



Regional Legislative Priorities

Regional Legislative Committee
September 8, 2023 Meeting

Process

- Regional Legislative Committee

• Mayor Douglas Pons, Williamsburg	HRPDC Chair
• William McCarty, Isle of Wight	HRTPO Chair
• Mayor Shannon Glover, Portsmouth	HRPDC Vice Chair
• Mayor Gordon Helsel, Poquoson	HRTPO Vice Chair
• Mary Bunting, Hampton	CAO Chair
• Chris Price, Chesapeake	CAO Vice Chair

Regional Legislative Agenda

- Complementary, not in conflict with local legislative priorities
- Short List of Regional Priorities
- Important to have unanimous support of region's localities

Process

- Community Advisory Committee (August)
- Chief Administrative Officers (September 6)
- Invite Legislative Liaisons to Regional Legislative Committee Meeting (September 8)
- Mayor/CAO Roundtable on Violence Prevention
- Regional Legislative Committee Prepares Recommendation
- Adoption by HRPDC/HRTPO Boards (October/November)

September 6 CAO Committee Meeting

- We are most successful when we have a short strategic list of regional legislative priorities
- Identify topics that are better championed by other entities
- For instance – Public Safety Items
- Divide our Regional Legislative Agenda into Two Categories
 - Priority Areas
 - Priority advocacy areas
 - Position Statements
 - Monitor and support
 - Monitor and oppose

Recurrent Flooding

- Support the formation of the Chief Resilience Officer Position at the State level with six staff
- Provide a minimum of \$200 million/year through the Commonwealth Flood Protection Program to support smaller projects and planning efforts
- Develop State funding program to provide non-federal match for federal grants to support large-scale projects
- Support need for Peninsula Army Corp Study

Potential Regional Priorities

- Continued Support for Jefferson Lab (Maintain State Funding as Non-Federal Match)
- Support Efforts to Make Hampton Roads a Hub for the Emerging Offshore Wind Industry
- Financial Assistance to Support Shovel-Ready Economic Development Sites

Potential Regional Priorities

- Maintain Full Funding for I-64 Gap
- Support Faster and More Reliable Passenger Rail Service between Hampton Roads, Richmond and the Northeast Corridor
- Adequate Funding for Hampton Roads' Three Transit Providers
 - Regional Transit Advisory Panel
- Continue Efforts to Mitigate Toll Impacts at Downtown and Midtown Tunnels
- State/Federal Funding to Build the Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT)

Potential Priorities

- Provide adequate funding for transportation network maintenance and repair
- Support Housing Opportunities for All
- Reject Unfunded Mandates
- Federal/State Broadband Funding Flexibility

HRPDC/HRTPO

- Restore State Funding for Planning District Commissions
- PL Funding for the HRTPO

Public Safety

- Address Mental Health System
- Witness Protection Program Funding
- Invest in New Forensic Tools
- Support for 599 Police Department Funding
- Coordinated Case Management System Support
- Flock Cameras

Public Safety

- Temporary Detention Order (TDO)
- Conflict Resolution/Mediation Skills in K-12 Public Schools
- Enable Assistance from Retired Public Safety Professionals
- Study of the Use of Technology to Address Violence and Crime
- Violent and Repeat Offenders
- Commonwealth Attorney Staffing Challenges

Others ?

- Virginia Regulations – Youth Mentors
- Primary/Secondary Road Fund – CAOs recommend that HRPDC/HRTPO should not lead on this item