HAMPTON ROADS
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Recurrent Flooding/Sea Level Rise
The HRPDC supports the pursuit of federal/state funding for recurrent flooding/sea level rise projects, particularly those projects that protect the mission of our region’s military installations.

The HRPDC supports the appropriation and retention of matching funding for US Army Corps of Engineers 3X3X3 Studies for flood mitigation and other resiliency projects.

The HRPDC supports state funding in the amount of $500,000 for the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund that was created during the 2016 General Assembly session but received no appropriations.

Chesapeake Bay
The HRPDC recommends increasing state funding to the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) to support localities’ work to implement stormwater controls that have been instrumental in reducing pollution to the Chesapeake Bay.

The HRPDC requests the Commonwealth consider new state funding sources to assist localities in addressing Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction requirements.
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Affordable Housing
The HRPDC supports legislation that continues to appropriate funding of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund (VHTF) for housing programs and projects.

Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
The HRPDC requests assistance from our state and federal partners to increase the level of Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funding provided to the Hampton Roads region.

Impact Fees and Conditional Zoning
The HRPDC supports the ability of localities to ensure orderly, rational, and fiscally prudent growth appropriate for their communities by restoring a viable process for conditional zoning and enabling the use of impact fees to offset the capital costs created by new development.

K-12 Education
The HRPDC supports the continuation of efforts to provide increased state funding for K-12 Public Education.

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HRBT Funding
The HRTPO requests federal and state funding for the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project.

Passenger Rail
The HRTPO supports efforts to promote higher-speed passenger rail service between Hampton Roads and Richmond, including the completion of a TIER II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southside and Peninsula corridors.

Closing the I-64 Gap
The HRTPO supports the pursuit of federal and state funding for the widening of I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond from Exit 205 (Bottoms Bridge) to Exit 234 (Route 199 – Lightfoot).

Transportation Funding
The HRTPO recommends the Commonwealth increase funding to the Virginia SMART SCALE Program.

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