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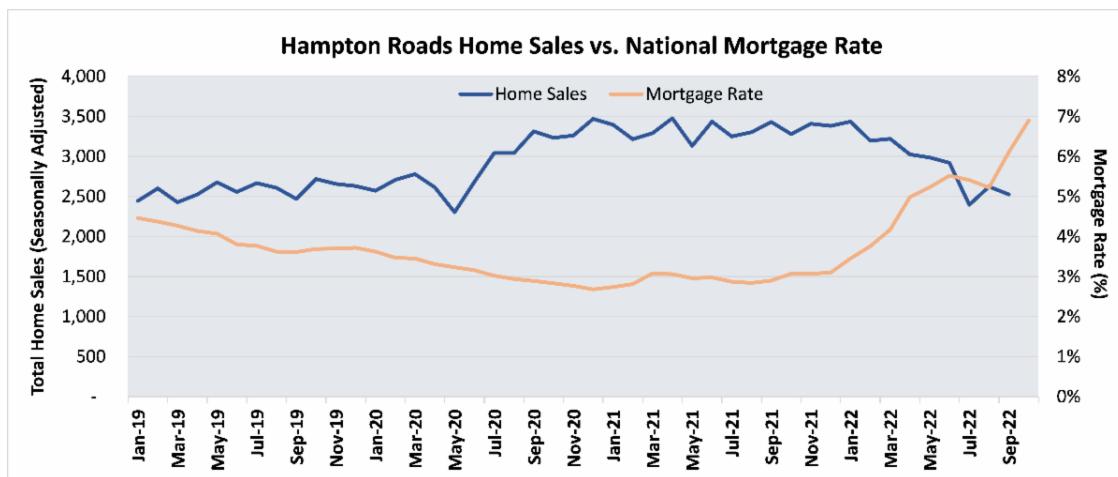
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Hampton Roads Economic Monthly Impact of Rising Interest Rates

One of the few ways to combat inflation in the United States is for the Federal Reserve to raise the federal funds rate – more commonly known simply as interest rates. In the past year, the Fed has increased interest rates six times, the most recent increase being 0.75% just last week. While this type of monetary policy often takes time to filter through the economy and impact prices, it's already begun impacting one area that was significantly affected during the onset of the pandemic – the housing market. But while data has been swift to show movement in housing, where else can we expect rising interest rates to impact the regional economy in the immediate future?

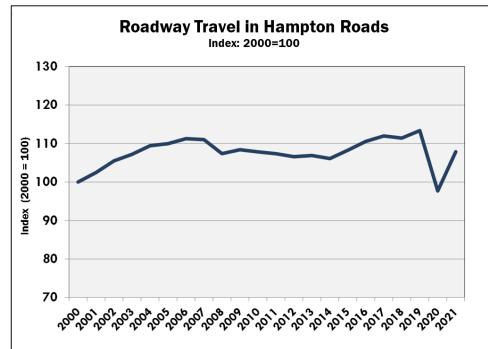
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HRTPO Releases Annual Roadway Performance

Report – 2022 Edition

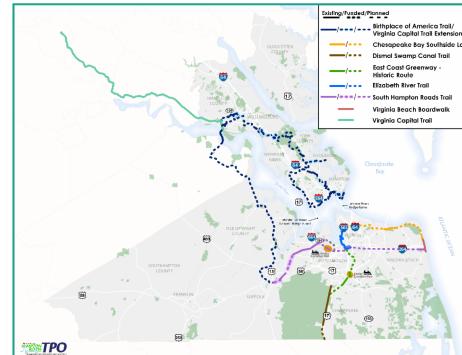
HRTPO recently released the 2022 edition of the *Annual Roadway Performance Report*. The report is produced as part of the region's Performance Management effort and the Congestion Management Process (CMP), an on-going process that identifies, develops, evaluates, and implements transportation strategies to enhance mobility regionwide.



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Hampton Roads Regional Trails Report

The *Hampton Roads Regional Trails Report* is intended to serve as a resource for trail planning in the Hampton Roads region. As outlined in the HRTPO Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), this effort investigates the connectivity between major regional active transportation trails and identifies gaps for improvement to help develop a safe and inter-connected multimodal transportation network.

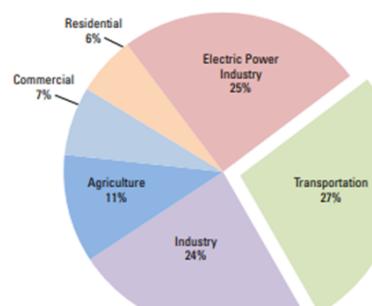


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Planning Deployment of Zero-Emission Bus for Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)

The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is interested in procuring one Zero-Emission Bus (ZEB) to obtain real-world experience before deciding on how to pursue decarbonization and reducing GHG in their transportation sector in the long run. HRTPO staff conducted a study to assist WATA in deploying the ZEB.

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Share of U.S. GHG Emissions by Economic Sector, 2020^{1,4}

Note: Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

AskHRgreen.org Reminds 'Tis the Season to Beware of the Grease Grinch



16th Annual Housing Award Winners Make an Impact

After virtual ceremonies the past two years, the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) Housing Awards returned to an in-person luncheon. The 16th Annual Housing Awards event was held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on October 20th. The annual awards recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to improving housing conditions for the region.

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Project of the Month: Hampton Roads Transit's Norfolk Bus Shelters and Pedestrian Improvements

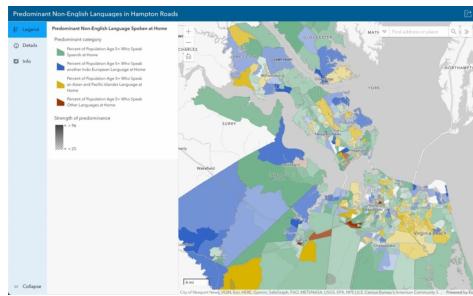
Each month, HRTPO staff highlights a project that is currently being implemented within the Hampton Roads region. This month, staff is highlighting Hampton Roads Transit's *Norfolk Bus Shelters and Pedestrian Improvements* project. The purpose of this project is to install 40 new bus shelters throughout the City of Norfolk.



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Map of the Month: November 2022 – Languages Spoken in Hampton Roads

Hampton Roads is a diverse region that is home to people from a variety of cultures. English is the most widely spoken language overall, but approximately 9% of the Hampton Roads population over 5 years old speak a different language at home. The *November map of the month* shows which of these non-English languages is the most predominant in each Census tract.



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Trail of the Month: Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, Chesapeake

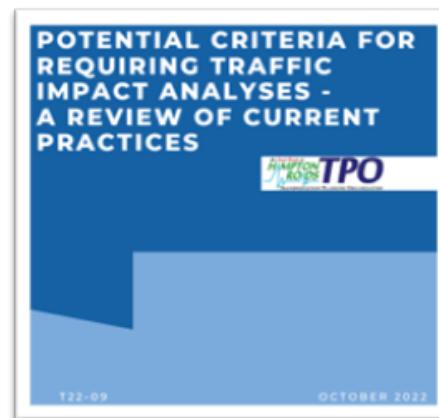
Sometimes you get a trail without building it! After VDOT opened the new 4-lane George Washington Highway in 2005 on new right-of-way parallel to the old George Washington Highway, the City of Chesapeake converted the old 2-lane highway into an 8-mile trail for bicycles and pedestrians named the "Dismal Swamp Canal Trail" (DSCT).



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Potential Criteria for Requiring Traffic Impact Analysis – A Review of Current Practices

Gloucester County requested research to establish some criteria for when a Traffic Impact Analysis should be required in response to a request for rezoning or a conditional use permit, e.g., number of trips threshold, current conditions of the roadway, etc. The county currently relies on VDOT to identify when a traffic study is required during its review process.



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Make it 'America Recycles Day' Every Day

with "Start Smart, Recycle Right" Approach

Amid changes in some local recycling programs and ongoing questions about which household items are recyclable, people may be confused about the state of recycling in Hampton Roads. To celebrate America Recycles Day, November 15, the askHRgreen.org Recycling & Beautification Committee is partnering with *TFC Recycling* to help residents and businesses sort through the rubble by using the "Start Smart, Recycle Right" approach to recycling.

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HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Input wanted: What should transportation look like in 2050 across Hampton Roads? (WTKR, October 13, 2022)

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization needs input for long-range plan (WAVY, October 19, 2022)

Citing flood fund, Hampton Roads localities send letter opposing Gov. Youngkin's planned withdrawal from RGGI (WHRO, November 1, 2022)

HRPDC/HRTPO Employment Opportunities

*Transportation/GIS Planner - Starting Salary \$52,000 - \$60,000 DOE/DOQ
(Resumes reviewed on an ongoing basis.)*

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Title VI/Civil Rights Coordinator - Starting Salary \$80,000 - \$85,000 DOE/DOQ (Open until filled.)

Public Comment Opportunities

NONE AT THIS TIME

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