

Hampton Roads Economic Monthly: Federal Standstill, Local Strain

The recent federal government shutdown was the longest in U.S. history. During the closure, many federal civilian employees were either furloughed or working without pay, and active-duty service members were expected to miss their first full paycheck in November. The shutdown slowed many routine federal payments, including some contracts, and disrupted key safety net programs such as SNAP. It has now ended following

congressional approval of a funding resolution that reopens the government, guarantees back pay for workers, and extends funding through January 30, 2026.

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Annual Roadway Performance Report Released

HRTPO recently released the 2025 edition of the *Annual Roadway Performance Report*. The report includes a variety of information on the performance of the roadway system in Hampton Roads.

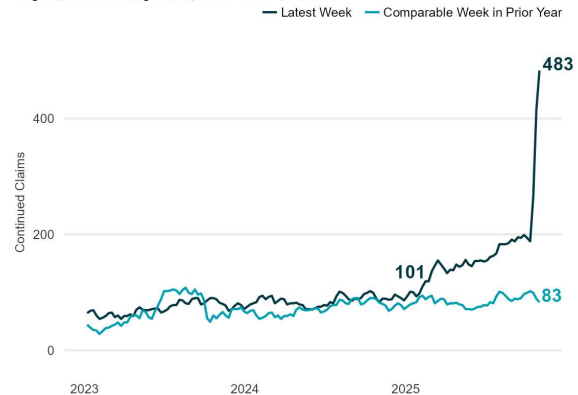
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Possible Sites for Proposed Amtrak Station in Suffolk

Hampton Roads is currently served by Amtrak at stations in Williamsburg, Newport News, and Norfolk. The City of Suffolk asked the HRTPO to find feasible locations for a passenger train station in Suffolk.

Figure 1: Federal Civilian Continued Claims For Unemployment Benefits
 Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 5, 2023 - Nov. 1, 2025

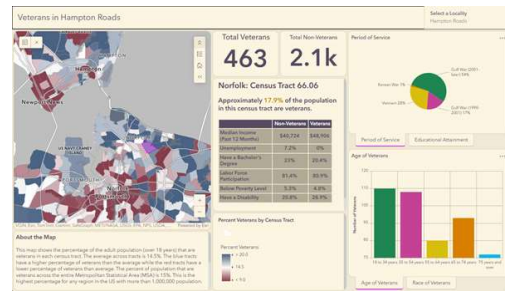


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Map of the Month: Veterans in Hampton Roads

In honor of Veterans Day, HRPDC staff has updated the November 2020 Map of the Month which showed where veterans live in Hampton Roads. The updated map is featured in a [*dashboard layout*](#) where additional statistics about this important demographic in the region can be viewed.



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Project Spotlight: Granby Street Bike Lanes Project

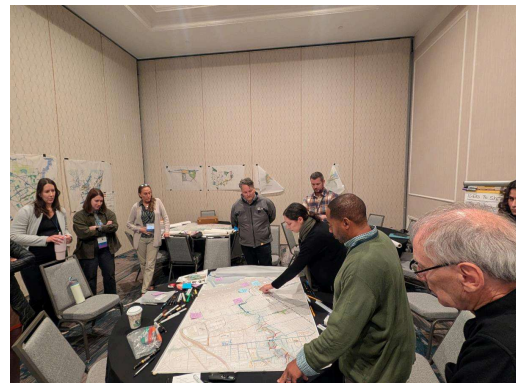
HRTPO staff regularly highlights a project that is currently being implemented in the Hampton Roads Region. The city of Norfolk has recently begun construction on its Granby Street Bike Lanes Project.



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Living with Water: A Decade of Dutch Dialogues

In 2015, the Dutch Dialogues came to Norfolk to help Hampton Roads develop new solutions for how we live with water. A team of local staff from Hampton and Norfolk, regional organizations, and Dutch and American experts developed strategies for the Newmarket Creek watershed in Hampton and the Ohio Creek watershed in Norfolk. Leaders and stakeholders from across Hampton Roads recently gathered again to celebrate the progress made and chart the path forward for the next decade.



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Small Choices, Big Impact: Celebrating America Recycles Day

This America Recycles Day, November 15, let's all take a fresh look at how we reduce waste and recycle right. Because while recycling remains important, it's only one piece of a bigger picture.

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Public Comment Opportunities

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: State of Transportation in Hampton Roads
2025 Report (Ends December 5, 2025)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Update 2025 (Ends November 19, 2025)

HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Column: 'One Region, One Sky': Why Hampton Roads needs a unified airport authority (Daily Press, October 25, 2025)

Here's how Hampton Roads could cut climate pollution by up to 90% (WHRO, October 21, 2025)

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