



RESOLUTION 02– 2020

APPROVING THE TRANSIT STRATEGIC PLAN (FY2021-2030)

Whereas, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation in 2018 that requires Hampton Roads Transit, and other agencies operating in urbanized areas across Virginia, to develop a Transit Strategic Plan (or TSP) to ensure public transportation is planned and implemented in ways that meet the mobility needs of its communities; and

Whereas, the TSP replaces the previously required Transit Development Plan and its main goal is to create a strategic blueprint outlining desired changes that will improve the provision of transit services throughout the HRT service area; and

Whereas, thousands of customers, stakeholders, employees, and local partners from across the region were involved in the planning process to examine needs and identify improvements for more efficient and effective public transportation to be included in the TSP; and

Whereas, the resulting TSP is firmly grounded in guiding principles endorsed by the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads in December 2019, which include: 1) implementing new regional standards to achieve a more effective bus network; 2) prioritizing high-frequency services on a regional backbone system; 3) balancing resources between peak hour and all-day services; 4) prioritizing connections across jurisdictions; 5) providing sufficient transit coverage throughout the region; and 6) leveraging a data-driven approach and factoring of funding and operational constraints to prioritize and phase implementation of service changes over a 10-year planning horizon, as required by state guidelines; and

Whereas, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation in 2020 emphasizing the importance of having effective multimodal transportation, which is essential for Hampton Roads' economic growth, vitality, and competitiveness and, to this end, required that HRT's Transit Strategic Plan also document the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Program to achieve the development and operation of a core regional network of transit routes and related infrastructure, rolling stock, and support facilities, with the express goal of achieving a modern, safe, and efficient core network of transit services across the Hampton Roads region; and

Whereas, HRT's inaugural TSP covers the period of FY2021 through FY2030 and includes the elements necessary to meet requirements prescribed by state legislation and related guidelines, and this TSP shall furthermore be a "living document" that is updated annually and undergoes a major update every five years as HRT continues to collaborate with local, regional, state and federal partners to fulfill HRT's mission of connecting Hampton Roads with transportation solutions that are reliable, safe, efficient, and sustainable, and achieving HRT's vision of being a progressive mobility agency that promotes prosperity across Hampton Roads through collaboration and teamwork;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads does hereby approve the Transit Strategic Plan for FY2021 through FY2030 and authorizes the President and CEO: to engage with the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission for the utilization of regional transit funding to implement the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Program of the TSP; to work with the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, Suffolk Transit, and Williamsburg Area

Transit Authority on regional planning processes; and, as prescribed in guidelines issued by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, to transmit copy of this adopting resolution along with the submittal of the complete Transit Strategic Plan to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads at its meeting on the 25th day of June 2020.

**TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
OF HAMPTON ROADS**

Brad Hunter

Chair

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Commission Secretary

June 25, 2020