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TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members

FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's July 2016 Report

A brief summary of ongoing work activities is presented below for review by HRPDC/HRTPO Board members.

The HRPDC staff developed and circulated information to the Hampton Roads Federal Delegation explaining why Hampton Roads should be designated as an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) metropolitan region. A copy of this information sheet is attached.

The HRPDC staff continues to work with the Cities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach and the Naval bases in these jurisdictions in preparation for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for these jurisdictions focusing on Sea Level Rise with a scope of work nearing completion. A second JLUS focusing on similar issues for the Cities of Chesapeake and Portsmouth will also be managed by the HRPDC. The HRPDC staff has agreed to serve as Project Manager/Coordinator for both of these JLUS studies.

The Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) held their regularly scheduled monthly meetings on June 1st and July 6th. The June 1st agenda included a presentation on the Virginia Beach Broadband initiative, a discussion of opportunities to advance a regional broadband effort, review of the need to explore regional collaboration around public safety efforts and a review of regional interest items. The July 6th agenda included a presentation on a land subsidence monitoring proposal, discussion of the Intergovernmental Pilot Project, and a briefing from Hampton City staff on FEMA requirements for development permitting in Special Flood Hazard Areas.

The HRTPO Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director have worked with the CAOs from the City of Franklin and Southampton County to address issues identified during the HRTPO Federal Quadrennial Review regarding voting membership for these jurisdictions on the HRTPO Board. A proposal for moving forward will be presented by HRTPO staff at the HRTPO's July 21st Board meeting.

The HRPDC Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director participated in the 2016 Virginia Energy Policy Forum presented by Senator Mark Warner on June 17th at the Hampton Conference Center.

The HRTPO and HRTAC Executive Directors provided a presentation at the June 22nd Virginia Municipal League Regional Supper in Suffolk on the Region's transportation planning and funding process, regional economic trends, and the potential impact of the Region's regional transportation priority projects on the Hampton Roads economy.

The HRTPO/HRPDC Executive Director provided a presentation on regional transportation planning and funding efforts on June 23rd at a Reinvent Hampton Roads meeting held at Virginian Wesleyan College.

The HRTPO/HRPDC Executive Director served as Emcee for the Transformational Transit Summit held at the Westin Town Center on June 27th.

The HRPDC Chief Economist and Executive Director attended the June 28th meeting of Virginia Beach City Council to present information on the Hampton Roads Economic Benchmarking Study. Mr. Greg Grootendorst provided the City Council a follow-up presentation on the Benchmarking Study which was introduced at the June HRPDC meeting and responded to questions from Council members.

The HRPDC Executive Director attended the Virginia Beach City Council meeting on July 5th to monitor discussions on the HRPDC Governance Structure proposal.

The HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director met with Old Dominion University President John Broderick on July 8th to discuss collaboration opportunities between the HRPDC and ODU.

The HRTPO Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director met with Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne on July 13th to discuss the upcoming process for the Hampton Roads Crossing Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

The HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director continues to participate in the Hampton Roads Regional Roundtable – a monthly meeting of regional organizations convened by the HRPDC to encourage the exchange of information and promote collaboration.

The HRTPO staff continues to coordinate with locality staffs to discuss opportunities for extending the Virginia Capital Trail into the Hampton Roads Region.

The Executive Director and staff are working on a number of administrative issues related to the following topics:

- On-boarding process for the HRPDC/HRTPO's recently selected IT managed services consultant (Mode 5, from Norfolk).
- Coordination with Crenshaw, Ware and Martin, the HRPDC/HRTPO's recently selected legal services firm
- Annual employee evaluation process
- Budget planning/preparations
- Development of a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Outreach Program for the HRPDC/HRTPO.

The HRTPO/HRPDC continues to assist HRTAC with financial management, website support, and human resource activities.

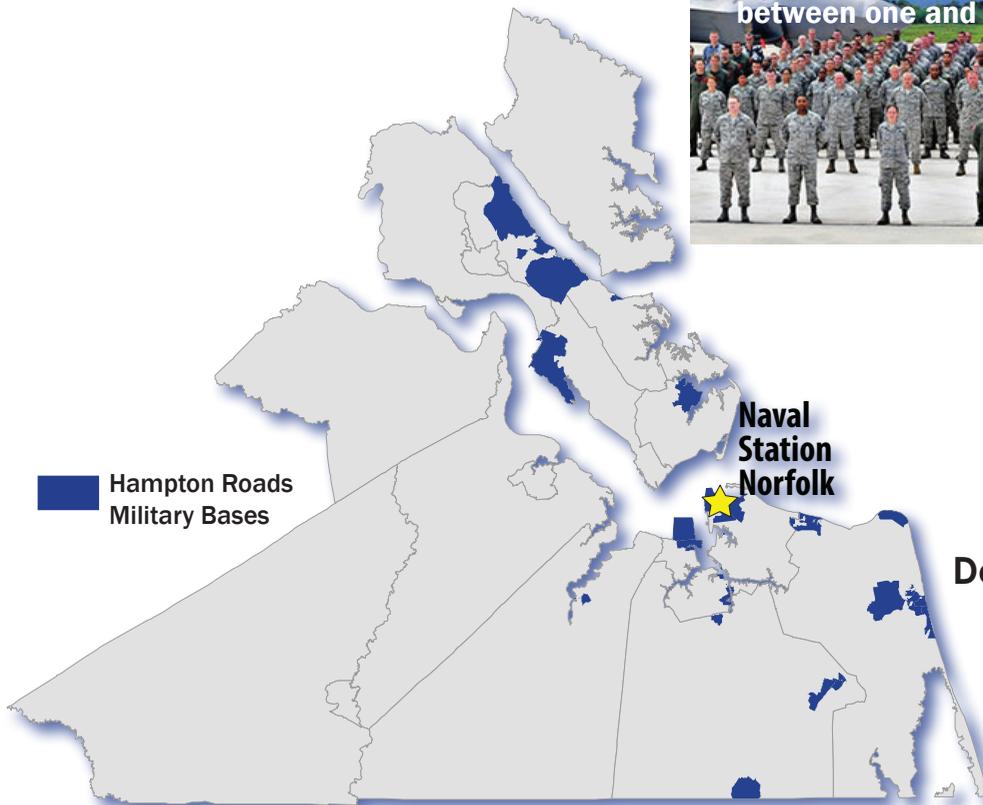
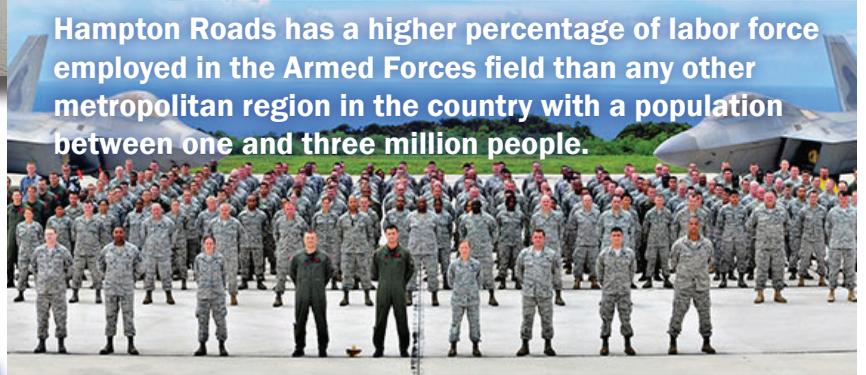
Why Hampton Roads **SHOULD** Be a UASI Region!

Naval Station Norfolk is the largest naval base in the world.



The U. S. military's assets in Hampton Roads play a critical role in the national security of the country.

Hampton Roads has a higher percentage of labor force employed in the Armed Forces field than any other metropolitan region in the country with a population between one and three million people.



The **Hampton Roads Region** is home to approximately **115,000** highly-trained, uniformed and civil service **Department of Defense Personnel** across **24** military bases.

In 2014, the ports of Hampton Roads handled 16 percent of all east coast foreign trade by weight, and we expect increases in this share after the widening of the Panama Canal.



Almost 20 percent of all shipbuilding and repair in the United States occurs in Hampton Roads, with the federal government responsible for the vast majority of this work.



Despite these unparalleled national security assets, Hampton Roads has one of the smallest FBI field offices in the nation, creating a significant anti-terrorism gap for these assets.

A **successful** Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program must **recognize and protect** the critical national security assets located in **Hampton Roads!**