



# Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

## Draft *Public Participation Plan – A Vision for Public Participation*

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## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND CIVIL RIGHTS

- Public Involvement
  - Public Input in and Awareness of PDC Planning Programs and Studies
- Title VI and Environmental Justice
  - Ensure that Title VI and Environmental Justice are considered in the PDC Planning Process
  - Community Advisory Committee
- Social Media
  - Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn
- Communications
  - Newsletter
  - Media Relations
  - Media Coverage
  - Podcast
- Organizational Websites
- Outreach
  - Community Events
  - Civic Leagues
  - Stakeholders
  - Organizations
  - Schools
- Graphic Arts and Videography
- Publications, Brochures, Other Printed Material





- HRPDC is the Recipient of Federal Funds
- HRPDC is the Fiduciary Agent for the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in conjunction with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is now requiring that HRPDC apply a Public Involvement, Title VI/Civil Rights and Environmental Justice lens to their planning and program activities

### **HRPDC VDOT Audit -- 2017**

- The Establishment of the Office Of Community Affairs and Civil Rights
- HRTPO's Public Involvement and Title VI Administrator's Department renamed and expanded to include HRPDC activities and programs
- HRPDC/HRTPO Boards and Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), took Action to Expand the CTAC's purview to include HRPDC and renamed the CTAC to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Renamed the *Public Involvement and Title VI Administrator* Position to *Administrator, Office of Community Affairs and Civil Rights*, with Direct Report to Executive Director
- HRPDC Public Participation Plan – ***A Vision for Public Participation***



# A VISION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



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**Public Participation** allows for meaningful consideration and input from interested individuals during the planning process. HRPDC is required to maintain continued interaction with the entire community and ensure that the public has the opportunity to help shape the substance of plans and actions.

**Environmental justice** is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development and implementation, of HRPDC 's programs and policies.

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** protects people from discrimination based on race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. The Federal Transit Administration works to ensure nondiscriminatory transportation in support of our mission to enhance the social and economic quality of life for all in the United States of America.

*Draft Vision for Public Participation was open for public review and comment for a 45-day public comment period.*



## HRPDC Public Participation Highlights

- Outlines HRPDC's Awareness of and Commitment to Public Involvement, Environmental Justice and Title VI
- Clearly Defines HRPDC Meeting and Notification Policies and Opportunities for Public Input and Review
- Outlines HRPDC's Future Efforts to Engage and Inform the Public
- Describes the Purpose for and Activities of the HRPDC Community Advisory Committee
- Provides the Public with a Plan to Engage and Address Limited English Populations here in Hampton Road
- Informs the Public of ways in Which They can Become Involved with the Planning Activities of the HRPDC
- Provides Accountability and Transparency



***Action Requested:***

***The HRPDC should take action to approve HRPDC Resolution 2020-02  
Adopting and Approving the HRPDC Public Participation Plan.***





Questions?

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