

November 24, 2025

Memorandum #2025-154

**TO: Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers
Hampton Roads Legislative Liaisons**

BY: Robert A. Crum, Jr, Executive Director

**RE: Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee Special Meeting –
December 3, 2025**

A special meeting of the Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 3, 2025, beginning at 11:30 AM**. This meeting will be held in the 757 Room of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. The agenda and related materials are attached.

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Attachments

Chief Administrative Officers:

Mary Bunting, HA
Chris Price, CH
Lincoln Saunders, FR
Carol Steele, GL
Don Robertson, IW
Scott Stevens, JC
Alan Archer, NN
Patrick Roberts, NO
Randy Wheeler, PQ

Steven Carter, PO
Michael Stallings, SM
Brian Thrower, SH
Kevin Hughes, SU
Melissa Rollins, SY
Patrick Duhaney, VB
William Saunders, WN
Andrew Trivette, WM
Mark Bellamy, YK

**Hampton Roads
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee Meeting
Agenda**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025
11:30 AM**

**757 Room, The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320**

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Agenda

3) Public Comment

Members of the public will be provided with an opportunity to address the CAOs. Comments will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

4) Regional Infrastructure and Readiness Framework

At the November 20 meetings of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), discussion occurred regarding a draft House Joint Resolution proposed by Delegate Bonita Anthony. This draft resolution would establish a Regional Infrastructure and Readiness Framework for Hampton Roads. Following discussion, both the HRTPO Board and HRPDC forwarded this proposal to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee, with a request that the CAOs review this proposal and provide a recommendation that could be considered at the January 15 meetings of the HRTPO Board and HRPDC.

Attached for the CAO Committee's review is the email from Delegate Anthony requesting consideration of this proposal and the proposed House Joint Resolution.

The Executive Director will introduce this information and request discussion regarding a recommendation to be considered at the HRTPO Board and HRPDC meetings scheduled for January 15, 2025.

Attachment 4

5) Items of Regional Interest

CAO Committee members will be asked to share any items of regional interest from their locality.

6) Next Scheduled Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 7, 2026, at 11:30 AM and will be hosted by the City of Portsmouth.

7) Adjournment

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

From: Bonita Anthony <DelBAnthony@house.virginia.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:09 AM
To: Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Cc: michael.hipple@jamescitycountyva.gov; erica@bonitaforva.com; Rick W. West; Cynthia Mulkey; info@bonitaforva.com
Subject: Request for HRTPO/HRPDC Support — Regional Infrastructure & Fiscal Readiness Framework (Proposed HJR)
Attachments: Outlook-signaturel; Talking Points and Comparison Brief for Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework (RIFRF) (1).docx; Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework HJR Proposal.docx
Importance: High

Dear Bob,

Thank you again for your steady leadership as we navigate regional discussions around mobility, resilience, and long-term fiscal strategy. Based on recent Commissioner input and the Fiscal Infrastructure Framework in the November agenda, I have drafted a **conceptual (pre-DLS) House Joint Resolution** establishing a **Regional Infrastructure & Fiscal Readiness Framework** for Hampton Roads.

This draft is **not yet in DLS formatting** and will require complete alignment with Virginia Code drafting conventions when submitted. My intention at this stage is to outline the policy direction, scope, and structure for regional discussion before DLS begins formal drafting.

Our region continues to face significant challenges with over **\$3B in unfunded roadway needs**, growing **public transit pressures**, **rising federal match requirements** for flood mitigation, and **competing local priorities**. There is consensus that we need a **unified, data-driven approach** to fiscal readiness and project sequencing before the region advances any major infrastructure or revenue proposals.

The proposed Framework would:

- Coordinate transportation, transit, and flood-mitigation planning.
- Establish shared fiscal-readiness and equity metrics.
- Strengthen alignment with CTB, VDOT, DRPT, and federal partners.
- Provide transparency and a strong foundation for future regional legislative requests.
- Create **no new taxes, programs, or mandates**.

I've attached:

- The **conceptual HJR draft**
- **Suggested talking points for tomorrow's meeting**

- **Comparison to HB2466**

I respectfully request that the HRTPO/HRPDC:

1. **Endorse the intent** of the Framework at tomorrow's meeting.
2. **Prepare a Letter of Support** affirming regional participation.
3. **Note that the Framework is a planning tool**, not a revenue proposal, to ensure alignment as future regional needs are sequenced.

Thank you for your time and for your partnership. Please let me know if you or staff need additional information before Board action.

I also want to note that **I will be unable to attend the joint HRTPO/HRPC meeting due to a conflicting House Privileges & Elections Committee obligation**. However, I remain fully committed in engaging in the discussions. Please let me know if any questions arise during the meeting, and I will be available to follow up the next day.

Sincerely,

Delegate Bonita Anthony

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Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. ____

Establishing the Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework for Hampton Roads.

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads region faces significant unfunded infrastructure needs across primary and secondary roads, bridges, tunnels, public transit systems, and multimodal corridors essential to public safety, national security, and economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, recurrent flooding, sea level rise, and coastal storm impacts present serious risks to regional mobility and require coordinated planning to protect residents, businesses, military installations, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the region's multimodal mobility network includes public transit providers — Hampton Roads Transit, the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, and Suffolk Transit — whose fiscal stability and operational capacity are essential to workforce mobility, equitable access, and regional connectivity; and

WHEREAS, members of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) have expressed the need for a unified, data-informed approach to regional prioritization, fiscal capacity, and federal match readiness before advancing major programmatic or revenue proposals; and

WHEREAS, the HRTPO, HRPDC, and the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), working with regional transit operators and in consultation with state transportation partners, are best positioned to coordinate regional planning across transportation, flood mitigation, and mobility systems; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework will strengthen regional coordination, improve transparency, and support equitable and fiscally responsible sequencing of projects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring,

Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework

That the General Assembly hereby establish the Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework (RIFRF) for the Hampton Roads region.

The Framework shall:

1. Coordinate regional planning across transportation, transit, and flood mitigation systems;
2. Develop shared fiscal-readiness, equity, and federal leverage metrics to guide regional decision-making;
3. Identify and prioritize regional projects essential to mobility, resilience, and economic stability; and
4. Recommend coordination practices to align regional planning with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and other relevant agencies.

RESOLVED FURTHER,

That the HRTPO and HRPDC, in coordination with HRTAC and the region's public transit operators, and in consultation with VDOT and the CTB, shall lead development of the Framework.

The Framework shall include:

- An inventory of unfunded regional transportation, transit, and flood mitigation needs;
- An analysis of regional fiscal capacity and project readiness;
- Recommendations on sequencing regional investments; and
- Strategies for coordinated engagement with state and federal partners.

Where relevant, the Framework may consider connectivity and access to regional airports without altering existing airport governance structures.

Regional Infrastructure and Fiscal Readiness Framework

The HRTPO and HRPDC shall submit the completed Framework report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Secretary of Transportation no later than November 1, 2026.

RESOLVED FINALLY,

That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Executive Directors of the HRTPO and HRPDC, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Chairman of the CTB so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly.