

2021 General Assembly Overview

HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee

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Precipitation Predictions

Challenge

- Stormwater infrastructure that collects and diverts rainwater from roads and bridges is sized based on historical rainfall events
- Atlas 14 report, prepared by National Weather Service, has not been updated for Hampton Roads Region since 2006
- Rainfall trends changing, VA Beach studies indicate as much as 20 %

Update

- VDOT and DEQ have provided funding to update Atlas 14 rainfall data for first time since 2006
- Estimated Completion: Summer 2023

Flooding Disclosure

- House Bill 2320/Senate Bill 1385
- Requires the Real Estate Board to make available on its website a flood risk information form, the details of which are outlined in the bill.
- Provides that an owner of residential real property who has actual knowledge that the dwelling unit is a repetitive risk loss structure, as defined in the bill, shall disclose such fact to the purchaser on a form provided by the Real Estate Board on its website.
- Collaboration with VA Association of Realtors
- The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022.

Smart Scale

Challenge

- Concern that Hampton Roads applications for transportation funding are penalized if they incorporate resiliency into their projects
- Planning for resiliency/flooding can = higher project costs

Senate Bill 1350

- Senate Bill 1350 - Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to determine whether a project has been designed to be or the project sponsor has committed that the design will be resilient when evaluating projects for the Six-Year Improvement Program and consider resiliency when establishing the Statewide Transportation Plan. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Highways to ensure resiliency is incorporated into the design standards for new construction projects.
- Governor Action Deadline – March 31

Vaccinations

Challenge

- Ensuring enough qualified vaccinators at local clinics

Senate Bill 1445 and House Bill 2333

- Unanimously endorsed at the January HRPDC Meeting
- Enables eligible health care providers to administer the COVID-19 vaccine during State of Emergency
- Defines eligible health care provider and a program for registration and training requirements for participating health care providers
- Allows medical care facilities, hospitals, corporations, businesses, pharmacies, higher education, localities and others to volunteer their facilities as COVID-19 vaccination sites.

Vaccinations

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- Permits localities with fire departments, emergency medical services departments and volunteer rescue squads to establish and staff vaccine administration clinics.
- Provides civil and criminal immunity to individuals and professional entities acting pursuant to the bill
- Governor Approved – Effective February 15, 2021

CAO Advisory Group

Challenge

- In January, HRPDC officially expressed concerns about the rate of vaccinations in our region
- Unanimously approved a letter to the Governor making several recommendations
- Included a recommendation to create a CAO Advisory Council
- Charged with meeting with the Governor's staff on a weekly basis to provide insights on what is working and what needs improved related to vaccination program
- Executive Director worked with other PDCs and Governor's staff to appoint 8 CAOs from around the State
- Meets weekly with Governor's staff
- 2 representatives from Hampton Roads Region

I-64 Gap

Challenge

- \$93 Million shortfall in funding for the Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network
- No funding for improvements for the 29-mile gap between Hampton Roads (Exit 234) and Richmond (Exit 205)

I-64 Gap

Budget Amendment HB 1800 Conference Report – Item447.10#1c

- Provides \$93.1 Million for the Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network (total cost \$950 M supported by HRTAC)
- Any remaining amounts to improve I-64 between Exit 205 and Exit 234 as determined by the CTB

I-64 Gap

Interstate 81 Truck Tolls/Fees

- \$140 Million to be available by 2027 to finance improvements on I-64
- An additional \$236 M available for Interstate Improvements (Excluding I-81 and Northern VA)
- Total cost to complete I-64 Gap: Approximately \$750 M
- Federal Infrastructure Program