

Hampton Roads Economic Monthly

Checking In On Inflation

The final stretch in the fight against inflation is proving unexpectedly tough. Consumer prices rose again in March, raising concerns that the Federal Reserve may revise its plans for cutting interest rates this year. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes in prices paid by consumers for a variety of goods and services. In March, the CPI increased by 3.5% from the previous year and by 0.4% from the prior month on a seasonally adjusted basis. Core Inflation, which excludes the more volatile food and energy prices, rose by 0.4% from February and 3.8% from March 2022.

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Board Approves \$16 Million in Funding for Active Transportation Projects

HRTPO Board Approves \$16 Million in Funding for (10) Active Transportation Projects in Hampton Roads

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Trail of the Month: Airport Road Trail, York County

Airport Road Trail is an important part of the bike/pedestrian network north of Colonial Williamsburg. It provides access to Waller Mill Park and a connection between Mooretown Road and Rochambeau Road.

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Do the Math Before Flooding Occurs

Early predictions are calling for an extremely active 2024 Atlantic hurricane season. Take before bad weather arrives. Get Flood Fluent!

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Project Spotlight: Phase III Thalia Creek Greenway

This month's project spotlight looks at part of the city of Virginia Beach's planned a bicycle and pedestrian trail, Phase III Thalia Creek Greenway project.

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Staff Introduction: Markay Hall, Information Technology Manager

Markay Hall joined the HRPDC as the Technology Manger in February 2024. His IT expertise and experience have already contributed to the organizations in the Regional Building.

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Exploring Rural Multimodal Transportation Options

HRTPO Transportation GIS Planner CJ Headley recently spent a day in the field discovering transportation options available to Hampton Roads rural communities.

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Public Input Opportunities

Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study: DRAFT Report (Comments received through April 19, 2024)

HRPDC/HRTPO Procurement Manual (Comments received through April 24, 2024)

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Draft FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Comments received through April 26, 2024)

Business Opportunities with the HRPDC/HRTPO

ENV-RFP-2024-01: Marketing, Creative Design, and Advertising Services (Proposal responses due by 2:00pm, May 14, 2024)

HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Charter: Broadband buildout ahead of schedule (Smithfield Times, March 20, 2024)

The future of energy in Hampton Roads: Local leaders weigh how to meet rising demand (WHRO, March 27, 2024)

Demand for Bus Service has Increased. The State's Proposed East-West Bus Line Offers a Solution. (WYDaily, March 28, 2024)

10 years of tunnel tolls: How they have helped — and hurt — Hampton Roads (Virginian-Pilot, March 29, 2024)

Demand for bus service has increased. Virginia's proposed east-west bus line offers a solution. (Daily Progress, April 1, 2024)

Please don't feed the geese. Here's the poop. (Daily Press, April 5, 2024)

Despite inflation ticking up, the Hampton Roads economy shows promise (WVEC, April 12, 2024)

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Upcoming Meetings

No Commission or Board Meetings in April

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