

## RESOLUTION

### PENINSULA LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS STUDY

WHEREAS, the CSX Major Investment Study investigated potential transportation improvements in the travel corridor generally along the CSX rail right-of-way linking the City of Williamsburg, James City County, York County, City of Newport News, and City of Hampton with a "Locally Preferred Alternative" of expanded bus service and furthering the study of light rail; and

WHEREAS, as congestion continues to increase, the Peninsula Mayors and Chairs requested the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to reconsider the 1998 Major Investment Study locally preferred alternative so as to advance the evaluation of light rail with complementary bus service, and said request was approved by the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization in July 2000; and

WHEREAS, the transportation system's capacity will be exceeded unless additional investments are made to mitigate the congested highway network in this corridor; and

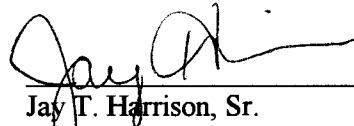
WHEREAS, attention must be given to ensure a modern, well-functioning multimodal transportation network, including consideration of both light rail and expanded intercity passenger rail and high-speed rail that will foster economic growth and vitality in the region by providing increased mobility and regional connectivity as well as provide for sound land use, air quality, and energy policies; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Roads Transit, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration, local jurisdictions, the business community, and the general public, has completed an alternative analysis that evaluated a number of potential light rail alignments to serve this travel corridor and is hereby recommending a preferred alignment known as the "Locally Preferred Alternative" to carry into further detailed analysis and environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, does hereby support the following:

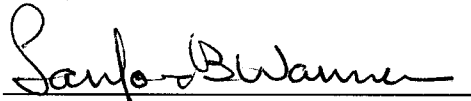
1. The pursuit of improved public transportation services on the Peninsula as presented in the CSX Corridor Major Investment Study and the Peninsula Rail Transit Project Alternatives Analysis, which include the provision for dual-track high-speed rail and light rail in the CSX corridor.
2. The selection of the Locally Preferred Alternative for further detailed phasing, environmental, and engineering evaluation of the corridor between Williamsburg and Downtown Newport News generally along the CSX railroad right-of-way, including and connecting with a corridor generally along Hampton Roads Center Parkway to Downtown Hampton.
3. The inclusion of the Locally Preferred Alternative in the Hampton Roads Regional Long Range Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that endorsement of the Locally Preferred Alternative for a light rail system shall not be construed to compromise or supercede the ability to expand existing passenger rail service and its upgrade to high-speed rail or compromise freight rail service in the CSX corridor from Richmond to Newport News.



Jay T. Harrison, Sr.  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner  
Clerk to the Board

<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MCGLENNON	AYE
BROWN	AYE
GOODSON	AYE
KENNEDY	AYE
HARRISON	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 25th day of February, 2003.

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