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## **EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – SEPTEMBER 15, 2017**

### **TOP STORIES**

**UNDERGROUND BLAST A TERROR INCIDENT, SAY POLICE.** An "improvised explosive device" was detonated on a Tube train in southwest London during Friday's morning rush hour, Scotland Yard has confirmed.

[Read More.](#)

**NORTH KOREA FIRES ANOTHER MISSILE OVER JAPAN.** The latest launch immediately sparked angry reactions from Tokyo and Seoul. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said the international community had to unite to punish Kim Jong Un's regime, calling this week's U.N. Security Council sanctions "the floor, not the ceiling." [Read More.](#)

**INSIDE TRUMP'S DALLIANCE WITH DEMOCRATS.** After months of hammering Republicans over their failure to repeal Obamacare, President

Donald Trump huddled this week with moderate House Democrats and Republicans who were trying to sell him on a fix to the health care law. [Read More.](#)

## CONGRESS AND POLITICS

### **PELOSI, SCHUMER FACE IRE FROM THE LEFT OVER DREAMER TALKS.**

Hispanic lawmakers were blindsided by the Wednesday night announcement from the House and Senate Minority Leaders who said they'd support legislation to help the nearly 700,000 undocumented immigrants in exchange for an unspecified boost in border security. [Read More.](#)

**TWO NDAA AMENDMENTS COULD CHANGE SCOPE OF SATELLITE-SERVICING ROBOT PROGRAM.** Earlier this year, DARPA awarded a contract to Space Systems Loral for the Robotic Servicing of Geosynchronous Satellites program. However, Orbital ATK contends that the partnership violates National Space Policy. [Read More.](#)

## DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**CIA WANTS AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT DRONE STRIKES IN AFGHANISTAN FOR THE FIRST TIME.** The CIA is pushing for expanded powers to carry out covert drone strikes in active war zones, a proposal that the White House appears to favor. [Read More.](#)

**WATCHDOG AGENCY SEES NO WRONGDOING IN U.S.-KENYA AIRCRAFT SALE.** The \$418 million sale involved Air Tractor AT-802L and AT-504 trainer aircraft, with L3 Technologies as prime contractor and systems integrator. The Air Force determined that Kenya made a reasonable choice. [Read More.](#)

## ECONOMY AND FINANCE

**TRUMP NAMES RICHARD BURKHAUSER AS FINAL MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.** Mr. Burkhauser's research has focused on how government tax and spending policies address income inequality and how public policies shape economic behaviors and the well-being of vulnerable populations. [Read More.](#)

## **GOP REP, BIZ OWNERS, CALL FOR TAX CUTS OUTSIDE IRS BUILDING.**

The event was the last stop on a bus tour hosted by Job Creators Network that also included events in Oklahoma, Kentucky and Virginia over the last week. It comes as administration officials and congressional GOP leaders are focused on broader tax reform. [Read More.](#)

## **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**HOUSE PASSES \$1.2T GOVERNMENT FUNDING PACKAGE.** The House on Thursday completed its work on the annual appropriations bills for 2018, ahead of expected negotiations at the end of this year to keep the government funded. [Read More.](#)

**TRUMP MAY REPLACE OBAMA'S BIG CLIMATE RULE, JUST NOT REPEAL IT.** A mend-it-don't-end-it approach on Obama's 2015 rule could appease power companies that say the EPA needs to impose some kind of climate regulation, but it would run afoul of demands from some conservatives, who reject the idea that climate change is a problem requiring federal action. [Read More.](#)

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**THE CASSINI SPACECRAFT CRASHED INTO SATURN, ENDING A 20-YEAR MISSION.** Cassini was the first probe to orbit Saturn. The final bits of data NASA scientists received signal the end of one of the most successful planetary science missions in history. [Read More.](#)

**TECH FIRMS FIND WASHINGTON ISN'T SO HANDS-OFF ANYMORE.** It was a tough year for Silicon Valley in Washington, where lawmakers have been pushing proposals on net neutrality, privacy and liability. The industry suffered again this week when lawmakers laid plans to examine whether social media platforms were used by foreign governments to manipulate the 2016 U.S. election. [Read More.](#)



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## **EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – SEPTEMBER 22, 2017**

### **TOP STORIES**

**NORTH KOREA RAMPS UP INTERNATIONAL RANCOR.** North Korea's latest threat—to detonate a hydrogen bomb over the Pacific Ocean—if carried through would mark a new level of defiance in the face of warnings from the U.S. and the international community. [Read more.](#)

**RAND PAUL TO TRUMP: "I WON'T BE BRIBED OR BULLIED" INTO SUPPORTING GRAHAM-CASSIDY BILL.** "Rand Paul, or whoever votes against Hcare Bill, will forever (future political campaigns) be known as 'the Republican who saved ObamaCare,'" Trump warned on Twitter early Friday morning. [Read more.](#)

**MEXICO EARTHQUAKE: DEATH TOLL RISES AS SEARCHES CONTINUE.** The death toll from Mexico's powerful earthquake has risen to 273, officials say, as rescuers race against the clock to reach trapped survivors. [Read](#)

[more.](#)

**TRUMP'S TRAVEL BAN TO BE REPLACED BY TAILORED RESTRICTIONS.** The ban on travelers from six majority-Muslim countries is set to be replaced as soon as this weekend with more targeted restrictions on visits to the United States that would vary by country. [Read more.](#)

## CONGRESS & POLITICS

**WHITE HOUSE PLAN FOR TAX CUTS MOVES FORWARD.** Trump is pushing for what he says will be the largest tax cut in U.S. history, which advisers say will come from a sharp decrease in corporate tax rates and tax relief for the middle class. [Read more.](#)

**TRUMP AIDES BEGIN LOOKING FOR THE EXITS.** After a wave of abrupt, high-profile departures over the summer, aides up and down the chain are reaching out to headhunters, lobbyists and GOP operatives for help finding their next job. [Read more.](#)

## DEFENSE & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**U.S. BUNGLED \$70B MISSION TO TRAIN AFGHAN FORCES: REPORT.** The 259-page report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, or Sigar, offered a critical assessment of one of the top goals of the U.S. effort in Afghanistan—to train local forces so they can secure Afghanistan on their own. [Read more.](#)

**MATTIS: BUDGET UNCERTAINTY LEADS TO QUESTION OF AMERICA'S ABILITY TO SURVIVE.** Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis believes that years of budget uncertainty have left the U.S. military in such a precarious position that if it is not solved soon, it will represent an existential threat to American security. [Read more.](#)

## ECONOMY & FINANCE

**UBER LOSES ITS LICENSE TO OPERATE IN LONDON.** The decision is the latest setback for a company that has upended public transportation across much of the world through the use of cellphone technology. That success has

helped it grow into a behemoth worth around \$70 billion. [Read more.](#)

**EQUIFAX CEO TO TESTIFY AT SENATE HEARING ON DATA BREACH.**

At an Oct. 4 hearing of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Mr. Smith will have to answer questions about the breach, which it revealed publicly on Sept. 7. [Read more.](#)

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**FACEBOOK TO TURN OVER RUSSIAN-LINKED ADS TO CONGRESS.**

Facebook's admission on Sept. 6 that Russian agents covertly bought ads on the site during last year's campaign has brought intense scrutiny to the social network and on Twitter, entangling both companies in the investigation by Robert S. Mueller III. [Read more.](#)

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW APPLE iPhone 8:**

The iPhone 8 isn't the exciting new Apple product this fall — that honor is reserved for the forthcoming iPhone X — but it is the new, mainstream iPhone that millions of people will be buying this year and next. [Read more.](#)

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

**TRUMP OFFICIALS ADOPT 'BASE'-FIRST STRATEGY ON NUCLEAR AND COAL.**

In a shift from the Obama administration, Trump officials are putting a high priority on what is known as "baseload" power in the electric grid. [Read more.](#)

**MARIA'S DELUGE ON PUERTO RICO.** Hurricane Maria made landfall as a Category 4 storm Wednesday morning in Puerto Rico, bringing winds of about 160 mph to an island that dodged the worst of Hurricane Irma's destructive power only a few weeks ago. [Read more.](#)



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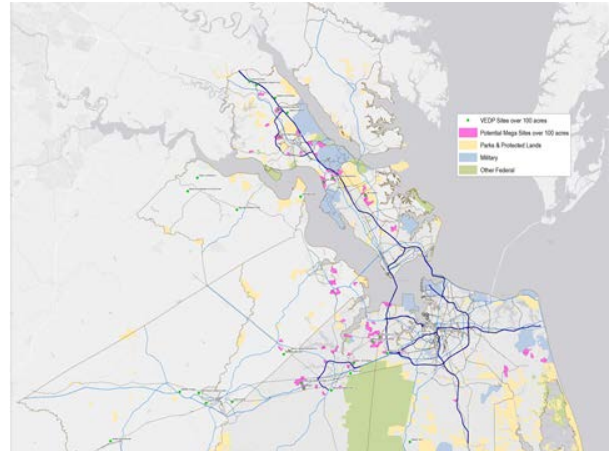


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**September 21, 2017**

**TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Board Members**  
**FROM: Robert Crum, Executive Director**  
**RE: Executive Director's September 2017 Report**

The HRPDC staff is working to prepare a regional economic development sites inventory for the Hampton Roads region. The goal of this project is to inventory the availability of shovel ready economic development sites within the region's 17 jurisdictions that have access to necessary utilities and possess the zoning to support job creation. To complete this inventory, staff is in the process of meeting with each locality's economic development staff to review information and receive input on this effort. This project is being coordinated with the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance and Reinvent Hampton Roads. In addition, a working group consisting of private utility providers has also been formed to provide input into this process.



The HRTPO staff is collaborating with VDOT staff to prepare an INFRA grant application to request federal funding to assist with the construction of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel expansion. The INFRA application is due on November 2, 2017. Staff will update the HRTPO on this initiative at its October Annual Meeting.

On July 13th, the Executive Director facilitated a panel discussion at the HRTPO's Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) on transportation considerations related to business development, young professionals and the region's military installations. Leadership and representatives of the Hampton Roads Chamber, Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance joined the Executive Director in this panel discussion.



On July 13th, the Executive Director met with a representative of The Hampton Roads Community Foundation to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

On July 17th, the Executive Director attended a meeting at the Brock Center to participate in a strategic planning discussion about the potential for an additional environmental education center in the City of Virginia Beach.

The Executive Director attended and participated in a meeting of the Hampton Roads Caucus on July 18th at the Old Dominion University Modeling and Simulation Center.

HRPDC staff attended and participated in the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions Summer Meeting that was held in Norfolk from July 19th to July 21st.

HRPDC staff met with representatives of the Hampton Roads Delegation on July 24th to begin discussions on potential coastal resiliency legislative opportunities for the upcoming General Assembly session.

On July 27th, HRPDC staff attended a meeting with Senator Warner's staff to discuss ongoing coastal resiliency efforts in Hampton Roads.

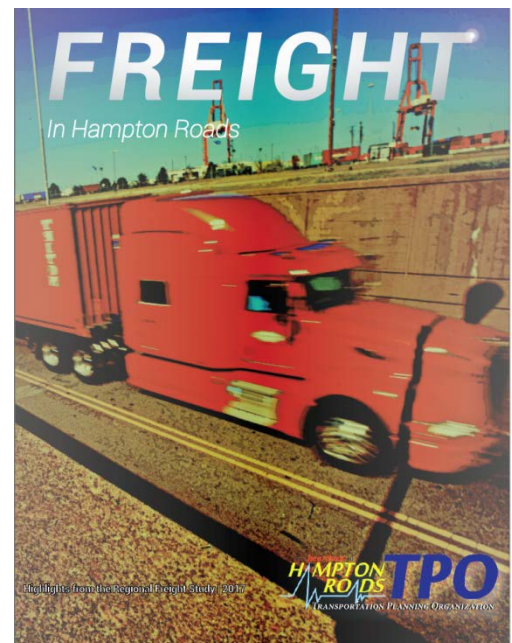
The Executive Director participated in the monthly Regional Roundtable meeting on July 27th at the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

The HRTPO staff recently prepared the *Freight in Hampton Roads* brochure, which includes highlights from the [Hampton Roads Regional Freight Study - 2017 Update](#). The brochure details why freight is important to Hampton Roads, how freight arrives in the region, the impacts of congestion on the trucking industry, and many key freight-related facts. To access the Freight in Hampton Roads brochure, [click here](#)

As follow up to the July HRTPO meeting, staff held a conference call with Delegate David Yancey on July 28th to discuss opportunities related to the Birthplace of America Trail (extension of the Virginia Capital Trail).

The Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee met on August 2nd at the HRPDC offices. The primary item of discussion at this meeting was an update on the Hampton Roads Regional Broadband Initiative. The region's Chief Information Officers (CIOs) attended and participated in this discussion.

The CAO Committee met in Gloucester County on September 6th. The primary agenda item was a briefing on the Hampton Roads Unmanned Systems Testing, Demonstration and



Recreational Facility. The CAO Committee voted to unanimously recommend that the HRPDC take action to endorse the Unmanned Systems Testing, Demonstration and Recreational Facility and the Hampton Roads Broadband Initiative as GO Virginia proposals. The CAO Committee is recommending that the HRPDC ask that both of these proposals be funded through the GO Virginia program.

The CAO Committee also discussed regional coordination around emergency management at its September 6th meeting and the need for coordinated messaging from the region's localities during storm events. This item will be scheduled for discussion at a future CAO Committee meeting.

The HRTPO staff continues to work with the U.S. Department of Transportation on a Quantification Planning Tool.

The Executive Director met with VDOT District Administrator Jim Utterback on August 10th to discuss ongoing initiatives. These meetings occur on a quarterly basis to promote the exchange of information.

HRPDC staff attended the GO Virginia Regional Council meeting on August 14th.

The HRPDC is undergoing a Title VI Program review by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The Executive Director submitted a report in mid-August responding to information requests from VDOT on this topic. This review will continue with a site visit meeting which has been scheduled with VDOT representatives on September 27th.

The Executive Director attended the Hampton Roads Transit Legislative Affairs Committee meeting on August 16th.

The Executive Director attended the Hampton Roads Chamber Senatorial Forum on August 18th.

On August 18th, the Executive Director and HRPDC Deputy Director met with representatives of the Global Covenant of Mayors.

On Saturday, August 19th, the Executive Director attended a meeting of the League of Women Voters to present information on the HRTPO's transportation planning and programming efforts.



The Executive Director and HRPDC Deputy Director attended an August 28th meeting on the North Carolina Broadband Consortium which was hosted at Slover Library. Representatives from several Hampton Roads localities attended this meeting to learn about this effort and how the approaches used could be applied in the Hampton Roads region.

The Executive Director attended the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) regional meeting in Isle of Wight County on August 29th.

HRTPO staff participated in a Connecting Corridors of Commerce Study meeting at the Virginia Port Authority on August 30th.

The Technical and Policy Committees for the Norfolk/Virginia Beach Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) met on September 11th at the HRPDC offices. Background information on these JLUS efforts can be found by visiting the HRPDC web site at the following address: <http://www.hrpdcva.gov/departments/joint-land-use-studies>

The Executive Director attended and participated in the Reinvent Hampton Roads Board meeting on September 13th.

The HRPDC staff held a coordination call on September 14th with leadership of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission to discuss coastal resiliency coordination issues.

The Executive Director presented input regarding the importance of the region's transportation priority projects at the Commonwealth's Fall Transportation Public Meeting which was held at the Chesapeake Convention Center on September 14th.

The HRTPO staff held its second Working Group meeting to discuss the Additional Feasibility Studies for the transportation segments not included in the Selected Alternative from the Hampton Roads Crossing Study Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Discussion focused on the project approach and proposed scope of work for this long range study.

On September 18th, the Executive Director and HRPDC staff met with several local emergency management coordinators to discuss potential regional coordination opportunities.

The Executive Director provided a presentation at The Hampton Roads Community Foundation on September 18th on the region's transportation and broadband planning efforts.

The Executive Director and HRPDC Deputy Director continue to serve as a point of contact regarding the region's broadband planning efforts.

On September 20th, the Executive Director and HRTPO staff met with a representative of the Daily Press to discuss the HRTPO's transportation planning efforts.

On September 20th, the Executive Director attended the Hampton Roads Chamber Legislative Reception.

The HRPDC/HRTPO Management Team continues to advance work on the following administrative items:

- Planning for upgrades to the Regional Building's HVAC system.
- Preparation of annual audits for the HRPDC/HRTPO and HRTAC
- Recruitment for vacant positions
- Provision of financial and human resource management services to the HRTAC and HRMFFA
- Deployment of updated/new computers
- Building Maintenance issues
- Employee Evaluation System
- Preparations for FY19 Budget