

Potential Regional Legislative Priorities

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
October 20, 2022

Regional Legislative Committee

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Regional Legislative Agenda

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

2022 Session

- Funding for I-64 Gap
- 3rd Passenger Rail Train to Norfolk
- 2nd Passenger Rail Train to Newport News
- Economic Development Site Readiness Funding
- Increased Flexibility for Broadband Funding through State VATI Program
- Increased discussion regarding Coastal Resiliency – Commonwealth Flood Board

- ERC Tolls - Increased low income toll relief for low income residents
- UASI Funding – remained stable at \$3.4 Million

Process

- July 21:** HRPDC and HRTPO Board
- August 11:** HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee
- August 22:** HRPDC Coastal Resilience Subcommittee
- August 29:** Regional Legislative Committee and Legislative Liaisons
- Sept 7:** CAO Committee
- Sept 16:** HRTPO Elizabeth River Crossing Task Force
- Sept 22:** Mayor/CAO Roundtable on Violence and Crime Prevention
- October 19:** HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee

2023 Regional Legislative Priorities

Transportation

- Full funding for I-64 Gap
- Elizabeth River Crossings Toll Agreement
- Enhanced Passenger Rail Service from Hampton Roads to I-95 corridor
- Funding to construct the Virginia Capital Trail Extension
- Transit Funding – preserve and provide adequate funding to support the region's public transit systems (HRT, WATA and Suffolk)

I-64 Gap

First 3 phases of I-64 improvements on Peninsula
HRTAC contributed \$311 M

29 mile gap from Exit 234 to Exit 205 (9 miles in Hampton Roads)
Total Cost of 29-mile gap estimated at \$750 M

State Budget Year 1:	\$300 M
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State Budget Year 2:	<u>\$150 M</u>
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	\$450 M
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Federal Funding Request:	<u>\$150 M</u>
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	\$600 M
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CVTA	<u>\$100 M</u>
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	\$700 M
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CHARLES CITY COUNTY



- Virginia Capital Trail
- - - Birthplace of America Trail

RICHMOND

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HENRICO COUNTY

DUNTY

CHARLES CITY COUNTY

TURKEY ISLAND

JAMES RIVER

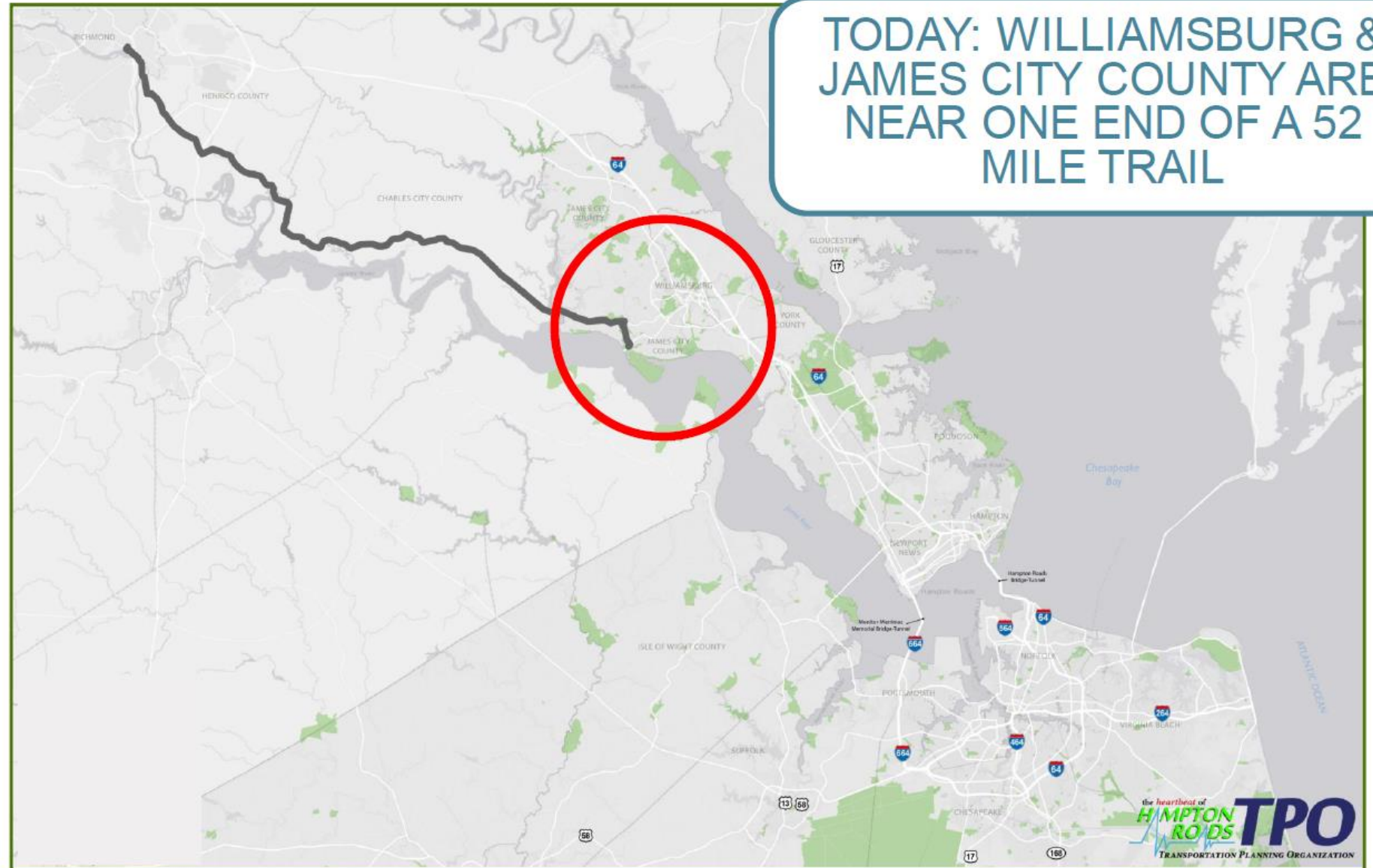
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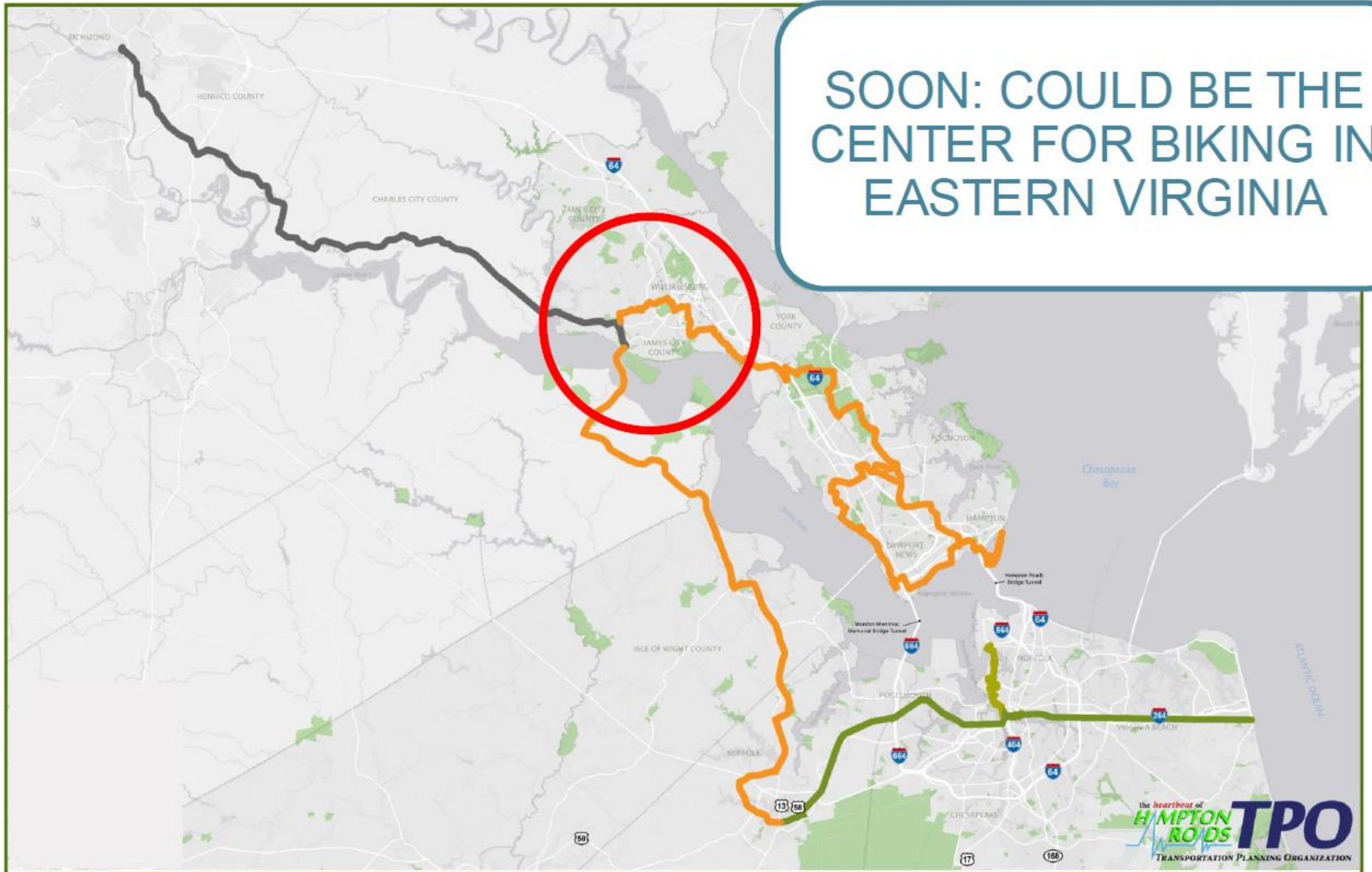
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the heart of
HAMPTON
ROADS **TPO**
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TODAY: WILLIAMSBURG &
JAMES CITY COUNTY ARE
NEAR ONE END OF A 52
MILE TRAIL



SOON: COULD BE THE
CENTER FOR BIKING IN
EASTERN VIRGINIA



Walking and Biking Trails

- Fall Line Trail
- Eastern Shore Trail
- Shenandoah Trail

Make the “Big 3” the “Big 4”

Include the BoAT/Cap Trail Extension in State funding considerations (Peninsula and Southside)

Public Safety Regional Legislative Priorities

Temporary Detention Order Roles

- Provide State assistance to decrease the time demands that Temporary Detention Order (TDO) responsibilities place on our locality police departments.
- Request State funding to provide needed mental health resources/staff to transition TDO responsibilities away from local police officers.
- Provide flexibility for other qualified professionals to perform TDO duties, allow localities opportunity to contract for these services to reduce demands on local police forces

Conflict Resolution

- Request State financial assistance to incorporate conflict resolution/mediation skills into school system curriculums (K-12)
- Include as component of Standards of Learning

Retired Law Enforcement

- Provide State authorization through the Virginia Retirement System to allow retired law enforcement officers to perform full time duties to address local public safety needs

Technology

- Request that priority be given to a study that evaluates the Code of Virginia to determine barriers and opportunities regarding the use of technology to address Violence and Crime

Commonwealth Resilience

- Request that the Commonwealth of Virginia establish a dedicated, reliable and ongoing funding source for flood prevention projects
- To protect the Commonwealth's bond rating, the Commonwealth should create a structure for coordination between State agencies, departments and regions – consider requesting a study on a structure that ensures collaboration among State agencies

Other Regional Legislative Priorities

- State Support for Jefferson Lab
- Support for Offshore Wind
- Economic Development Site Readiness

Other Regional Legislative Priorities

- Oppose and reject legislation that would impose new unfunded mandates and fiscal responsibilities on local governments
- Public Meeting Notices – allow localities flexibility to utilize electronic options
- Housing – support programs and policies that promote housing opportunities for all

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- Conflict Resolution/Mediation Skills in School Curriculum
- Allow Retired Law Enforcement Officers to Perform Full Time Local Public Safety Duties
- Request Study to Evaluate Code of VA Regarding Use of Technology to Address Crime/Violence
- Dedicated State/Federal Funding for Flooding/Resiliency
- Coastal Resiliency – Structure for State Coordination for Resiliency/Flood Prevention
- State Support for Jefferson Lab
- State Support for Offshore Wind
- Economic Development Site Readiness
- Adequate Transit Funding
- Oppose Unfunded Mandates
- Support Housing Programs and Policies that Promote Housing for All
- Public Meeting Notices – Allow Flexibility for Electronic Options