



HAMPTON ROADS 2020 REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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Chesapeake Bay

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Pursue Federal and State Funding for the I-64/HRBT Expansion

- Largest transportation project in Virginia's history at \$3.8 Billion
- Majority of funding provided by regional taxes through HRTAC
- Project supports:
 - Military (national security)
 - Port (east coast economy)
 - Emergency evacuation
 - State tourism industry

Offshore Wind

Request State assistance to attract companies to Hampton Roads that support the emerging offshore wind industry and create jobs for Virginia



COASTAL RESILIENCY

An investment to address coastal resiliency in Hampton Roads benefits our national security (military bases) and national economy (Port of Virginia)

Request State funding that can be used by local governments as a local match to participate in Federal funding programs

- Saves the State money by bringing more Federal dollars to Virginia for resiliency projects
- Helps localities with debt capacity limits participate in federal programs
- Creates Local/State/Federal partnerships



Request that the Commonwealth create a State Resiliency Assistance Fund

- Modeled on Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF)
- Funds projects based on established criteria gap
- Supports planning and mitigation in areas with limited resources

Request State or Federal funding to create regional planning capacity around resiliency issues

- Modeled on Transportation PL funds used to support regional planning efforts
- Administer through the NOAA Coastal Zone Management Program

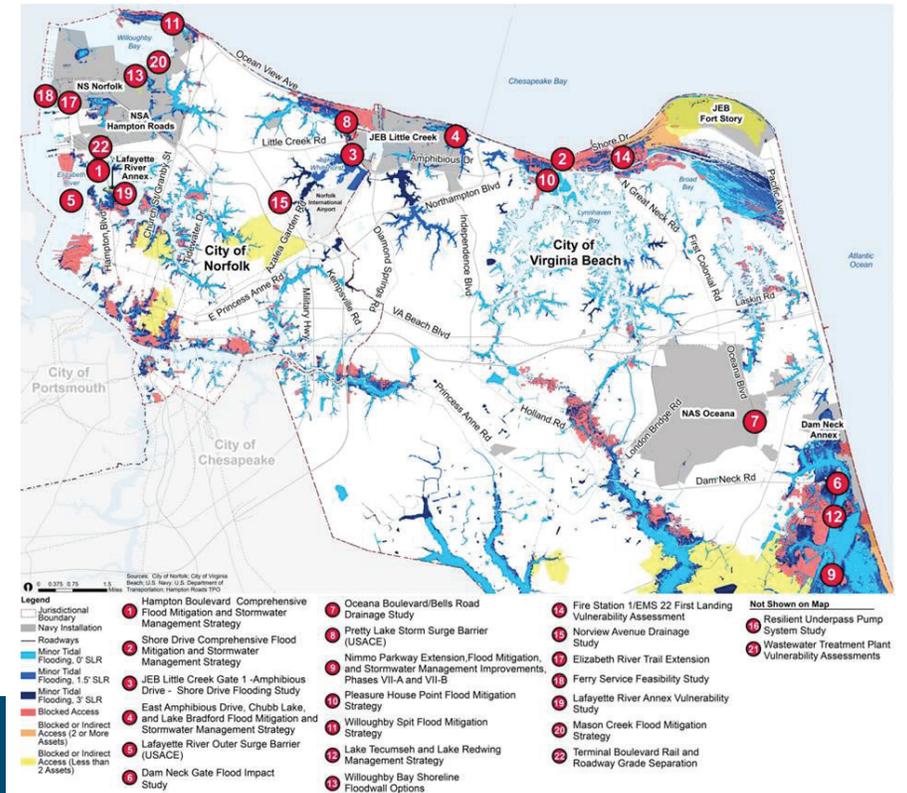
Request that the State provide resources to support the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan

Support Federal/State funding for recurrent flooding/sea level rise projects in Hampton Roads

- Projects that protect our region's military bases
- Priority to communities with adopted JLUS
- Support for Defense Access Roads Program and Defense Community Infrastructure Program

Advocate for policy changes to federal resiliency programs that assist localities in their local efforts to address resiliency issues

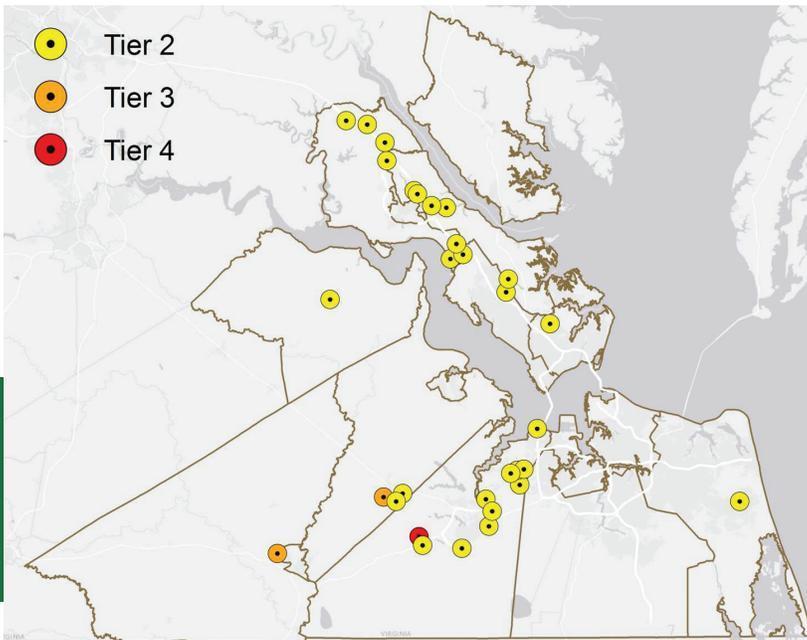
- Some existing policies hinder locality efforts to advance local programs and projects





Chesapeake Bay

- Support increased State funding to support localities' work in addressing Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction requirements
- Support State policies that allow localities to promote the conservation, planting and replacement of trees
- Support legislation and funding for DEQ to study options for establishing a point system through the SLAF program that includes nitrogen



BROADBAND/FIBER

Support funding programs and policies that advance regional efforts to develop modern fiber networks



HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER RAIL

Promote higher speed passenger rail service between Hampton Roads and Richmond, including projects of independent utility that improve travel times and reliability for the Southside and Peninsula corridors



Economic Development Site Readiness

Support funding programs and policies that assist local governments with preparing shovel ready sites for economic development and job creation



Request the Commonwealth Place Priority on Widening I-64

Place priority on the 9-mile section of I-64 from Exit 234 (Route 199-Lightfoot) to the James City County/New Kent County Line.



SMART SCALE

Funding the Right Transportation Projects in Virginia

Support Increased Funding to the Virginia SMART SCALE Program

- The most recent Statewide competitive pool included less than \$450 Million for entire state
- By comparison, Hampton Roads is funding over \$5 Billion of Interstate Highway projects with regional funds through HRTAC

K-12 Public Education

Support the continuation of efforts to increase State funding for K-12 public education, with a goal of returning to pre-recession levels



- Support adjustments to Standards of Learning
- Support school security
- Support programs that expand Arts programs

Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)

Sustain UASI funding levels for the Hampton Roads region



Housing

Support legislation that continues to appropriate funding of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund for housing programs and projects



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