

E-UPDATE

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Greetings! First and foremost, we wish you and yours safety and good health during this unprecedented and uncertain time. Together, we all will get through this.

Like many of you, the HRPDC and HRTPO staffs are working from home. We know that your email inbox is being inundated with well-wishes and offers to help you get through this time. It can be overwhelming. We get it. However, we still want to connect and provide updates regarding the work the HRPDC and HRTPO are continuing to do on behalf of the Region.

So, for the time being, we've suspended our formal e-newsletter in favor of quick, periodic Updates that are both timely and informative, and perhaps more conversational. This is the first Update and going forward, if there is a topic you, our readers would like to know more about, please drop us a line. We'd like to tailor these Updates to what you want to know. Feel free to send us any requests at jturner@hrpdcva.gov.

For now, enjoy this Update and do your part to slow the spread. Stay Safe. Stay Home. Stay Strong. 757Strong.

Looking After Our Neighbors



A Helping Hand for those Impacted by COVID-19

The Help to Others (H2O) program is helping to keep the water flowing for Hampton Roads citizens in need. Find out more about the program, how to contribute or how to access if in need.

For the Newly Minted Home-Educator



Online Education Tools from askHRgreen.org

Each week, askHRgreen.org is sharing an environmental education lesson plan geared for elementary and middle school students based entirely on web-based learning resources.

SPECIAL REPORT: COVID-19 Impacts on Hampton Roads Traffic, Economy



Hampton Roads Special Report: Global Pandemic Hits the Streets of Hampton Roads

HRPDC and HRTPO staffs collaborated on this look at how the stay-at-home order impacted travel and economic conditions around the region.

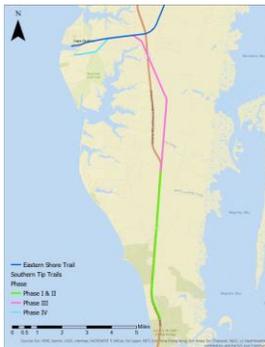
A New Tool for Regional Resiliency



New Tool to Explore Resilience Programs and Policies

HRPDC staff is coordinating with local government staff to document and track local projects, programs, and policies that support community resiliency to coastal flood hazards.

I Want To Ride My Bicycle: Planning Continues for After the Pandemic



TRAIL OF THE MONTH: Eastern Shore Rail Trail (Eastern Shore)

When this pandemic is over plan a trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to check out the existing bike trails. April's Trail of the Month would connect many Eastern Shore towns along the former New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad, and potentially tie to the existing Southern Tip Trails the National Wildlife Refuge and the Kiptopeke State Park.



HRTPO Board Approves Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Allocations

At its February meeting, the HRTPO Board approved the allocation of \$3,707,135 in funding for projects such as recreational trails, as part of the FY 2021-2022 TA Set-Aside Project Selection Process.

Protecting Our Water Resources



The Navigable Waters Protection Rule and its Impact in Virginia

HRPDC staff looks at recent changes to the Navigable Waters Protection Rule that redefines “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) and clarifies the limits of federal control under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

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