Virginia Moves Forward on Renewable Energy

**Virginia Marks Major Achievements in Renewable Energy and Offshore Wind Development**

Last year, Virginia announced its intent to become a national leader in the use and development of renewable energy. This year, it followed through on those commitments with landmark legislation that guides a statewide transition to 100% renewable electricity production, and requires a significant portion of that production to come from offshore wind energy. Governor Northam celebrated these achievements in Virginia Beach last month with a ceremonial bill signing and trip 27 miles out of Rudee Inlet to observe two of the nation’s first offshore wind turbines.
Preparations Are Underway

**HRPDC and HRTPO Prepare for Quadrennial Certification Review**

A Federal Certification Review of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) will be held on September 23-24, 2020. The Review will be conducted jointly by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and will kick off with a public meeting on September 23, 2020.
Keep Your Vehicle Clean, Responsibly

**Keeping our Waterways Clean at the Car Wash**
In a new partnership, askHRgreen.org and the Bay Star Business program are teaming up with local commercial car washes to show appreciation to customers for washing their cars responsibly. The “Thank You for Washing Wisely” initiative will launch in July at car wash businesses throughout Hampton Roads.

Welcome to the HRTPO's Recent Hire
**Bishoy Kelleny Joins the HRTPO**

Mr. Bishoy Kelleny joined the staff of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization as a member of the Transportation Programming group. Bishoy’s responsibilities include assisting with the development and maintenance of the HRTPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), performing special studies, and conducting database analyses.

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**HRPDC/HRTPO In the News**

*New Tool Aims To Help Determine Flood Risk, Insurance Cost*, WHRO, July 8, 2020

*Are You Flood Fluent?*, Hampton Roads Show, July 9, 2020

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**Regionally Focused COVID-19 Data In One Place**
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