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The following email is sent on behalf of HRTPO Chair, William McCarty

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Mayors and Chairs of the Hampton Roads Region:

As current chair of the HRTPO Board, I am writing today to ask for your help to support an exciting opportunity for the Hampton Roads region. Delegate Jackie Glass has filed HB 2466, which would provide critical funding to advance a backlog of unfunded transportation projects on our region's primary and secondary road system. A copy of this Bill can be accessed at <https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2466>. I am writing to request that each Mayor and Chair of the HRTPO sign on to the attached regional letter to support this proposed legislation.

In summary, this Bill adds 3/10s of a penny to the current regional sales and use tax that is being used to support our regional interstate construction program through HRTAC. The additional 3/10s of a penny would be split as follows:

- two-thirds would support infrastructure improvements to new or existing highway corridors connected to, surrounding or paralleling interstate highways in Planning District 23
- one-third would support the Hampton Roads Highway Coastal Resilience Fund that would address transportation infrastructure that is at risk due to recurrent and coastal flooding in Planning District 23.

We estimate this fund would create around \$84 million per year that could be leveraged/invested by HRTAC to support and finance projects. About \$28M per year for Highway Coastal Resilience Fund and around \$56M for the Highway Corridor Improvement Fund.

You will find attached a regional letter of support for HB2466. I am asking that each Mayor and Chair of the HRTPO agree to sign on to this letter to illustrate our regional support for this opportunity. Please email Kelli Arledge (karledge@hrpdca.gov) at the HRPDC/HRTPO by close of business on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 providing permission to affix your electronic signature to this letter. If Ms. Arledge does not have your electronic signature on file, she will reach out to you and your assistant once you have given your approval for its use.

I thank you in advance for your support of this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

William M. McCarty, Chair
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization



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As Mayors and Chairs representing local governments of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, we are pleased to offer our full support for House Bill 2466 (copy attached) which would create the Hampton Roads Interstate Highway Corridor Improvement Program and Fund, as well as the Hampton Roads Highway Coastal Resilience Fund. This Bill provides for a 3/10 of a penny regional sales tax increase to raise approximately \$84 million dollars per year which can be financed and leveraged through the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to support the following:

- two-thirds of the funds would support infrastructure improvements to new or existing highway corridors connecting to, surrounding or paralleling interstate highways in Planning District 23
- one-third would support the Hampton Roads Highway Coastal Resilience Fund that would address transportation infrastructure that is at risk due to recurrent and coastal flooding in Planning District 23

This proposed legislation would allow the Hampton Roads region to advance critical and unfunded transportation projects that are necessary to support/address economic development, the Port of Virginia, military/federal facilities, resiliency/flooding, public safety and other issues in Hampton Roads. As noted in our Regional Legislative Agenda, the HRTPO has identified over \$3 billion of unfunded needs on the region's primary and secondary roads. The funding provided by this proposed legislation would allow nearly \$1.5 billion of our unfunded transportation needs to be delivered by HRTAC between the years 2029 and 2034.

We are pleased to support this proposed legislation and request supporting action by the Virginia General Assembly.