



# HAMPTON ROADS STRATEGIC PLAN

HRPDC Retreat 2012

Presented by  
John M. Carlock, AICP  
Deputy Executive Director



# REGIONAL COOPERATION ACT

- Section 15.2-4209 of the Code of Virginia requires that PDCs prepare a regional strategic plan to guide the District to include:
  - Regional goals and objectives
  - Strategies to meet the goals and objectives
  - Mechanisms for measuring progress

### **§ 15.2-4208. General duties of planning district commissions.**

Planning district commissions shall have the following duties and authority:

1. To conduct studies on issues and problems of regional significance;
2. To identify and study potential opportunities for state and local cost savings and staffing efficiencies
3. To identify mechanisms for the coordination of state and local interests on a regional basis;
4. To implement services
5. To provide technical assistance to state government and member localities;
6. To serve as a liaison between localities and state agencies
7. To review local government aid applications;
8. To conduct strategic planning for the region;
9. To develop regional functional area plans;
10. To assist state agencies in the development of substate plans;
11. To participate in a statewide geographic information system; and
12. To collect and maintain demographic, economic and other data concerning the region and act as a state data center affiliate.

(1995, cc. 732, 796, § 15.1-1405.1; 1997, c. 587; 1998, cc. 668, 686.)

### **§ 15.2-4209. Preparation and adoption of regional strategic plan.**

...each planning district commission shall prepare a regional strategic plan for the guidance of the district.

(1968, c. 224, § 15.1-1406; 1976, c. 760; 1981, c. 315; 1995, cc. 732, 796; 1997, c. 587; 1998, cc. 668, 686.)



# **DUTIES OF PDCs**



# EXISTING REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- HRPDC
  - Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan
  - Regional Component of TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan for Chesapeake Bay
  - Regional Wet Weather Management Plan
  - Proposal for 2040 Regional Plan for Sustainable Development
- HRTPO
  - Regional Transportation Priorities
  - Hampton Roads Transit Vision Plan
  - 2034 Long Range Transportation Plan
  - Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Blue Print
- Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce – Plan 2007
- Hampton Roads Partnership – Vision Hampton Roads
- Urban Land Institute – Reality Check
- Others – Individual Localities and Organizations



# REGIONAL CHALLENGES

- Pending DOD Budget Reductions – Potential BRAC
- Competitiveness in the global economy
- Environmental Regulations
- Sea Level Rise
- Spatial integration and accessibility of housing, employment, infrastructure and services
- Other State and Federal Budget Reductions



# DEFICIENCIES OF STATUS QUO

- “Stovepipe” approach to Plan preparation with most plans directed at regulatory compliance.
- No strategic regional vision guides these Plans.
- Competitor regions are moving ahead with regional strategic and development plans.
- State and federal governments are not providing the support necessary to achieve either regulatory requirements or a local/regional vision.
- **“Regions are on their Own”**



# REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY

- A cooperative, regional strategy may facilitate cost-effective solutions and direction forward.
- Region is beginning development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Conversation is underway & resources to support it appear to be available.



# REGIONAL OPTIONS

- Surgical – Check the Box
  - Staff led – integrate existing plans
- OR
- Comprehensive
  - Board led
  - Broad community involvement
  - Integrate existing plans



# DISCUSSION

EXPLORE CONCEPT OF “HAMPTON ROADS  
IS ON ITS OWN”

DECIDE HOW TO ADVANCE AS A REGION