



# *PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/* *TRANSIT COORDINATION/* *TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN*

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# Hampton Roads Regional Transit Fund (HRRTF)

HRRTF was created in 2020 by Virginia General Assembly to develop, maintain, and improve a regional network of transit routes and related infrastructure, rolling stock, and support facilities – HRRTF funded from a combination of regional levies on the grantors and occupancy taxes and also recordation tax revenues

Current HRRTF Long Range Plan of Finance allocates approximately \$1B for priority transit priority projects through 2045

The HRPDC/HRTPO actively advocated for and supported the creation of an independent, stable and reliable funding source for Public Transportation services

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ADVISORY PANEL (RTAP)

*That the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization shall establish a regional transit advisory panel composed of representatives of major business and industry groups, employers, shopping destinations, institutions of higher education, military installations, hospitals and health care centers, public transit entities, and any other groups identified as necessary to provide ongoing advice to the regional planning process required pursuant to §33.2-286 of the Code of Virginia on the long-term vision for a multimodal regional public transit network in Hampton Roads.*

- Created by Virginia General Assembly as a requirement of the HRRTF
- HRTPO established the RTAP and facilitates and manages its meetings and operations

# RTAP MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND INITIATIVES

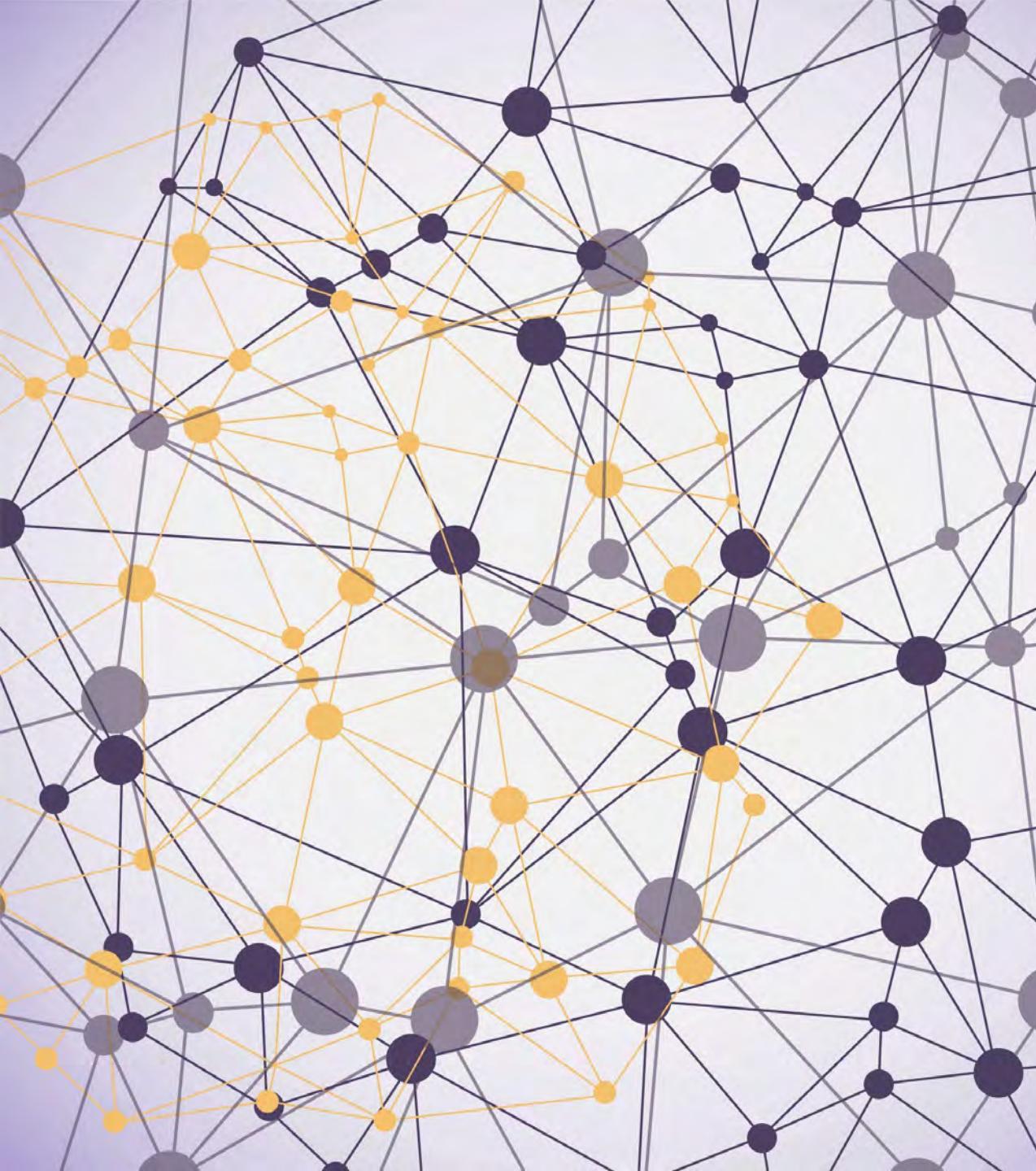
- Supported development of a regional backbone transit network with consistent 15-minute service intervals, bus stop amenities and technology to provide an interconnected transit network across the Hampton Roads Transit localities
- Utilized nine work groups to develop a list of recommendations for strengthening transit in the Hampton Roads region around multiple topic areas
- Recommended implementation of new transit circulator services on Naval Station Norfolk – HRT successfully applied and received grant funding to initiate these services
- Conducted multiple Transit Advocacy events both in Richmond during the Virginia General Assembly sessions and also in the region in support of regional transit enhancements
- RTAP continues to meet and work to advance regional transit priorities



# ADDITIONAL HRTPO REGIONAL TRANSIT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

- Regional Transit Coordination Work Group
- Special Transit Related Studies
  - Multi-Modal Connectivity Toolkit
  - Bus Stop Vicinity Audits Pilot for the 757Express Network
  - Passenger Rail Planning
  - Upcoming Micro Transit Pilot Study for WATA
- Ongoing Support to Regional Transit Partners
  - Committee Memberships
  - Technical Input on Agency Specific Studies and Initiatives including the WATA Strategic Plan Update, HRT's study of new High-Capacity Transit options in Chesapeake, and HRT System Optimization Plan





## REGIONAL TRANSIT COORDINATION WORK GROUP

- Quarterly meeting coordinated and hosted by HRTPO for staff members from the 3 transit agencies in the region
- Provides a forum and clearinghouse for the exchange of information, ideas, concerns, and issues while working to identify areas greater areas for cooperation and coordination
- Recent meeting topics include:
  - Electronic Fare Payment
  - Service Planning Coordination
  - Review of Proposed Changes to Virginia's Scoring and Ranking of Grant Applications
  - Driver Recruitment
  - Transit Vehicle Procurement Challenges

# Multi-Modal Connectivity Toolkit Study



- The Multimodal Connectivity Toolbox (MCT) was included in the FY 2024 UPWP
- Developing a tool to assist with determining the highest priority locations for additional bus stop infrastructure, through ongoing coordination with locality stakeholders and transit operators.
- Current work focused on the identification of the top locations (10-20 Stops) currently serving the largest population concentrations and providing access to the largest number of essential services (by both agency and locality)
- Priority ranking of essential services includes information from a public outreach poll
- Case study will be performed on a few locations where new stop infrastructure could be added (1-2 future locations)

# BUS STOP VICINITY AUDITS PILOT FOR THE 757EXPRESS NETWORK

- Study effort advanced in support of a key RTAP recommendation:

*“Assessment of the Environ of Key Bus Stops to identify ways in which the subject localities and transit agencies can provide infrastructure that supports the bus network.”*

- Five locations reflecting a diversity of environments and issues were selected for the initial audits
- Audits reviewed in detail the location usage, lighting, handicap accommodations, sidewalk widths, closest intersections, crashes, and adjacent transportation facilities and land uses
- Findings and options for each location have been shared with the respective cities and HRT



# Bus Audit Example

## Highlights- Coliseum Dr

- Bus stop amenities
  - southbound
    - standard **shelter**
  - northbound
    - **bench** and trashcan (on private property)
- Land use
  - Hampton's *Coliseum Central Master Plan* (2015), includes "**proposed multi-family** residential" near the **subject stops**.
- Options to consider
  - For Hampton/HRT:
    - **Replacing** NB bench with a shelter
  - For Hampton:
    - **Supporting** the development of multi-family housing nearby



Source: Hampton's *Coliseum Central Master Plan* (with bus stop added)

# Recent HRTPO Passenger Rail Studies

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Train Alternative Service Plans for Norfolk Station (2019)
- The Cost of Amtrak Tickets: Virginia vs. Other States (2021)
- Demographics of Hampton Roads Amtrak Passengers (2021)
- Improving Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Service (2024)
- Suffolk Rail Station Location Alternatives Analysis (2025 UPWP)



# Transit Asset Management Plans

## **Management/TAM Plan (transit and highway and bridge)**

*HRTPO does not maintain a TAM plan but use HRT's and DRPT's plans for Performance Measures and Targets.*

- [HRT TAM Plan](#)
- [DRPT TAM Plan](#) (opens on DRPT's website; used by Suffolk Transit and WATA)

## **Development of Performance Measures documentation, coordination (including measures and targets)**

<https://www.hrtpo.org/554/Regional-Performance-Measures-Targets>