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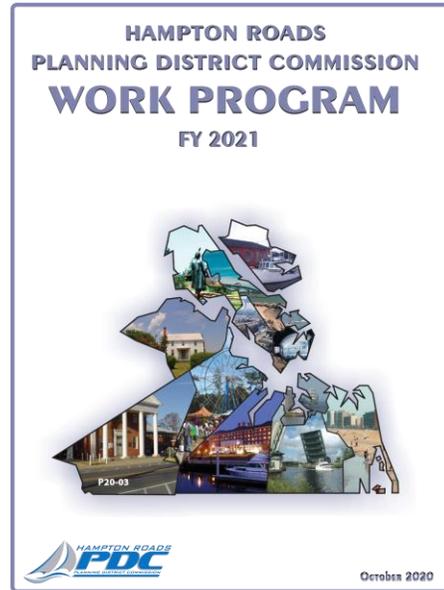


Happy Holidays 2020



Feature: HRPDC FY2021 Work Program Set

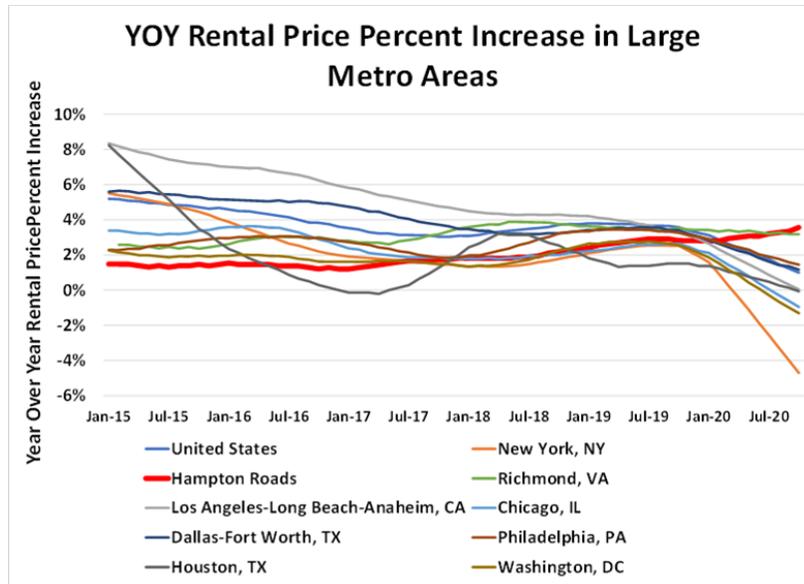
The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission adopted the HRPDC Work Program for Fiscal Year 2021 at its October meeting. The work program describes planning work to be performed between November 1 2020 and June 30 2021. This document replaces the FY 2020 Work Program Extension that was approved by the Commission in May 2020. The Board approved a limited, four-month extension of the FY 2020 Work Program in May during the initial phases of the COVID pandemic to allow for continued operations of the HRPDC until later in the year.



Hampton Roads Economic Monthly

Rental Prices in Hampton Roads — Where Do They Stack Up?

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, headlines have shown rents to be falling in most major cities like New York and San Francisco. Several factors are likely at play. Crowded cities may feel unsafe for some residents who can now live remotely and work away from the office. And with many amenities closed, high rental costs may no longer be justified. But what does the data say about rental prices here in Hampton Roads? Zillow, a leading online real estate marketplace, has established a new measure of rental appreciation called the [Zillow Observed Rent Index \(ZORI\)](#). This indicator measures changes in rental prices, controlling for changes in the quality of the available rental stock.



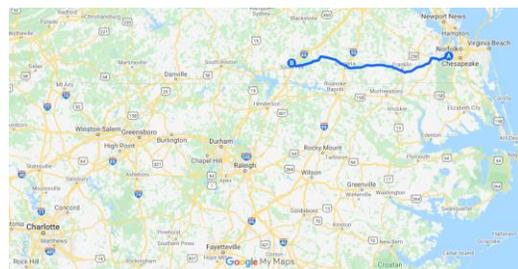
Protecting the Drinking Water of Hampton Roads

Over the past year, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Staff has worked to update and prioritize the inventory of potential sources of contamination (PSC) to drinking water sources (or source water) across the region, including: petroleum storage tanks, superfund sites, industrial sites, and more.



Preserving US 58 Travel Times

Intersecting with I-95 and I-85, US 58 is a key highway linking Hampton Roads to the southern states, including the key port market area of North Carolina and south-central Virginia.



By serving trips between the two areas, US 58 serves the economic, social, and recreational travel needs of residents in the southern U.S. and Hampton Roads.

Funding Available to Assist Families and Businesses with Utility Bills

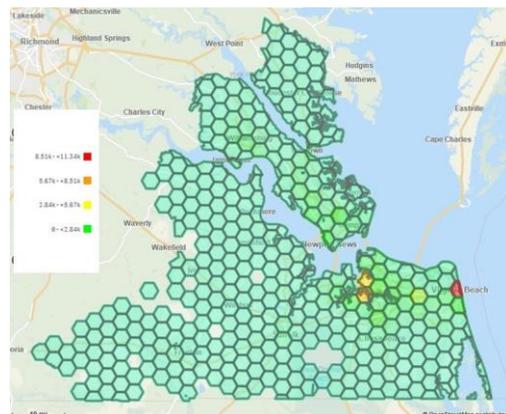
For local residents and small business owners facing delinquent utility bills due to COVID-19, help has arrived at HRUtilityRelief.com.

Through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Hampton Roads water and wastewater utilities are providing assistance through a statewide Municipal Utility Relief Program. The local utilities will provide assistance to residents and businesses with COVID-related past due balances through Jan. 27, 2021 or until the funding runs out. Application deadlines may vary, so residents should act quickly.



Bike and Pedestrian Hot Spots in Hampton Roads

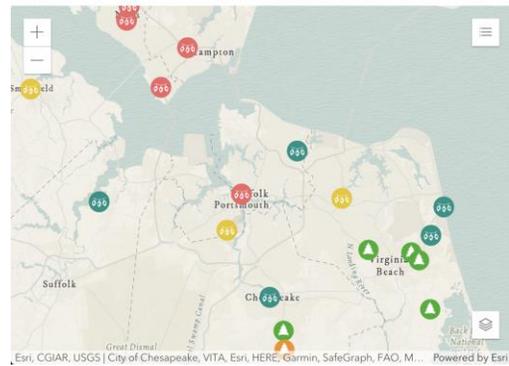
To determine the usefulness of the bicycle and pedestrian components of the StreetLight transportation analysis platform, Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) partnered with StreetLight in September 2020 to allow Virginia users of StreetLight data to test those components.



Map of the Month: Mappy Holidays

To get into the spirit of the holidays this month, we have collected the locations of Christmas tree farms and holiday light displays in Hampton Roads and put them on a *map*! Both are holiday traditions that families can enjoy safely this year either outdoors or in a car.

2020 Hampton Roads Holiday Map by HRPDC



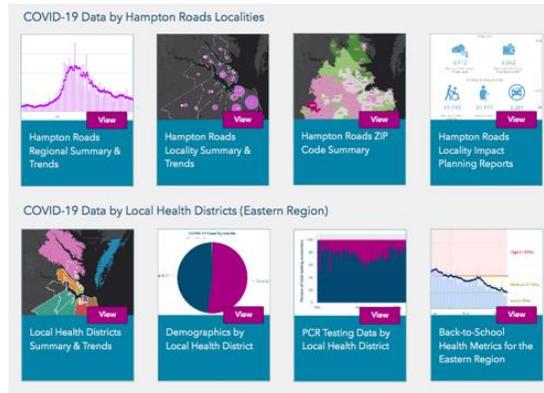
COVID-19 Effects on Traffic

COVID-19 has had widespread impacts on Hampton Roads, including a noticeable decrease in traffic on the Region's roadways.



Hampton Roads COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub

Visit the COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub to get the latest information on COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.



Upcoming Meetings



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