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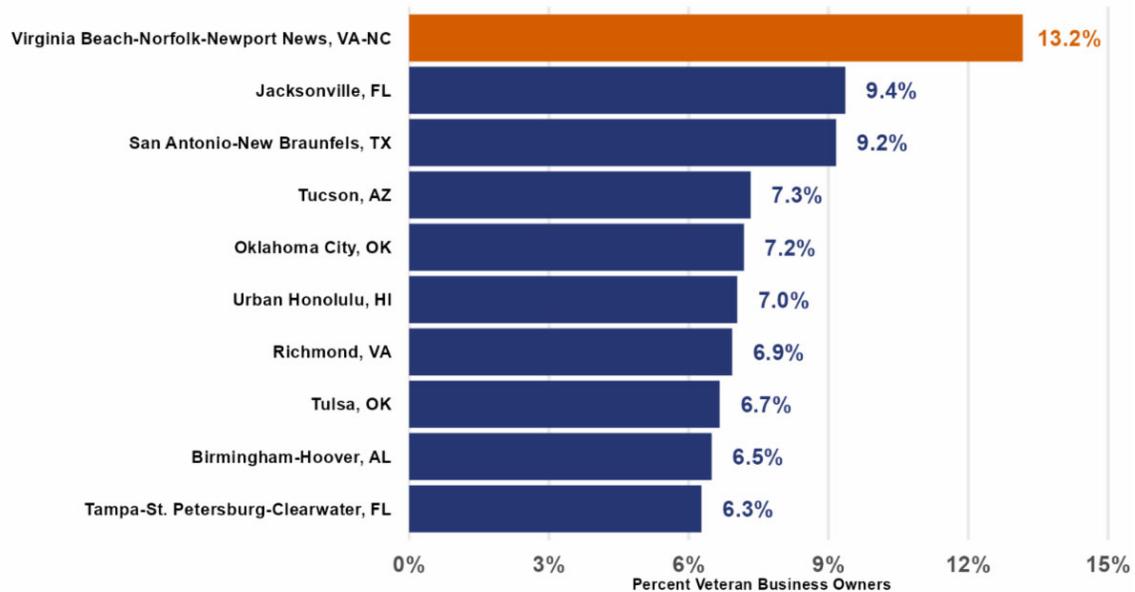
Hampton Roads Economic Monthly

Data Spotlight: Veteran Business Owners

The Hampton Roads metro area is home to the 12th largest veteran population in the nation. Among metro areas with more than a million people, Hampton Roads also has the highest concentration of veteran residents, representing more than one in seven adults in the region. While much of the focus is on the military's current and future spending within the region, former service members continue to play a pivotal role in the region's economy. While most veterans transition into the civilian workforce, many also choose a path of entrepreneurship.

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Figure 1: Percent of Veteran-Owned Firms, Top 10 Metropolitan Areas



Planning for Equitable Transportation

Providing equitable access to transportation is essential for thriving communities. To achieve equitable transportation, the consideration of

Environmental Justice (EJ) communities is important in the regional transportation planning process because it not only helps to ensure that vulnerable communities are not disproportionately burdened by transportation-related decisions, but also that these community's voices are being heard when making decisions.



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Hampton Roads 2050 L RTP Candidate Project Portal

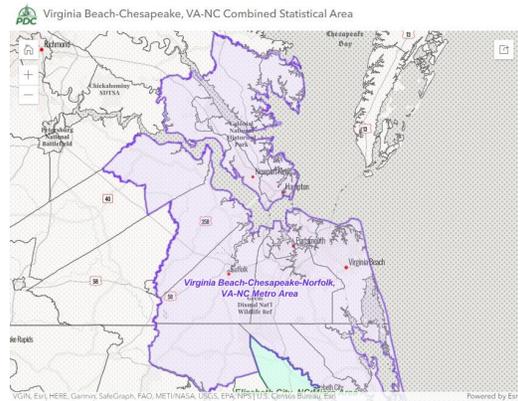
Have an idea for a transportation improvement project? We want to hear from you! Help us identify transportation needs and issues across the region. The Hampton Roads 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Candidate Project Portal is a new tool that has been created to collect candidate project suggestions from the public through an interactive platform.



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Map of the Month: Revised Delineation of the Metropolitan Statistical Area

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recently released the *latest revision* of core based statistical area (CBSA) delineations, which includes the existing Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The new delineations incorporate 2020 Census population data and 2015-2020 5-Year ACS commuting data.



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MAKE PLANS NOW Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) 17th Annual Members Awards Luncheon October 12, 2023

Westin - Virginia Beach Town Center

Make plans to join the HRHC in recognizing members who are making a difference in the affordable housing industry.

This year's luncheon keynote speaker is Lance Freeman, a Professor in the Urban Planning Program and the Director of the doctoral program in Urban Planning at Columbia University in New York City. He is the editor of the journal *City & Community*, and his research focuses on affordable housing, gentrification, ethnic and racial stratification in housing markets, and the relationship between the built environment and well-being.

Visit the [HRHC website](http://www.hrhc.org) for more information on registration and sponsorship opportunities.



**17TH ANNUAL
HRHC AWARDS CELEBRATION**

DATE: 12TH OCTOBER 2023
LOCATION: WESTIN - VB TOWN CENTER
TIME: 12 NOON

Join us for our annual HRHC Awards Celebration, where we highlight and honor the region's best housing professionals and projects. You don't want to miss an inspiring keynote speech, recognition of this year's award recipients, and great networking!

Keynote Speaker
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\$30 HRHC Paid Members/\$45.00 Guests

For more information or online registration,
www.hamptonroadshousing.org

Driving Innovation: HRTPO Staff's Journey to Conferences in Transportation Planning

The 2023 GIS-T Symposium held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from April 11 to 14, and the 2023 Virginia Land Conservation and Greenways Conference held in Harrisonburg, Virginia from April 25 to 27, were two significant events

attended by HRTPO staff. Attending these conferences was a great opportunity for HRTPO staff to build their skills, learn about the latest advances in technology and transportation planning, and share ideas with other professionals in the field

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HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

What's the most dangerous intersection in Hampton Roads? (WVEC August 16, 2023)

Business notes for the week of Aug. 28 (Daily Press, August 28, 2023)

Isle of Wight County braces for growth as Hampton Roads moves west (WHRO, August 30, 2023)

\$2.9 billion project for Bowers Hill interchange could include tolls, additional lanes (Virginian-Pilot, September 5, 2023)

Subsidy for HRT's TRAFFIX Vanpool Program Increases to \$500 (Hampton Roads Transit, September 5, 2023)

With HRT stipend increase, now's a great time to consider vanpooling (WAVY, September 6, 2023)

Data and funds made available in Va. to improve tree cover in the Chesapeake Bay watershed (Virginia Mercury, September 11, 2023)

Request for Proposals

Request for Proposals #IT-RFP-2024-01 - Information Technology Services

Public Comment Opportunities

Draft HRTPO Annual Roadway Performance Report (Comments accepted through September 22, 2023)

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Upcoming Meetings

NOTE: The HRPDC and HRTPO Boards do not meet in September.



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