



Hampton Roads



TPO 2018



Regional Legislative Priorities





Transportation Funding

The HRTPO Supports:

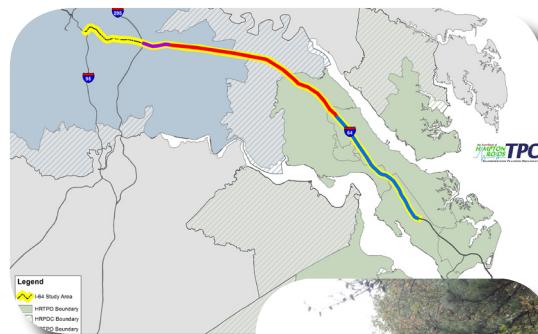
- Pursuit of legislation to make whole the original intent of HB2313 by providing additional transportation funding to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF).
- Pursuit of funding options to cover the loss of state transit capital funding that will result from the expiration of Capital Projects Revenue (CPR) bonds.



Passenger Rail

The HRTPO supports:

- Efforts that promote higher-speed passenger rail service between Hampton Roads and Richmond
- Funding for Trains 2 and 3 to Norfolk.



I-64 Improvements

The HRTPO supports the pursuit of federal/state funding for the widening of I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond from Exit 205 (Bottoms Bridge) to Exit 234 (Route 199 – Lightfoot).



Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board

Increased Hampton Roads Representation on CTB

The HRTPO supports increased representation for the Hampton Roads region on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).

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Virginia Housing Trust Fund (VHTF)

The HRPDC supports legislation that continues to appropriate funding of the VHTF for housing programs and projects. VHTF enables the preservation and production of affordable housing opportunities.



Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)

The HRPDC recommends increasing state funding to the SLAF to support localities' work to implement stormwater controls that have been instrumental in reducing pollution into the Chesapeake Bay.



Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)

The HRPDC requests assistance from our state and federal partners to increase the level of UASI funding provided to the Hampton Roads region.



Hampton Roads Regional Broadband Network



Regional Broadband Network

The HRPDC supports initiatives that encourage the development of a regional broadband network for the Hampton Roads region that connects urban, suburban and rural areas. A fully integrated regional broadband fiber optic network will promote economic and workforce development, increase public safety, and further advances in higher education throughout the Hampton Roads region.

K-12 Education

The HRPDC overwhelmingly supports a continuation of efforts to provide increased state funding for K-12 public education.



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Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund (VSRF)

The HRPDC supports the funding of the VSRF that was created during the 2016 session, but received no appropriations. The VSRF can be used by localities to establish low-interest loans for residents and businesses to mitigate flooding.

Stand-alone Virginia Chief Resiliency Officer

The HRPDC supports creating a stand-alone position that would allow this appointed individual to focus exclusively on coordinating local, state, and federal efforts on coastal resiliency.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 3x3x3 studies

The HRPDC supports the appropriation of matching funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 3x3x3 studies for flood mitigation and other resiliency projects.



First Floor Elevations

The HRPDC supports the appropriation of state resources to fund the collection of first floor elevation data for the Hampton Roads region. With elevation data, state and local agencies can conduct more accurate damage assessments of potential flood events and develop benefit-cost analyses to direct mitigation and resiliency efforts.

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