOBER 16, 2025				
NOVEMBER 20, 2025				
DECEMBER 11, 2025				
JANUARY 15, 2026	*	*		
FEBRUARY 19, 2026				
MARCH 19, 2026				
APRIL 16, 2026				
MAY 21, 2026				
JUNE 18, 2026			*	*

**Annual Meeting*

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee Meeting
Summary Minutes of May 7, 2025

The May 7, 2025 meeting of the CAO Committee was called to order at 11:35 am by CAO Committee Chair Mary Bunting at the City of Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau located at 600 22nd Street in Virginia Beach.

CAO Committee Members in Attendance

Mary Bunting, Chair	Hampton
Chris Price, Vice Chair	Chesapeake
Patrick Duhaney	Virginia Beach
Azeez Felder for Al Moor	Suffolk
Randy Keaton	Isle of Wight County
Rosylen Oglesby	Franklin
Michael Stallings	Smithfield
Carol Steele	Gloucester County
Scott Stevens	James City County
Andrew Trivette	Williamsburg

CAO Committee Members Absent

Alan Archer	Newport News
Patrick Roberts	Norfolk
Randy Wheeler	Poquoson
Steven Carter	Portsmouth
Brian Thrower	Southampton County
Melissa Rollins	Surry County
Mark Bellamy	York County

Executive Director:

Robert Crum

Others Recorded Attending:

Erin Carter	Senator Mark Warner's Office
Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky	Portsmouth Resident
Greg Grootendorst	HRPDC
Diane Kaufman	Senator Tim Kaine's Office
Drew Lumpkin	Executive Roundtable
Pavithra Parthasarathi	HRTPO

Welcome

Ms. Bunting thanked Mr. Patrick Duhaney for hosting the CAO meeting. Mr. Duhaney welcomed the CAO Committee and provided a brief overview of the facility and some ongoing efforts in Virginia Beach.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Bunting reviewed the proposed agenda for the CAO meeting and asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda as distributed. There being none, Mr. Duhaney moved to approve the agenda as presented, Mr. Azeez Felder seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Bunting asked if there were any members of the public who wanted to address the CAO Committee. There being no comments, the Public Comment period was closed.

Items of Regional Interest

Ms. Bunting noted that a valuable part of the CAO meeting agendas is the sharing of information and common issues, challenges, and best practices from each locality. She noted that the Executive Director recommended moving today's regional information sharing agenda item to the beginning of the agenda. Each CAO was provided an opportunity to report on an item of regional interest from their locality in a roundtable format. Common topic areas included the status of budget development/approval in each locality, plans for employee compensation, and discussions related to the General Assembly session.

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Funding Model

Mr. Robert Crum and Mr. Greg Grootendorst briefed the CAO Committee on the current funding model for the HRPDC and discussed potential challenges that this funding approach presents for the organization. To begin this discussion, Mr. Crum briefed the CAOs on the following information:

- FY 2026 Operating Revenue Budget for the HRPDC from FY 2021 to FY 2026. Revenues were shown from the organization's various funding sources, categorized as federal, state, and local.
- HRPDC Revenue Trends from 2009 to 2025 on an Inflation-Adjusted Basis. A chart was shown that illustrated the declining buying power of local and state revenues over this time frame.
- Member Dues and State Allocation Trends from 2001 to 2026, on an inflation-adjusted basis. A chart was shown that illustrated that in 2001, the HRPDC received \$366,000 of base funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia, but in 2026, this funding amount has been reduced to \$190,943. On an inflation-adjusted basis, current state funding levels for the HRPDC have decreased by 72.4% since the year 2000.

Mr. Crum noted a number of challenges with the current funding model. With state funding support for PDCs continuing to decline, the PDC is supported by its localities on a per capita basis. However, due to the region's slow growth, per capita contributions from the localities have not kept up with the cost of living/inflation. As a result, the organization has been forced to pursue federal grants to support its operations, and a majority of the organization's revenues are from

federal sources. Due to the uncertainty in Washington, the status of some of these federal grants is unknown, which creates uncertainty around several of the HRPDC's funding sources.

Mr. Crum noted that he has worked with the Personnel and Budget (P&B) Committee on a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026, and the P&B Committee has recommended that the HRPDC and Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Board approve the proposed budget at the upcoming meetings in May. However, he stressed that a mid-year budget amendment is expected after a budget or continuing resolution is approved for the upcoming federal budget year on October 1, 2025 and the status of the organization's federal revenues becomes clearer.

Staff noted that the HRPDC owns the Regional Building, and that maintaining the building and property to ensure it can effectively serve as the hub for regional convening and collaboration has required investments. He noted that approximately 250 to 300 meetings are hosted per year at the Regional Building. Technology investments have been needed to keep pace with meeting and modernization needs. While the organization has slowly saved and established reserves over time, these reserves have been used to complete some major upgrades. Mr. Crum noted that to reduce costs, staff members have donated their time and skills related to carpentry and painting projects within the building, along with artwork/graphics.

Mr. Crum also noted that HRPDC/HRTPO is challenged to remain competitive in its efforts to maintain and attract quality staff due to compensation as well as employee benefit issues. He noted that many times the HRPDC loses employees to localities and other regional organizations because we are not competitive in terms of total compensation.

Mr. Crum and Mr. Grootendorst also discussed the fact that a significant portion of the members' per capita contributions (approximately \$700,000) is used as the non-federal match for transportation planning monies that are used to support the HRTPO's federally mandated transportation planning efforts. These efforts are required to address federal requirements to ensure that the region's needed transportation projects are identified, prioritized, funded, and constructed. It was stressed that there is currently no per capita assessment to assist with the required HRTPO local match.

Mr. Grootendorst reviewed the declining buying power of both the HRPDC's state funding as well as the locality per capita assessment and compared the agency's funding trends with standard inflation costs, noting how difficult it is to keep pace with basic cost-of-living increases.

Another concern discussed by Mr. Crum was the challenge that the HRPDC can have with cash flow, as it serves as a fiscal agent for its local governments on grant programs. He noted that all grants managed by the HRPDC operate on a reimbursement basis. HRPDC/HRTPO must incur the costs and then prepare and submit invoices requesting reimbursement at the end of each quarter.

Mr. Crum stressed that staff were not requesting a decision today but were sharing this information with the CAO Committee, requesting direction on how staff might proceed to address these challenges.

The CAO Committee proceeded to have a roundtable discussion and identified several potential options, including the following:

- While it would not be feasible for the localities to provide the local match of \$700,000 for transportation planning monies in one step, perhaps a phased approach could be considered where a portion is provided and then there is an agreed-upon approach that increases every year over time. The Committee agreed that they could review options to phase in this contribution over time, to determine if there is support for this approach.
- Regarding the HRPDC serving as the fiscal agent for homeland security grants, which require the HRPDC to front money for equipment purchases, it was suggested that, when possible, local governments that will benefit from the equipment purchase should assist the HRPDC in providing the upfront costs until the reimbursement is provided. It was noted that many of these purchases benefit more than one locality and involve the purchase of equipment that benefits multiple localities.
- Discussion also occurred about the possibility of having the localities agree to a small annual increase to the locality per capita assessment on an annual basis. This approach was viewed as preferable to locality contributions being frozen over several years and then having to address the need to catch up on funding needs.

Overall, no vote or consensus was developed on any of these approaches, but it was agreed that the CAO Committee would continue discussing the HRPDC funding model issue.

Update on Federal Grants

The Executive Director briefed the CAO Committee on an update/status of federal grants that support the operations and programs of the HRPDC and HRTPO. He noted grant program areas that remain reliable and reviewed potential program areas that the organization is monitoring due to the policies of the current federal administration. Mr. Crum stressed again that the HRPDC and HRTPO Board will consider a budget for approval at the May Commission and Board meetings, but he anticipates the need for a budget amendment this fall after the federal budget/continuing resolution is finalized and we better understand the status of various funding programs.

Mr. Crum and Mr. Drew Lumpkin discussed the regional coordination that is occurring among a group of regional organizations that are monitoring federal policies and funding programs. They noted that the group is monitoring funding programs that might be in jeopardy, as well as any opportunities that federal policies and priorities might offer for the Hampton Roads region.

HRPDC/HRTPO Updates

Mr. Crum provided the CAO Committee with an update on various items, including the following:

- Opportunity for Regional Town Hall Meetings
- Regional Board Meeting on the Peninsula
- HRPDC and HRTPO Agenda Items for the Upcoming May 15 Meetings

- HRTPO Federal Quadrennial Review
- Upcoming Hampton Roads Caucus Meeting

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Mr. Crum noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the CAO Committee will be held on July 2, 2025 at 11:30 am and will be hosted by the City of Newport News.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed by the CAO Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Crum
Recording Secretary

MEETING SUMMARY
askHRgreen.org Environmental Education Committees

The askHRgreen.org Environmental Education Committees met in May and June to discuss the following ongoing programs and initiatives.

askHRgreen.org Recycling & Beautification Committee – May 13

- The Committee is implementing a three-year EPA Recycling Education and Outreach Grant. Activities in May included receiving the preliminary results of a region-wide recycling confidence survey and the final weeks of implementation for the *Feet on the Street* cart tagging initiative in James City County, Newport News, Norfolk, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and York County. Next steps include conducting focus groups and route-level recycling audits to measure any change to contamination rates from the *Feet on the Street* initiative.
- The Committee developed outreach materials in response to the new Virginia law banning the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. Phase 1 of the ban begins July 1, 2025 for food establishments with more than 20 locations; all other food vendors are required to comply by July 1, 2026. A new webpage, rack card, children's activity book, stickers, and "foam free" sample kits were created to inform local restaurants and help with the transition away from polystyrene foam containers.

askHRgreen.org Stormwater Education Committee – May 16

- The Committee has received a \$4,700 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund for environmental education mini-grants, rain barrel workshops, and new stormwater education display materials in FY26.
- The Committee conducted procurement procedures in order to continue to support the regional Pet Waste Station Grant Program.

askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, & Grease Education Committee – May 20

- The Committee is currently developing a Food Service Employee FOG training video in both Spanish and Chinese to better serve limited English proficiency populations.
- The Committee is developing materials designed to educate food service establishments on the benefits of high-capacity grease control devices.

askHRgreen.org Water Awareness Committee – May 22

- The Committee discussed regulatory requirements related to lead and PFAS outreach. They also recently developed a water drop mascot to be used in local outreach efforts and during Drinking Water Week in May, social media crowd sourcing was used to name the mascot, Hydro Joe.

askHRgreen.org All Hands Meeting – June 18

- The askHRgreen.org committees gathered to collaborate on a variety of topics, including regional identity, redesigning the askHRgreen.org website, refreshing the Bay Star Home & Business programs, and opportunities to improve regional communications resources.

MEETING SUMMARY
COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

The HRPDC Coastal Resiliency Committee met on June 27, 2025. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Greg Steele, Virginia Chief Resilience Officer, gave a presentation to the Committee on the new Office of Commonwealth Resilience and his role as the newly appointed CRO.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the Community Flood Preparedness Fund.
- City staff from Virginia Beach and Norfolk updated the Committee on the status of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Studies underway in the region.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on recent developments with NOAA Atlas 15.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on various regional resilience initiatives.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on the Virginia Flood Resilience Advisory Committee and the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan.

MEETING SUMMARY
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee and the Health Directors met in Newport News and via Teams on June 4, 2025. The following items were discussed:

- Mr. Dan Horne, Virginia Department of Health, updated the committee on Office of Drinking Water program requirements.
- Attendees discussed locality onsite septic system disconnection projects, and research investigating sources of bacteria contamination in local waterways.
- The committee reviewed the charge of the State Water Commission and potential agenda topics in the coming year.
- HRPDC staff provided updates on the status of Regional Water Supply Planning.
- HRPDC staff shared updates from the May meetings of the Virginia Municipal Drinking Water Association (VMDWA) and Mission H2O.

MEETING SUMMARY PLANNING DIRECTORS COMMITTEE

The Planning Directors of the Hampton Roads Region met on May 29, 2025. The following items were discussed.

Presentation: The Linc District (Formerly Innovation District) – City of Portsmouth

Presenter: Rhonda Russell, Director of Planning, and Jason Epley, Benchmark Planning

- **Background:** The City of Portsmouth has rebranded its Innovation District as The Linc District. This project recently received an award from APA's Economic Development Division. The project was supported by a RAISE grant (\$19M) from DOT.
- **Goals:** Job creation, entrepreneurship, community revitalization, and implementation of a people-focused urban development vision.
- **Highlights:**
 - The plan development process has been community-driven and emphasizes the creation of opportunities for residents of Portsmouth, particularly economic development for locally owned businesses.
 - Recent and ongoing projects include mixed-use developments and infrastructure upgrades.
 - The plan creates a vision for an urban neighborhood with mixed-use developments, health and wellness facilities, and maker/entrepreneurial spaces.
 - The presentation highlighted three subareas: Maker Square, Wellness Square, and the MLK Gateway.
 - Development recommendations include CPTED principles, flexible zoning, and design-oriented ordinance updates.

Locality Round Table Discussion

The round table discussion included updates on preparation for state mandated revisions to site plan review, comprehensive plan updates, rezoning issues, and data center proposals.

MEETING SUMMARY PLANNING DIRECTORS COMMITTEE

The Planning Directors of the Hampton Roads region met on June 26, 2025. The following items were discussed.

Presentation: Power Generation Development Overview: “Opportunities for the Deployment of Small Modular Reactor”

Presenter: Todd Flowers, Dominion Energy Director of Power Generation Business Development

- Load Demand Growth: Dominion’s service area has the highest load growth in the U.S., primarily driven by data centers and electrification.
- SMR Benefits: Smaller size, modular construction, faster deployment, increased safety (walk-away safe), and reduced staffing needs.
- Site Selection: North Anna was chosen for initial deployment; Yorktown Naval Weapons Station is under evaluation.
- Partnerships: Collaborations with large users like Amazon and support from DOE and federal/state legislative bodies.
- Timeline: First SMR could be operational by 2033, potentially at a pace of one unit per year thereafter.
- Permitting & Planning: Dominion is working closely with localities for permitting; military bases may have unique federal jurisdiction.
- Environmental Considerations: Flood-resilient design, attention to water usage, and alignment with carbon-free energy goals.
- Case Studies: Kemmerer, Wyoming cited as a strong community engagement model for SMR transition.

Locality Round Table Discussion

The round table discussion included updates on recent development proposals, comprehensive plan updates, cluster development proposals, and transportation studies.

MEETING SUMMARY

REGIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO) COMMITTEE MEETING

The PIO Committee met on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake. The meeting brought together regional communicators to align on key initiatives and strengthen collaborative efforts. The meeting was structured around the following agenda items:

PIO Meeting Strategy Discussion

Led by HRPDC Deputy Executive Director Greg Grootendorst, the group reaffirmed the value of quarterly meetings and agreed to alternate between in-person sessions at HRPDC (11:30 a.m.) and virtual meetings (9:30 a.m.). Future meeting topics of interest include the following: sharing of best practices and helpful trainings/resources, incident response debriefs, support/training opportunities for smaller localities, media preparation, social media guidelines and strategies, standards for accessible communications, and tactics for combating misinformation.

Regional FOIA Training

HRPDC Communications Administrator Matt Klepeisz facilitated a discussion on regional FOIA training needs. The group agreed to coordinate and participate in a basic half-day FOIA training session that will be held on November 14 in conjunction with a complimentary VDEM training session.

Regional Recycling Education & Outreach

HRPDC Principal Environmental Education Planner Katie Cullipher provided updates on the \$1.9 million EPA-funded regional recycling education and outreach project. Progress includes the launch of web-based recycling tools, a regional survey, and a cart-tagging campaign that encompassed 32,000 households in six Hampton Roads localities. A broader public education campaign is being developed for rollout later in 2025.

Regional Emergency Management Exercise

HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator John Sadler briefed the group on a planned regional tabletop exercise simulating a ship colliding with a major bridge. The exercise, expected in late 2025, will be a test of a recently completed emergency planning document, including the Regional Crisis Communications Plan.

Regional Update

HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director Bob Crum shared updates on regional board leadership and the Chief Administrative Officers Committee. He discussed the potential for VDOT collaboration to promote toll relief programs and he reported on the Southside Network Authority's expansion of high-speed broadband to the peninsula, noting the forthcoming rebrand to reflect a truly regional focus.

Around the Horn: Roundtable Highlights

- **HRPDC Public Surveys:** Two regional surveys will be launched to gather public input—one in support of the regional Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to

help prioritize actions for a regional plan, and another as part of HRPDC's regional strategic planning process.

- **VDEM Hurricane Season Kickoff:** A hurricane season kickoff event, featuring Governor Youngkin, will take place Friday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (7700 Midlothian Turnpike). The event will be open to the media.
- **HRT Free Fare Day:** Hampton Roads Transit will offer free rides on June 19 in recognition of Juneteenth.
- **Sail250 Planning:** Preparations are already in progress for Sail250, a commemorative maritime event scheduled for June of 2026.

The Next Meeting will be held *VIRTUALLY* on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on June 5, 2025. The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Ana Elezovic from Chesapeake Parks, Recreation, and Tourism provided an overview of City's plans to use FEMA funds to buy flood-prone parcels in the Mains Creek neighborhood.
- Ms. Christina Trapani, Clean Virginia Waterways, briefed the committee on the update of the Virginia Marine Debris Reduction Plan and discussed plans for monitoring and addressing plastic pollution in the coastal zone.
- Mr. Kyle Coolbaugh, City of Virginia Beach, delivered an overview of the City's Stormwater Extension Program that has been created to empower homeowners and business owners with tools, knowledge, and support to mitigate flooding on their property outside the right of way.
- Mr. Eric Walberg, HRPDC, shared a review of the recycling rate report that Southside localities are required to submit to DEQ annually and briefed the committee on amendments to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan that occurred in 2024.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on July 3, 2025. The following items were discussed.

- Kit Friedman, Crater Planning District Commission, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Southern Rivers Roundtable.
- Justin Doyle, James River Association, gave a presentation to the Committee on the biannual State of the James report issued by the organization.
- Lauren Zuravnsky, HRSD, and Richard Wiatt, VHB, gave a presentation to the Committee on a partnership between HRSD and Newport News to improve Riverview Farm Park as part of SWIFT-related investments at the James River Treatment Plant.
- Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, informed the Committee of a public survey to provide input for the regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Draft Actions and Measures.

**Member
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	May 15, 2025
Chesapeake	The Honorable Howard W. Lutnick Secretary of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave NW Washington, DC 20230
Franklin	Ms. Laura Grimm Chief of Staff National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 5128 Washington, DC 20230
Gloucester	Ms. Laura Grimm Chief of Staff National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 5128 Washington, DC 20230
Hampton	Ms. Laura Grimm Chief of Staff National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 5128 Washington, DC 20230
Isle of Wight	The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine Senator United States Senate 231 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
James City	The Honorable Mark R. Warner Senator United States Senate 703 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
Newport News	The Honorable Jennifer A. Kiggans Congresswoman United States House of Representatives 152 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515
Norfolk	The Honorable Jennifer McClellan Congresswoman United States House of Representatives 1628 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515
Poquoson	The Honorable Rob Wittman Congressman United States House of Representatives 2055 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 202515
Portsmouth	RE: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 15, Volume 2
Smithfield	Dear Secretary Lutnick, Ms. Grimm, and Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation:
Southampton	On behalf of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), please consider our strong support for the NOAA's continued work on Atlas 15, Volume 2. Atlas 15 Volumes 1 and 2 are both essential for state agencies, local governments, and others engaged in the design, construction, and maintenance of water management infrastructure.
Williamsburg	Resources for NOAA Atlas 15 have been appropriated by Congress, and work has already begun on both volumes. However, it has recently come to our attention
York	

The Honorable Howard W. Lutnick, Ms. Laura Grimm, and Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation
May 15, 2025
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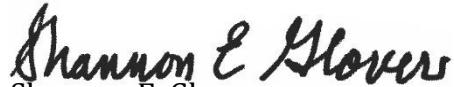
that continued development of Volume 2, which will account for future precipitation trends, has been paused indefinitely. Volume 2 is necessary for creating communities that are resilient to both current and future conditions. The HRPDC strongly supports completing both Volume 1 and Volume 2 as originally planned.

The HRPDC is comprised of seventeen local governments representing approximately 1.8 million people. We are one of twenty-one like agencies throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the purpose of encouraging and facilitating local government cooperation within the region and fostering cooperation between local, state, and federal agencies and other partners.

Current and future flood risk is a priority concern for our communities. Observed increases in rainfall and sea level rise are already causing significant impacts to residents and businesses throughout our region. Accurate and authoritative data products from federal agencies provide the foundation for state and local stormwater and floodplain management programs. Given both observed and projected changes to our climate, the provision of data products that provide both current and future precipitation frequencies is critical to the protection of public health, safety, and welfare.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to working with the Department of Commerce and NOAA to make our communities in Hampton Roads and others more resilient. Should you have any questions about this matter or wish to discuss it further, please contact our Executive Director, Mr. Robert Crum, at rcrum@hrpdcva.gov or 757-420-8300.

Sincerely,



Shannon E. Glover
Chair, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Copy: Kim Doster, Director, NOAA Office of Communications
Stephanie Taillon, Virginia Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources
Michael Rolband, Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Matthew Wells, Director, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
Gregory Steele, Virginia Chief Resilience Officer

United States Senate

May 19, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education, and
Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education, and
Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Capito and Ranking Member Baldwin,

As you work to craft the FY26 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we urge you to provide \$500 million for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Congress provided \$1.1 billion in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021* and *American Rescue Plan of 2021* to provide critical assistance to low-income households with water and sewer bills. LIHWAP helped more than 1.5 million households across the country maintain or restore water service. Nationwide, more than 13,000 water and wastewater systems in low-income, Tribal, rural, and urban communities participated in the program.

Water is as vital to public health and economic development as other basic needs such as home energy and nutrition, which have benefitted from Federal support for decades. With water and sewer bills rising at nearly twice the rate of overall consumer prices, the imperative for Federal water assistance is clear.

As Congress works towards authorizing a permanent water assistance program to safeguard water affordability, we urge the Committee to provide dedicated funding for LIHWAP so that we may continue to provide critical water assistance to our most vulnerable children and families and ensure that those who need the help in paying their water bills are able to do so.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Alex Padilla
United States Senator



Richard Blumenthal
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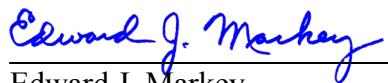
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United States Senator



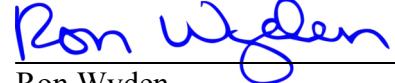
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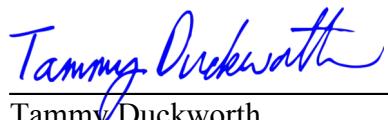
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May 27, 2025

Chesapeake

Mr. Thomas Shirk
 Welding Instructor
 Franklin The College and Career Academy at Pruden
 Suffolk Public Schools

Gloucester

RE: 757 Bike Rack

Hampton

Dear Mr. Shirk:

Isle of Wight

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you and your students for the customized 757 bike rack you created. The finished piece is both visually striking and a testament to your craftsmanship. It now serves not only as a functional bike rack but also as a welcoming and artistic focal point for guests visiting The Regional Building.

Newport News

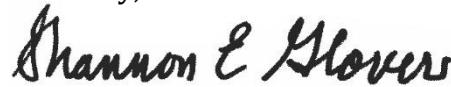
We were proud to unveil the bike rack at our May 15, 2025 Commission meeting, where it was warmly received by local government leaders from across Hampton Roads. We've enclosed a photograph from the event to commemorate the occasion and share this moment of recognition with you.

Poquoson

Thank you again for your talent, collaboration, and contribution to our community.

Portsmouth

Sincerely,



Shannon E. Glover

HRPDC Chair

Southampton

Portsmouth Mayor

Suffolk

Enclosure

Surry

Virginia Beach

Williamsburg

York

**Member
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	June 4, 2025	
Chesapeake	The Honorable Mark D. Sickles, Chair Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission	The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Vice-Chair Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission
Franklin	Virginia House of Delegates General Assembly Building 201 North 9th Street, Room 1232 Richmond, VA 23219	Senate of Virginia General Assembly Building 201 North 9th Street, Room 1407 Richmond, VA 23219
Gloucester		
Hampton	Mr. Hal E. Greer, Director Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission	
Isle of Wight	919 East Main Street, Suite 2101 Richmond, VA 23219	
James City		RE: Coastal Storm Risk Management Projects Study Representation
Newport News		Dear Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission Chair Sickles, Vice-Chair Locke, and Director Greer:
Norfolk		On behalf of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), we respectfully request that the Hampton Roads region be provided with official representation as part of the upcoming Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission (JLARC) study to examine methodology for determining non-federal sponsor contributions for the implementation costs of Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Projects. Due to the importance of the upcoming JLARC study to our region, the HRPDC took action at a recent meeting to request that the Hampton Roads region be provided with appropriate local and regional representation as part of the JLARC study from both our Peninsula and Southside localities.
Poquoson		
Portsmouth		
Smithfield		
Southampton		The HRPDC is comprised of seventeen local governments representing approximately 1.8 million people, with the dual purposes of encouraging and facilitating local government cooperation within the region and fostering cooperation between local, state, and federal agencies and other partners. One of the regional legislative priorities unanimously adopted as part of the HRPDC Regional Legislative Agenda is a request that the Virginia General Assembly develop a state funding program to assist localities with the non-federal match for federal grants to support large-scale flood relief projects. House Joint Resolution 434 is responsive to this request by directing JLARC to complete a study to address this issue.
Suffolk		
Surry		
Virginia Beach		
Williamsburg		A substantial amount of federal money is available for flood mitigation efforts; however, localities cannot access these resources without providing a significant non-federal match. Due to the scale of needed flood prevention projects, our localities are not in a
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June 4, 2025

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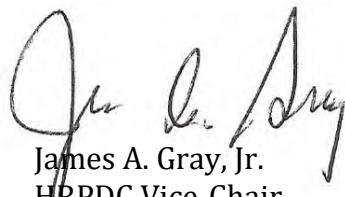
financial position to provide these needed matching funds. There is a significant return on investment for the Commonwealth if the Hampton Roads region is able to advance projects that protect military, federal, port, and other state facilities from the impacts of flooding. The HRPDC requests that the state develop a funding program to contribute to the required non-federal share.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request; our region looks forward to participating in this important process.

Sincerely,



Shannon E. Glover
HRPDC Chair
Portsmouth Mayor



James A. Gray, Jr.
HRPDC Vice-Chair
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June 6, 2025

The Honorable Mark Warner
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Bobby Scott
U.S. Congressman
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jen Kiggans
United States House of Representatives
152 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Rob Wittman
United States House of Representatives
2055 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Jennifer McClellan
United States House of Representatives
1628 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation,

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA) and a coalition of regional business and government organizations, we write to bring to your attention the critical implications of the proposed FY26 budget cuts to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), with particular concern on their potential impacts to Virginia's NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) and Wallops Flight Facility (WFF). These proposed cuts present a serious workforce and economic threat to Virginia, Hampton Roads, and the Eastern Shore, but they also threaten to cede our nation's leadership in science, technology, and aeronautics to China. We would never recover.

Since its inception, NASA has played a primary role in establishing and sustaining America's leadership in space, aviation, and science. In so doing, NASA has spurred the US economy through the creation, growth, and sustainment of the American aerospace industry. **The proposed FY26 NASA budget of \$18.8 billion is a \$6 billion (24.3%) cut from the FY25 enacted budget of \$24.8 billion. The proposed budget slashes funding for space science (-44%), Earth science (-53%), aeronautics (-37%), and space technology (-48%).** Since approximately 80% of NASA funding goes to industry, non-profits, and universities, this will have a devastating impact on US aerospace and surrender leadership in science, aviation, and the development of new technologies for space to China and Europe.

Since 1917, NASA LaRC has been at the forefront of working with industry on the development of next generation technologies for aviation, science, and exploration. Its budget reflects this, with significant funding from all of NASA's missions. The proposed budget disproportionately reduces funding for research and technologies for the future. Langley's technical budget portfolio is approximately 30% science, 40% aeronautics, and 20% space technology. Based on the proposed budget reductions in these areas, **Langley would lose nearly \$452M and 672 civil servants (~50% budget cut and ~39% personnel cut), along with at least 700 contractors.** Most of these contractors work at small businesses, many of which would be forced to close. While Wallops' FY26 budget and personnel cuts are not broken out from its parent Goddard Space Flight Center, Goddard would lose nearly \$2.1B in funding and 1,549 personnel (~53% budget cut and ~46% personnel cut). **Wallops has 271 NASA**





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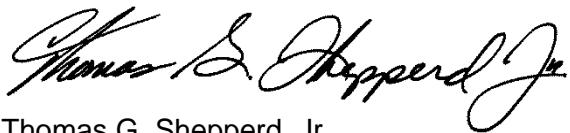
employees, so a 46% personnel cut would mean ~124 positions lost. According to official government estimates, NASA has over \$6 billion in economic impact in Virginia, which means that planned cuts could have an **economic impact on Virginia communities of over \$3 billion!**

Given these facts, we respectfully request your support in advocating for the following items:

- 1) **Reject efforts to close Virginia's NASA facilities.** A 33% cut to center operations funding will likely result in closing at least two NASA centers. Without strong congressional support, Langley and Wallops will be at risk of closing, which would have severe impacts on both Virginia's economy and national security.
- 2) **Invest in America's leadership in space, aviation, and science by rejecting the proposed cuts to NASA's budget.** NASA invests heavily in industry, sharing expertise, technologies, and funding with commercial companies to grow American industrial capabilities so NASA can invest in further out future technologies. The Nation's leadership in space and the race against China will be lost in the long run without investments in commercial space and future technologies.
- 3) **Support moving NASA HQ technology programs to Langley.** The Administration is directing NASA to reduce or eliminate the headquarters in Washington D.C. Based on its rich history of innovation, partnering with industry, and technology transfer, Langley is well positioned to be the lead center for future technologies in science, exploration, and aeronautics. Goddard and Wallops partnerships would enable technology development to launch capabilities. Based on decades of experience, Langley is also well-position for the NASA Air Traffic Management research program.

Thank you for supporting our federal facilities and the Hampton Roads community. We will be reaching out to set up meetings with you, along with our team of recently retired NASA experts, to provide details on the devastating impacts of these proposed cuts. Our point of contact is the HRMFFA Executive Director, Rick Dwyer, who can be reached at rdwyer@hrmffa.org, or 757-644-6324.

Respectfully,



Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Board Chair
HRMFFA



Rick Dwyer
Executive Director
HRMFFA



Douglas L. Smith
President & CEO
Hampton Roads Alliance



Nancy Grden
President & CEO
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Virginia Peninsula Chamber

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Hampton Roads Workforce Council

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President
Virginia Ship Repair Association

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Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Attachments:

1. Background paper on NASA cuts
2. NASA's FY23 Virginia Economic Impact Report
3. NASA Langley's 2024 Annual Report

cc: Governor Glenn A. Youngkin
Secretary W. Sheppard Miller III



Background Paper
On
Impacts of Proposed FY26 NASA Budget Cuts

Background

The proposed NASA budget cuts present a serious workforce and economic threat to Virginia and Hampton Roads, but it also threatens to cede our nation's leadership in science, technology, and aeronautics to China. We would never recover. Key messages:

- 1) NASA Langley and Wallop's economic impact is lost with the proposed budget.** In FY23, NASA's economic impact in Virginia was \$6.1B supporting 24,763 jobs and \$244.2M in state tax revenue. See agency chart attached. In FY23, total NASA procurements in Virginia were \$1.8B. Every NASA civil service job supports an additional nine jobs in the state economy. Cutting NASA to make government more efficient hurts contractors and universities. Langley has a ratio of 1:1 civil servants to contractors on site and many external contractors support science in Virginia.
- 2) Mission Support reductions will force closures of NASA Centers.** The proposed 33% cut to Mission Support (which was already underfunded) could result in closing of at least two Centers and significant loss of civil servants, contractors, and small businesses. In FY24, NASA estimated a proposed budget cut of 22% from the FY23 budget would result in a loss of 4000 civil service; thus, it follows that a cut of 37% could result in a loss of 6000+ civil service with close to equal number of contractor positions. Coupled with the proposed 5-8% reduction of defense civil servants, this will have a major impact on Virginia's economy.
- 3) Proposed mission cuts cede our nation's leadership in aeronautics, science and technology development to China and jeopardize national security.** Since its inception, NASA has played a primary role in establishing and sustaining America's leadership in space, aviation, and science. In so doing, NASA has spurred the US economy through the creation, growth, and sustainment of American aerospace industry. The proposed budget slashes the budgets for space science (-44%), Earth science (-53%), Aeronautics (-37%), and Space Technology (-48%). Since approximately 80% of NASA funding goes to industry, non-profits, and universities, this will have a devastating impact on US aerospace and surrender leadership in science, aviation, and the development of new technologies for space to China and Europe.
- 4) Langley and Wallops critical mission work cut in this proposed budget.** As a research center, Langley has been at the forefront of working with industry on the development of next generation technologies for aviation, science, and exploration. Its budget reflects this, with significant funding from all of NASA's mission areas. The proposed budget disproportionately reduces funding for research and technologies for the future.

Currently, Langley's technical budget portfolio is approximately 30% Science, 40% aeronautics, and 20% space technology. Based on the proposed budget reductions in these areas, Langley would lose nearly \$452M and 672 civil servants (~50% budget cut and ~39% personnel cut), along with a roughly equal number of contractors. While Wallops' FY26 budget and personnel cuts are not broken out from its parent Goddard Space Flight Center, Goddard would lose nearly \$2.1B in funding and 1,549 personnel (~53% budget cut and ~46% personnel cut). Wallops has 271 NASA employees, so a 46% personnel cut would mean ~124 positions lost.

In Exploration and Space Technology, the narrow focus of the proposed budget on a return to the Moon and sending humans to Mars ignores the realities of the challenges that can only be solved

through investments in space technology. Humans will not survive the trip to and from Mars or prolonged residence on the surface due to radiation exposure. Technologies for safely landing humans are still being developed. Langley has played a key role in developing solutions and sharing them with industry in these and other areas. This budget will eliminate this critical national capability.

In Aeronautics, the budget poses a significant threat to groundbreaking research in advanced aircraft design and sustainable aviation fuels. Both Europe, and especially China, are investing heavily in these areas and will surpass the US in future commercial aviation markets. NASA research into commercial supersonic aircraft and hypersonic aviation and defense applications are opening new markets while strengthening our national security. Reductions in Aeronautics and center operations budgets also threaten unique national assets such as the operation of one-of-a-kind wind tunnel facilities. Langley wind tunnel facilities are heavily used by industry and Federal partners for cost effective risk reduction testing of concepts, technologies, and vehicle designs opening new commercial markets at a fraction of the cost of full-scale developments.

In Science, reductions in research efforts surrender decades of American leadership in understanding the connection of chemical composition in the atmosphere to every aspect of humanity on earth (air quality, pollution, ozone impacts the rate of earth heating/cooling, agribusiness, and applied applications). The budget would force termination of key Langley projects, such as turning off operating satellites that are currently on orbit providing groundbreaking data on ozone in the stratosphere, the role of aerosols on air quality, and informing the delicate balance earth's radiation budget on long term climate, and weather patterns. The data from these satellites are used broadly by the US agriculture, energy, public health, and disaster response communities. The budget would also eliminate Langley's contributions to emerging technologies for exploring other planets and the Moon where Langley has provided essential technologies to small businesses involved in lunar and Mars exploration.

5) At risk, NASA investments in U.S. companies to spark innovation and U.S. leadership. The vast majority of NASA's funding (approximately 80%) goes out the door to contractors, universities, non-profits, and small businesses to fuel innovation and aerospace leadership in the United States. This budget will devastate the science community and the small companies that have grown through helping NASA go to the moon, achieving science, and aviation breakthroughs. China will lead the aviation industry and companies like Boeing will continue to decline and fail.

6) Commercial Space Industry leveraged NASA technologies and funding to achieve current state. NASA invests heavily in industry, sharing expertise, technologies, and funding with commercial companies to grow American industrial capabilities so that NASA can invest in further out future technologies. The Nation's leadership in Space and the Race Against China will be lost in the long run without investments in commercial space and future technologies. We might win an initial race or two, but we will lose the war without investment in R&D.

7) Future State - Opportunities Leveraging Langley's Capabilities and Partnership with Goddard and Wallops. NASA Center Congressional delegations are vying for HQ program management. Langley is well positioned to be the lead Center for Future Technologies in Science, Exploration and Aeronautics. This is more than the Science Technology Mission Directorate (STMD); Langley is well positioned to lead for all future technology developments. Goddard and Wallops partnerships would enable technology development to launch capabilities. Langley is also in position to lead parts of the aeronautics program like Air Traffic Control in addition to NASA aircraft management.

VIRGINIA

NASA Center: Langley Research Center – Hampton Virginia

NASA Center: Wallops Flight Facility – Wallops Island, VA Managed by Goddard Space Flight Center

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

NASA AGENCYWIDE ⁽¹⁾	MOON TO MARS CAMPAIGN	CLIMATE CHANGE R&T ⁽²⁾ INVESTMENT
State Impact	State Impact	State Impact
24,763 Jobs Supported	4,195 Jobs Supported	3,964 Jobs Supported
\$6.1B Economic Output	\$899.3M Economic Output	\$1B Economic Output
\$244.2M State Tax Revenue	\$38.5M State Tax Revenue	\$37.6M State Tax Revenue

⁽¹⁾ For more information, please visit <https://www.nasa.gov/value-of-nasa/>⁽²⁾ Climate Change Research and Technology (R&T) Investments

FY23 State Procurement Investment⁽³⁾ **\$1.8B**

SAMPLE OBLIGATIONS⁽⁴⁾

BUSINESS	\$1.3B
Other Than Small Business	\$1B
Small Business	\$313.5M
8(a) Program	\$6.6M
Economically Disadvantaged Women Owned	\$24.8M
Historically Underutilized Business (HUBZone)	\$16.4M
Service Disabled Veteran Owned	\$96.6M
Innovative Research	\$18.7M
Disadvantaged Business	\$140.5M
Veteran Owned	\$100.5M
Woman Owned	\$58.9M
Small Business ONLY	\$35.2M

EDUCATIONAL	\$17.2M
Historically Black Colleges and Universities	\$2.6M
Other Minority Institutions	\$0

GOVERNMENT	\$3.1M
NON-PROFIT	\$19.3M

LEADING STATE-BASED NASA BUSINESS CONTRACTORS

Bechtel National, Inc.	\$308,679,000
Orbital Sciences Corporation	\$243,912,774
Peraton, Inc.	\$231,152,978
Jacobs Technology, Inc.	\$75,347,489
Science Applications International Corporation	\$56,732,752

LEADING STATE-BASED NASA EDUCATION FUNDING

George Mason University	\$5,041,352
University of Virginia	\$4,826,274
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	\$2,815,209
Christopher Newport University	\$719,868
Eastern Virginia Medical School	\$660,900

SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM

Old Dominion University Research Foundation	\$1,259,950
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24,763

NASA JOBS SUPPORTED

There are 2,478 NASA federal employees and 11,634 contractors* in the state of Virginia.

For every NASA civil servant job located in Virginia, an additional 9** jobs are supported in the state economy. For every million dollars' worth of economic output generated by NASA civil service employees, an additional \$4.2** million worth of output is sustained throughout the state economy.

*Indirect effects are the purchases of goods and services by government agencies and private sector contractors, as well as by the industries that supply them.

**Multiplier based on IMPLAN Input Output (I-O) model. To learn more, please visit: <https://blog.implan.com/understanding-implan-multipliers>

NASA ASTRONAUTS

Ken D. Bowersox

David M. Brown

Andre Douglas*

Joe F. Edwards, Jr.

Guy S. Gardner

Leland D. Melvin

William A. "Bill" Oefelein

John L. Phillips

Robert L. "Bobby" Satcher, Jr.

Mark T. Vande Hei*

Peter J.K. "Jeff" Wisoff

† Active

For more information about the Economic Impact Report for your state, go to:



Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters
300 E Street SW, Suite 5R30
Washington, DC 20546
www.nasa.gov/centers



NASA's Low-Earth Flight Test of an Inflatable Decelerator (LOFTID) demonstrated a cross-cutting aeroshell — a type of heat shield — for atmospheric re-entry.



NASA's Langley aeronautics researchers find ways to fly that are faster, cheaper, safer, and cleaner. They also build systems that will help drones take on jobs from package delivery to search and rescue.



NASA's Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO) instrument launched and became the first space-based instrument to monitor major air pollutants hourly in high resolution across the continental United States. The data will help scientists study the effects of pollution and evaluate health impacts by creating air pollution maps at the neighborhood scale.



NASA is constructing a new Wallops Island Causeway Bridge, critical infrastructure that enables access to the Wallops Island orbital and suborbital launch pads. The new bridge is key to supporting a projected launch tempo of up to 50 launches per year from the facility by 2030.



National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Economic Impact

\$86
MILLION
spent on efforts linked to
**Colleges &
Universities**

\$215
MILLION awarded to
small
business

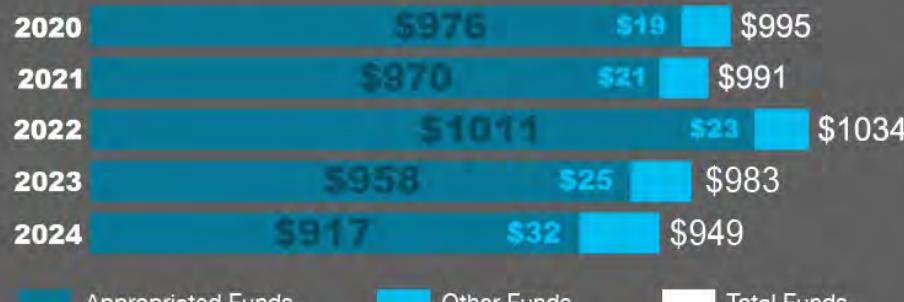
Prime Contract Spending

Small Business
Other

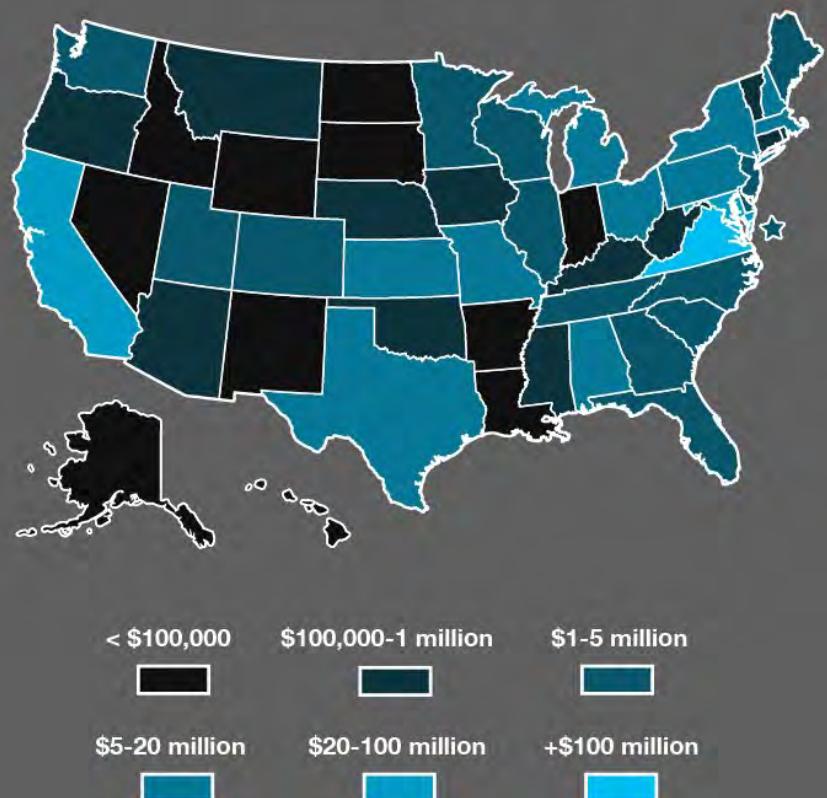


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Langley Funding In Millions



Langley Funding





June 24, 2025

Mr. Donald T. Robertson
County Administrator
Isle of Wight County
Post Office Box 80
Isle of Wight, Virginia 23397

Mr. Robertson:

As you know, the Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting of June 5, 2025 appointed you to serve on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katheryn L. Mayes".

Katheryn L. Mayes
Clerk
Board of Supervisors

/klm

Cc: Mr. Robert Crum, Executive Director, HRPDC

June 25, 2025

Mr. Christopher M. Price
Office of the City Manager
306 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Dear Mr. Price:

I am pleased to advise you that City Council, at its meeting of June 24, 2025, reappointed you to your fourth term on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Your term begins on July 13, 2025 and expires on July 12, 2027. Your certificate of appointment is enclosed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Deputy City Clerk Jenifer Freeman at 757-382-6151.

Sincerely,


Sandra M. Madison, MMC
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: City Attorney
Commonwealth's Attorney
Cynthia Mulkey, HRPDC

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Sandra M. Madison, City Clerk, City of Chesapeake,
Virginia, do hereby certify that

Christopher M. Price

was appointed by City Council to serve on the

***Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission***

for a term to begin July 13, 2025
and expires July 12, 2027

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause
the Seal of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, to be affixed
hereto this Twenty-fifth day of June, 2025.


Sandra M. Madison
Sandra M. Madison, MMC
City Clerk



June 25, 2025

Mr. Brian S. Solis
Office of the City Manager
306 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Dear Mr. Solis:

I am pleased to advise you that City Council, at its meeting of June 24, 2025, reappointed you to your third term on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Your term begins on July 13, 2025 and expires on July 12, 2027. Your certificate of appointment is enclosed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Deputy City Clerk Jenifer Freeman at 757-382-6151.

Sincerely,


Sandra M. Madison, MMC
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: City Attorney
Commonwealth's Attorney
Cynthia Mulkey, HRPDC

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Sandra M. Madison, City Clerk, City of Chesapeake,
Virginia, do hereby certify that

Brian S. Solis

was appointed by City Council to serve on the

***Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission***

for a term to begin July 13, 2025
and expires July 12, 2027

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause
the Seal of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, to be affixed
hereto this Twenty-fifth day of June, 2025.

Sandra Madison

Sandra M. Madison, MMC
City Clerk



June 25, 2025

Council Member Ella P. Ward
Chesapeake City Council
306 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Dear Council Member Ward:

I am pleased to advise you that City Council, at its meeting of June 24, 2025, reappointed you to your eleventh term on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Your term begins on July 13, 2025 and expires on July 12, 2027. Your certificate of appointment is enclosed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Deputy City Clerk Jenifer Freeman at 757-382-6151.

Sincerely,



Sandra M. Madison
Sandra M. Madison, MMC
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: City Attorney
Commonwealth's Attorney
Cynthia Mulkey, HRPDC

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Sandra M. Madison, City Clerk, City of Chesapeake,
Virginia, do hereby certify that

Council Member Ella P. Ward

was appointed by City Council to serve on the

***Hampton Roads Planning
District Commission***

for a term to begin July 13, 2025
and expires July 12, 2027

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause
the Seal of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, to be affixed
hereto this Twenty-fifth day of June, 2025.

Sandra Madison

Sandra M. Madison, MMC
City Clerk

