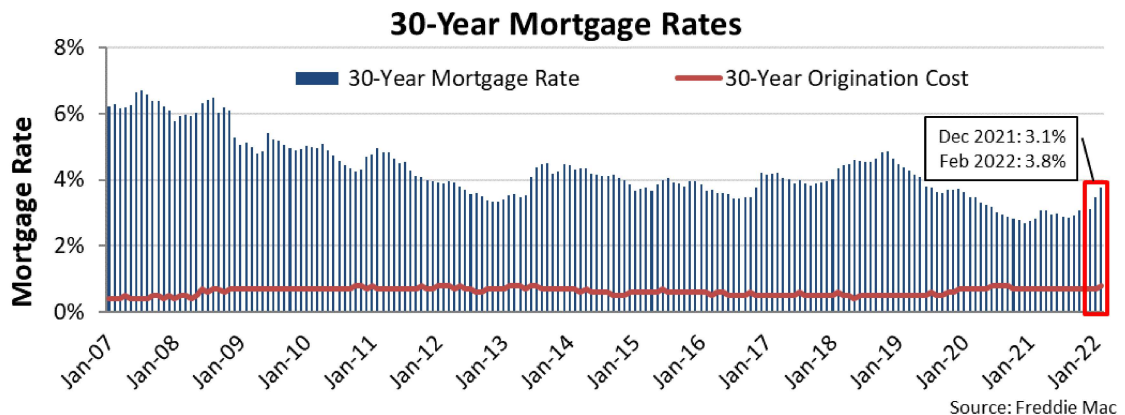




Hampton Roads Economic Monthly *The housing market: a reprieve, but at what cost?*

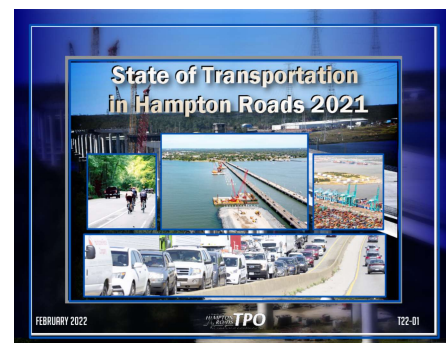
If you or anyone you know has attempted to move or purchase a home in the past two years, it's likely there is a story to tell. Maybe it was an incredible deal on a rental at the very beginning of the pandemic, a rock bottom mortgage rate at the end of 2020, a bidding war against 20 other offers, or homes going for 20% over asking after being on the market for just three days. The current housing market in Hampton Roads, and across the country, has been experiencing never-before-seen highs and lows.

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HRTPO Releases Updated Analysis of COVID-19's Impact on Regional Transportation

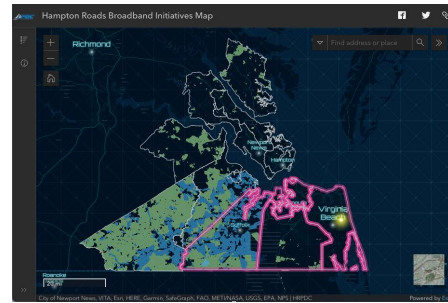
HRTPO has recently released the 2021 version of the State of Transportation in Hampton Roads report. The State of Transportation report details the current status and recent trends for all facets of the transportation system in Hampton Roads, including air, rail, water, and highways.



March Map of the Month – Regional Broadband Initiatives

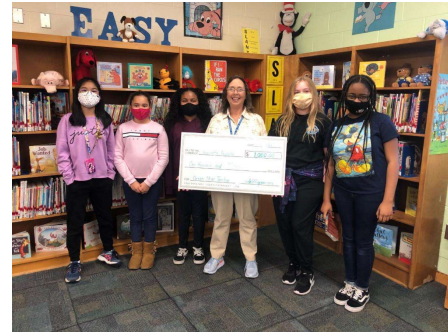
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High-speed Internet access has become critical in the modern landscape. Infrastructure supporting broadband has been insufficient or non-existent in many areas, especially rural locations. The demanding needs of businesses, education, and government for bandwidth has grown exponentially. To address this digital divide, several projects have been completed or are in planning stages to bring universal high-speed Internet service to Hampton Roads businesses and residents.



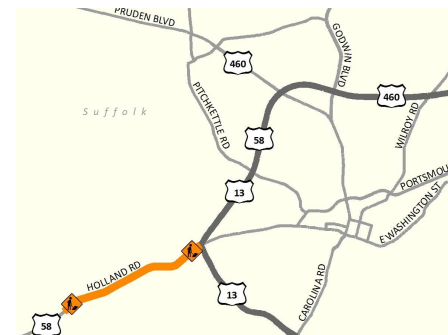
AskHRgreen.org Awards \$10,000 to Region's Star Environmental Educators

Creativity in the classroom is worth more than a shiny gold star. Recently, askHRgreen.org leaders recognized 10 local educators with its **Green Star Teachers Awards**. Held in concert with the organization's 10th anniversary year, the educator recognition program included a \$1,000 monetary award for each of the teachers to use for future green-themed classroom projects.



Project of the Month: Holland Road Widening-Suffolk

Each month, HRTPO staff will highlight a project that is currently being implemented within the Hampton Roads region. This month, staff is highlighting the Holland Road Widening project located in the City of Suffolk.



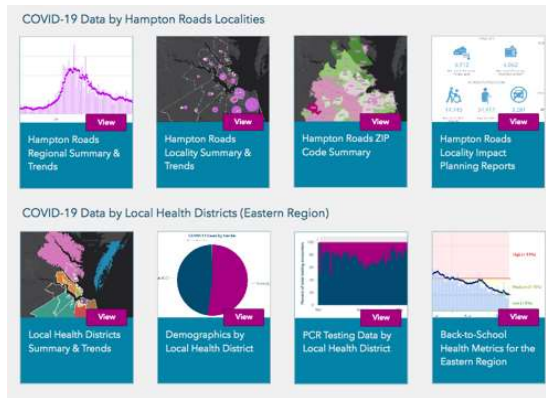
Save the Date for the Great American Cleanup, March 25-26

Have you noticed more litter in your neighborhood over the past year? Many local cities and counties in Hampton Roads are reporting increases in litter along roadways and in neighborhoods, public parks, and waterways. Residents can plan now to do something about it, by saving the date for this year's Great American Cleanup, March 25-26.



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.



HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Hampton Roads Planning Commission Release Draft of 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan (WYDaily, February 17, 2022)

Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting scheduled for March 2 (WAVY, February 9, 2022)

Public Comment Opportunities

HRTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program-Proposed Amendments 2 March 2022 (Review Period Ends March 16, 2022)

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