

**Hampton Roads  
Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021  
11:30 AM**

**HRPDC Offices  
Regional Building  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320**

**The 757 Room  
(located behind main reception area)**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The Summary Minutes from the September 1, 2021 CAO Committee meeting will be distributed in a subsequent email.

**IV. Public Comment**

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the CAO Committee. Comments should be limited to three minutes per speaker.

**V. HRPDC/HRTPO Regional Legislative Agenda**

For the past five years, the HRPDC and HRTPO have adopted a regional legislative agenda to convey to the General Assembly and Federal Delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of the Hampton Roads region. This regional legislative agenda is typically approved by the HPPDC and HRTPO Boards at their October/November meetings to allow these regional legislative priorities to be shared with Hampton Roads Caucus members before the start of the General Assembly session in January.

This year, a joint HRPDC and HRTPO Regional Legislative Committee was formed to develop a recommendation for a regional legislative agenda to be considered by the HRPDC and HRTPO Boards. The membership of this Legislative Committee is as follows:

Andria McClellan, Norfolk	HRPDC Chair
Mayor Donnie Tuck, Hampton	HRTPO Chair
David Jenkins, Newport News	HRPDC Vice Chair
Mayor Rick West, Chesapeake	HRTPO Vice Chair
Mary Bunting, Hampton	CAO Committee Chair
Mike Johnson, Southampton County	CAO Committee Vice Chair

The process for preparation and approval of the Regional Legislative Agenda is as follows:

**June 30, 2021:** Regional Legislative Committee held its first meeting and received an overview from the Executive Director on last year's regional legislative agenda and related actions by the Virginia General Assembly. Committee members provided input on potential regional legislative topics that could be considered by the HRPDC and HRTPO.

**July 15, 2021:** The Executive Director provided an overview to the HRPDC Board and received input from Commission members on potential regional legislative agenda items.

**Sept. 23, 2021:** The Regional Legislative Committee held its second meeting and received a recommended list of regional legislative priorities from the Executive Director based on input from the previous meetings summarized above. The Committee reached consensus on a recommended regional legislative agenda.

**October 6:** CAO Committee to review draft Regional Legislative Agenda

*If needed, an additional Legislative Committee meeting could be scheduled between October 6 and October 21*

**October 21:** HRPDC and HRTPO consider approval of Regional Legislative Agenda. If needed, approval could occur at the November 18 meetings.

The Executive Director will present the draft Regional Legislative Agenda to the CAO Committee. This draft Agenda will include the following items:

- Request creation of the Commonwealth Flooding Board to address statewide flooding issues, direct and prioritize state and federal funding for flood mitigation and ensure collaboration and alignment among state agencies and food mitigation efforts
- Support initiatives that support and advance Offshore Wind opportunities, including the creation of the Offshore Wind Supply Chain Fund supported by the HRPDC at its July 15 meeting
- Support funding programs that will advance the construction of the Hampton Roads Regional Fiber Network
- Support the continuation of funding programs and policies that assist local governments with preparing shovel ready sites for job creation
- Request assistance from our State and Federal partners to complete the 29-mile I-64 Gap between Hampton Roads and Richmond

- Request assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia to mitigate the significant impacts the Downtown and Midtown Tunnel tolls have on Hampton Roads residents and businesses
- Support the funding of projects that reduce travel time and improve reliability for passenger rail service between Hampton Roads and Richmond.
- Request that the Commonwealth of Virginia explore alternatives to the fuels tax as a funding source for transportation
- Support funding for School construction and modernization
- Address Code of Virginia language on blighted property and repetitive criminal activities
- Sustain and increase Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding for the Hampton Roads region
- Support efforts that continue funding for programs that support affordable housing programs and projects
- Increase State funding for Planning District Commissions

Following this presentation, staff requests that the CAO Committee provide any comments and a recommendation to the HRPDC and HRTPO Boards on the proposed Regional Legislative Agenda.

## **VI. Update on Build Back Better Regional Challenge**

At last month's meeting, the CAO Committee was provided a briefing on the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build Back Better Regional Challenge and efforts underway in the Hampton Roads region to prepare and submit a proposal through this program before the October 19 deadline. The CAO Committee will be provided an update on these efforts.

## **VII. Locality Roundtable/Roll Call**

Each CAO will be asked to provide a brief report on items of regional significance from their locality.

## **VIII. Other Business**

## **IX. Adjournment**