



**Hampton Roads Transportation  
Planning Organization Special Meeting  
October 30, 2009**

**Proposed Draft Resolution from  
the HRTPO Staff**



**HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
RESOLUTION 2009-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL HIGH-SPEED RAIL AND INCERCITY PASSENGER RAIL TASK FORCE.**

**WHEREAS**, President Obama “proposes to help address the Nation’s transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network of 100-600 mile intercity corridors that connect communities across America”,

**WHEREAS**, significant new federal funding has been made available in support of implementing the proposed national high speed rail vision,

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Railroad Administration has initiated a national High Speed Rail program and a vision for developing a cohesive national intercity and high-speed passenger rail network,

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia and State of North Carolina are positioned to extend the Northeast Corridor to Charlotte via Richmond/Petersburg,

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads Region is currently included on the U.S. Intercity Passenger Rail Network,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

- 1- That the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) endorses the designation of a “High Speed Rail” Corridor along the Norfolk Southern/Route 460 Corridor designated ultimately at speeds of more than 110 MPH,
- 2- That the HRTPO enhances the intercity passenger rail service along the CSX/I-64 Corridor
- 3- That the HRTPO establishes a Regional High Speed Rail Task Force

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization strongly pursues hiring a long term High Speed Rail/Intercity Passenger Rail consultant to guide the HRTPO Board through development of a strategic high speed and intercity passenger rail Plan.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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