Patriot’s Crossing

- PROVIDES MOST REGIONAL CONGESTION RELIEF
- UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO SUPPORT REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH
- IMPROVING TOTAL REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY
- BEST FOR THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
- MOST ECONOMICAL PROJECT
- RELATIVE EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION
- ADDITIONAL CROSSING

SINCE 1997, THE PATRIOT’S CROSSING/THIRD CROSSING HAS BEEN THE REGION’S UNANIMOUSLY AGREED UPON AND OFFICIAL PRIORITY FOR ADDITIONAL HARBOR CROSSING CAPACITY IN HAMPTON ROADS AND THIS DECISION HAS BEEN REVALIDATED AND ENDORSED BY THE REGION IN MULTIPLE DECISIONS AND VOTES FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES, INCLUDING EDITORIAL SUPPORT BY THE VIRGINIAN PILOT AND DAILY PRESS
Proposed Transportation Projects

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization

HRTF Candidate Projects

- I-64 Peninsula Widening (Interim 2-Lane Option)
  - Segment 1 - Jefferson Ave (exit 235) to Ft. Eustis Blvd (exit 250)
  - Segment 2 - Ft. Eustis Blvd (exit 250) to Route 308 East of Williamsburg (exit 243)
  - Segment 3 - Route 105 East of Williamsburg (exit 242) to Route 105 West of Williamsburg (exit 234)
  - Ft. Eustis Interchange
  - $100 Million
- U.S. 13 Third Crossing
  - Third Crossing - Patriots Crossing (with Currituck Crossing) $1 Billion
- US Route 13 Interchange
  - US 13 Interchange
  - $1.7 Billion
- I-64/I-264 Improvements
  - I-64/I-264 Interchange
  - $330 Million
- US Route 60/66/15/16 Connector
  - US Route 60/66/15/16 Connector
  - $150 Million
- SPSA Overpass at Regional Landfill
  - SPSA Overpass
  - $350 Million
- HR Executive Airport Overpass
  - HR Executive Airport Overpass
  - $250 Million

Total Cost of HRTF Candidate Projects: $8.650 Billion

1. Transportation Planning Organization
2. Source: VDOT/HRPPO
3. Note: Costs are expressed in Year-2013 Dollars, which is a unit cost that accounts for inflation through the development, construction, and opening of a project.

Prepared by the HRPO, October 2013
## Cost of projects versus available funds

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\(^1\) Craney Island Connector will be constructed and funded as part of the port expansion project and therefore will not use HRTF revenues.
Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing
How did we get here?

In 1993-1994 the primary purpose and need was established for evaluating options to improve regional travel across Hampton Roads.

The Hampton Roads Crossing Study identified the following criteria:

- Reduce volumes at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel by 10 percent or more over no-build conditions
- Address existing and future regional travel origin and destination patterns between the Southside and the Peninsula
- Connect ports, military, and major freight corridors – our economic drivers
- Connect to controlled access highways
- Relative cost (compared to benefits)
- Relative ease of implementation
Various alternatives were considered

No limits on the study -

Multiple alternatives included:

- A parallel crossing to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel
- A parallel crossing to the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel
- New crossings from Newport News to Norfolk (8 of the alternatives)
- New connections to interstate 664 or interstate 164

All alternatives were evaluated against the selection criteria
A clear winner emerged...

Alternative 9, now commonly known as Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing, was the clear winner measured against the defined selection criteria.
Regional and Commonwealth support of Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing since 1997

The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Commonwealth Transportation Board **unanimously select** Third Crossing as the preferred crossing of Hampton Roads
Public Review Process for Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Statement demonstrates additional support

Letters of support from:

- Commonwealth Transportation Board
- Virginia Port Authority
- Hampton Roads Maritime Association
- Hampton Roads Partnership
- City of Virginia Beach
- City of Chesapeake
- U.S. Navy
- Norfolk Southern
- Hampton Roads Transit
- City of Norfolk
- City of Suffolk
- City of Portsmouth
Timeline of support for Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing

1997
Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Commonwealth Transportation Board unanimously select Third Crossing as preferred crossing of Hampton Roads.

1999-2000
Third Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Statement public review process generates letters of support from Commonwealth Transportation Board, Navy, Norfolk Southern, Virginia Port Authority, Hampton Roads Maritime Association, Hampton Roads Transit, and Cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Suffolk, and Portsmouth.

2001
The Federal Highway Administration issues a Record of Decision on Hampton Roads Crossing Study Final Environmental Impact Statement supporting the Third Crossing as the preferred alternative.

2002
Hampton Roads Regional Transportation Referendum includes funding for Third Crossing on ballot to increase sales tax.

2006
Hampton Roads’ local elected officials serving on MPO advances consideration of a toll strategy for major projects in the region including the Third Crossing.
The support continues...

2007: Hampton Roads Transportation Authority created by General Assembly includes Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing as authorized projects.

2011: Virginia Modeling and Simulation Center releases study commissioned by the General Assembly that confirms that the Patriot’s Crossing/Third Crossing would have the greatest improvement in regional travel of any single proposed project in the region.

2011: New Environmental Assessment of Patriot’s Crossing confirms past findings that the project has significant transportation benefits at manageable environmental impacts.

2013: Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Board Resolution reaffirming its endorsement of the Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing as the preferred strategy to improve congestion crossing Hampton Roads.

2013: HRTPO Resolution supporting Hampton Roads Transportation Fund list of candidate projects includes Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing. The candidate projects list does not include expanding the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.

2014: HRTPO officially added the Patriot’s Crossing/Third Crossing project to the region’s constrained Long Range Transportation Plan for 2034. This action makes the projects now eligible for federal environmental approvals and funding consideration.
Third Crossing/Patriot’s Crossing diversifies travel

Average of 90,397 vehicles per weekday\(^1\)

Reduces congestion at Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel

Increases travel at underutilized Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel

Average of 63,088 vehicles per weekday\(^1\)

\(^1\)Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, June 2013 (weekday defined as travel Tuesday through Thursday)
Impacts of expanded HRBT are devastating

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Benefits of constructing Patriot’s Crossing

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