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March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of Gloucester County to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. Gloucester County is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

Gloucester County cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. We have actively been engaged in internal and regional discussions regarding how to bring electric vehicle charging stations into the County to simultaneously benefit our residents, enhance tourism, and reduce the organization's carbon footprint. We also have incorporated into our comprehensive planning process the expansion of alternative transportation modes, including connective trails. Accordingly, our goals align perfectly with those of the HRPDC.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

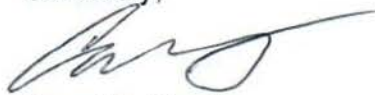
Gloucester County fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, Gloucester commits to:

- Install a minimum of 21 EV chargers at seven different public locations
- Complete the LED conversion of 467 streetlights at various locations around the County
- Construct pedestrian access on Greate Road

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

Gloucester County is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding Gloucester's commitment to this effort, please contact me at 804-693-4042 or county.administrator@gloucesterva.info.

Sincerely,



Carol E. Steele
County Administrator



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March 21, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of James City County (County) to express our support for the application submitted by Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the [Advancing Clean Transportation \(ACT\) in Hampton Roads \(ACT\) Program](#). James City County is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the [ACT Program](#) will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

James City County cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. The goals and programs proposed to be funded by the CPRG funding opportunity align with goals in the County's 2035 Strategic Plan, such as providing modern infrastructure, facilities and technology systems and providing exceptional public services. GHG emission reductions allow us to continue the county's progress toward the commitment made by adoption of the U.S. Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration.

James City County's Neighborhood Development group also works closely with low-income disadvantaged communities to support affordable workforce housing and aid residents in rehabilitations and renovations to support safe living conditions. County's commitment to providing resources and infrastructure to all residents, including those in low-income disadvantaged communities is further evidenced by our commitment to find and secure funding for the Route 60 (Pocahontas Trail) Widening and Complete Street Project.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the [ACT Program](#) to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

James City County fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, James City County commits to install 8 EV chargers, including one in a low-income disadvantaged community and convert 3,828 mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium streetlights to light emitting diode.

The [ACT Program](#) will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

James City County is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding County's commitment to this effort, please contact me at 757-253-6603 or scott.stevens@jamescitycountyva.gov.

Sincerely,

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Scott A. Stevens
County Administrator



City of Newport News
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March 25, 2024

Ms. Whitney S. Katchmark, P.E.
Principal Water Resources Engineer
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Newport News to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. The City of Newport News is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region.

With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities, by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

Newport News cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. The conversion of traditional streetlights to LED technology, combined with the expansion of the Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT), significantly contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and provides substantial benefits for LIDACs. LED streetlights consume up to 50% less electricity than

conventional lighting, which not only lowers carbon dioxide emissions but also results in considerable cost savings on energy bills, funds that can be redirected towards community improvements.

The expansion of the BoAT enhances access to eco-friendly transportation and recreational options, encouraging more residents to opt for walking or cycling instead of driving. This reduction in vehicle usage directly decreases greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to cleaner air quality and promoting a healthier environment. For LIDACs, these initiatives not only mitigate the impacts of climate change but also provide improved public spaces, enhance safety with better-lit streets, and promote social inclusion, by connecting various parts of the community, thereby improving overall quality of life.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural, and tribal communities.

The City of Newport News fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, Newport News commits to:

- Establish an implementation plan, install, and convert LED streetlights in Port Warwick and Jefferson Avenue (25th-36th street) project areas per the proposed grant plan.
- Construct approximately 4.5 miles of shared-use paths in support of the region's Birthplace of America Trail plan to increase non-automotive trail infrastructure.

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

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The City of Newport News is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program.

Sincerely,

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Alan K. Archer
City Manager

AKA:MM:jlt

cc: Ralph L. (Bo) Clayton III, Assistant City Manager
Eoghan P. Miller, Acting Assistant City Manager



March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Virginia Beach to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. The City of Virginia Beach is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The City of Virginia Beach cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. The City of Virginia Beach exists to enhance the economic, educational, social and physical quality of the community and provide sustainable municipal services which are valued by its citizens. Among our values are Inclusion and Diversity, Integrity, Leadership and Learning, Quality Customer Service, Teamwork, and Commitment. These values align with the ACT program's goals by striving to provide equitable transportation for all citizens especially those in disadvantaged communities.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities

The City of Virginia Beach fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, the City of Virginia Beach commits to:

- Install 160 EV chargers (four (4) fast chargers and 156 L2 chargers) in nine (9) low-income areas
- Complete the LED conversion of 38,853 streetlight fixtures city-wide
- Construct 2.8 miles of the Virginia Beach Trail

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

The City of Virginia Beach is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding the City's commitment to this effort, please contact me at pduhaney@vbgov.com.

Sincerely,



Patrick Duhaney

City Manager

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CITY OF POQUOSON

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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March 27th, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Poquoson to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the [Advancing Clean Transportation \(ACT\) in Hampton Roads \(ACT\) Program](#). The City of Poquoson is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the [ACT Program](#) will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The City of Poquoson is committed to support HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and increasing active transportation use. In the past few years, the City of Poquoson has drastically improved community sidewalk and walking trail access, replaced streetlights with LED, and has replenished its vehicle fleet with hybrid/eco-friendly vehicles.

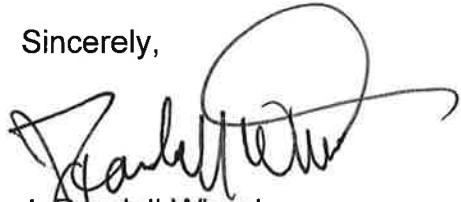
We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the [ACT Program](#) to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

The City of Poquoson fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, The City of Poquoson commits to continue its work converting streetlights to LED (have been since 2021) and expanding sidewalks, multi-use paths, purchase of eco-friendly vehicles, as well as planning for new passive and active recreation areas.

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

The City of Poquoson is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding the City of Poquoson's commitment to this effort, please contact me at 757-868-3000.

Sincerely,

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J. Randall Wheeler
City Manager, City of Poquoson
500 City Hall Avenue
Poquoson, VA 23662



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG
Office of the City Manager

March 27, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Williamsburg to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. The City of Williamsburg is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The City of Williamsburg cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. The City of Williamsburg's 2022-2024 Goals Initiatives and Outcomes (GIOs) includes Carbon Reduction as a priority effort. The GIOs are adopted by City Council every two years and identify twenty to thirty initiatives for work above and beyond the City's regular scope of services. These initiatives are identified to move the City closer to its Vision 2024 – One Williamsburg that is courageously leading, innovating a modern city, prioritizing safety and wellness, engaging with our partners, while connecting with the world. This grant application aligns directly with the City's goals and emphasis on disadvantaged communities.

The City is particularly proud of the diverse and widespread input it received for the development of the 2022-24 GIOs, including heavy participation from disadvantaged and underserved communities. We achieved this by making the input sessions outdoor Future Festivals that travelled throughout the city into seven different neighborhood clusters. Thirteen hundred residents participated.

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Office of the City Manager

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We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

The City of Williamsburg fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, the City of Williamsburg commits to the EV charger installations, LED streetlight conversions, and trail construction funded by the grant.

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

The City of Williamsburg is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding the City of Williamsburg's commitment to this effort, please contact me at mdewitt@williamsburgva.gov or (757)220-6100.

Sincerely,



Michele Mixner DeWitt
Assistant City Manager



TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

"The Ham Capital of the World"

March 28th, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Smithfield to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. Town of Smithfield is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

Town of Smithfield cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

Town of Smithfield fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, the Town of Smithfield commits to:

- Complete the LED conversion of 609 streetlights

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and



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reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

The Town of Smithfield is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding the Town of Smithfield's commitment to this effort, please contact me at 757-365-4200.

Sincerely,

Michael Stallings

Town Manager

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March 29, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of City of Hampton to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the [Advancing Clean Transportation \(ACT\) in Hampton Roads \(ACT\) Program](#). City of Hampton is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the [ACT Program](#) will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The City of Hampton cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. Advancing access and adaptability in an effort to curb emissions contributing to Climate Change is a priority for Hampton.

Through the City's Neighborhood Services staff and Diversity Equity and Inclusion Office. Staff works with the Neighborhood Commission to address the needs and concerns of underserved communities in Hampton.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the [ACT Program](#) to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

The City of Hampton fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. If this application is awarded, the City of Hampton commits to:

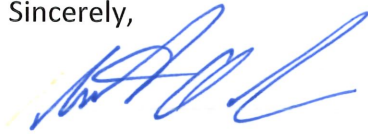
- Install 85 EV chargers

- Complete the LED conversion of 10,148 streetlights
- Construct 1.9 miles of trails

The [ACT Program](#) will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

The City of Hampton is excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding The City of Hampton's commitment to this effort, please contact me at scott.smith@hampton.gov

Sincerely,



Scott A. Smith, PE, LS, CPWP-M

Senior Civil Engineer/Project Manager

Water Resources Division, Hampton Department of Public Works

Public Works Department

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March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Re: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Norfolk to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. The City of Norfolk is very committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The City of Norfolk cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. Using the Climate Action Plan as a framework, departmental staff work with partners around the city to equitably improve quality of life in all Norfolk neighborhoods, reduce the city's carbon emissions, and prepare Norfolk for the effects of climate change, such as flooding and increasing temperatures. Increasing fuel efficiency and use of clean fuel in automotive modes of transportation, expanding access to walking and biking trails to provide greater connectivity and a more pleasant environment, and increasing the use of energy efficiency in public lighting each directly align with strategies within Norfolk's Climate Action Plan.

The City of Norfolk acknowledges the disparities, advantages and disadvantages that exist among residents, communities and businesses, and focus on institutional strategies and external programming and services that promote opportunity and access for all. The City of Norfolk includes all individuals and groups in processes, activities and decision and policymaking in a way that shares power and creates an equitable division of resources and assets. All actions of the government will be viewed through the lens of inclusion and equity.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases and will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

The City of Norfolk fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities.

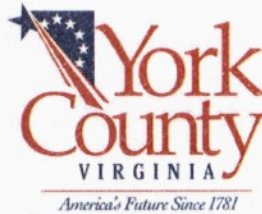
Sincerely,

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Patrick Roberts
City Manager

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mark L. Bellamy, Jr.



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March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Attention: Whitney Katchmark
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Commitment for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s Application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity # EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

I am writing on behalf of the County of York to express our commitment to and support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads (ACT) Program. York County is committed to partnering with HRPDC and other partner organizations to reduce transportation-related emissions and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are critical components of this effort.

York County cares deeply about supporting HRPDC in reducing GHG emissions and advancing the adoption of EVs and active transportation use. The Board of Supervisors prioritizes environmental stewardship, focusing on resiliency and highlighting its significance within their strategic agenda.

We know that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance the Hampton Roads Region's environmental and

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public health issues. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural, and tribal communities. York County fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities.

The ACT Program will increase equitable access to clean transportation, benefiting community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the Hampton Roads region. This effort to expand the region's charging network is essential to catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases further. It will lay the groundwork for transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

We are excited to be a part of this meaningful and transformative program. If you have any questions regarding York County's commitment to this effort, please contact me at 757-890-3320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "M Bellamy, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark L. Bellamy, Jr.
County Administrator

Copy to: York County Board of Supervisors



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March 25, 2024

Whitney S. Katchmark
Principal Water Resources Engineer
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
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RE: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to express our strong support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

DEQ fully supports HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, support the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. As you know, the DEQ serves as the state level lead for the CPRG program and is actively developing several implementation grant applications. Two of these applications would support and complement clean air and climate programs in Hampton Roads. With regard to Low Income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC), much of the DEQ statewide CPRG planning and outreach efforts has been focused on LIDAC communities.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the



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Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
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1401 East Broad
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March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Re: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is pleased to support HRPDC's application for the U.S. EPA's CPRG Program to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's electric vehicle (EV) charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutants.

VDOT strongly supports HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions and support the adoption of clean transportation throughout the Hampton Roads region. VDOT's 2023 Carbon Reduction Strategy includes each of the elements of the ACT Program, including EV charging infrastructure, multiuse trails, and energy-efficient streetlights. The ACT Program aligns with VDOT's strategy and agency-wide efforts to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and strengthen community connectivity.

By increasing access to clean transportation, the ACT Program will benefit community members, tourists, and the travelling public. Expanding the EV charging network across the Hampton Roads region will support transportation electrification efforts and lead to emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

VDOT asks for your favorable consideration of this application the CPRG funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Berg".

Chris Berg
Director of Sustainability
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March 28th, 2024

Hon. Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing on behalf of Dominion Energy Virginia to express our strong support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's electric vehicle (EV) charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

Dominion Energy Virginia champions HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, support the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. Our 2050 Net Zero commitment and steady progress reflect not only our clean energy ambitions, but our customers' needs for safe, reliable, and affordable energy that powers our customers every day.

Dominion Energy Virginia provides electric service, municipal outdoor lighting, and EV infrastructure programs in many areas of the HRPDC communities including their LIDACs. We're investing in our grid assets to build a foundation for more EV chargers, investing in our municipal outdoor lighting program through the transition to more efficient LED lighting as well as making the grid greener through our pursuit of Net Zero.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health



issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural, and tribal communities.

Dominion Energy Virginia fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities.

- Support the transition to energy efficient outdoor lighting through our LED Lighting replacement program,
- Support the transition to EVs through our educational and outreach efforts,
- Provide grid support to outlined EV charging infrastructure, and
- Augment EV charging infrastructure with residential charging, smart charging, and incentivized make ready programs.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the ACT Program will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

Dominion Energy Virginia wants to reemphasize its support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transport-related emissions. Please contact me at alan.bradshaw@dominionenergy.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Bradshaw".

Alan Bradshaw
Vice President – Strategic Partnerships
Dominion Energy Virginia

March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
The Regional Building
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Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Chesapeake to express our strong support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The City of Chesapeake champions HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, support the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the ACT Program will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

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Monday, March 25, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Subject: Letter of Support for the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's (HRPDC) application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), Funding Opportunity EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Workforce Council, I write to express our strong support for the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program application submitted by the HRPDC for the EPA's CPRG Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

At the Hampton Roads Workforce Council, we partner with an array of community stakeholders to develop and implement a multi-faceted system of strategic workforce development plans, job training and upskilling, job placement, and job retention services to catalyze economic vitality for the individual, businesses, and the community. By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the ACT Program will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights, will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come. Our support of the HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, encourage the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle EV-charging needs throughout Hampton Roads, is beneficial and needed.

Sincerely,



Shawn Avery
President & CEO

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The City of Chesapeake wants to reemphasize its support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transported-related emissions. Please contact me at 757-382-6166 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Price', with a stylized, cursive script.

Christopher Price
City Manager
City of Chesapeake



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March 25, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Subject: Letter of Support for the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's (HRPDC) application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), Funding Opportunity EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

On behalf of the Virginia Peninsula Chamber I am writing to express our strong support for the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program application submitted by the HRPDC for the EPA's CPRG Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The Virginia Peninsula Chamber supports the HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, encourage the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle EV-charging needs throughout Hampton Roads. The Chamber's mission is to work with regional partners and stakeholders to help create conditions conducive to economic growth and upward mobility of our citizens. This grant would certainly help to facilitate our mission.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the ACT Program will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

I want to reemphasize the Virginia Peninsula Chamber's support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transported-related emissions. Please contact me at 757-818-3021 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Robert S. McKenna
President/CEO
Virginia Peninsula Chamber
Virginia Peninsula Chamber Foundation



March 25, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Subject: Letter of Support: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's (HRPDC) Application - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), Funding Opportunity EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable (Roundtable), I am writing to express our strong support for the *Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program* application submitted by the HRPDC for the EPA's CPRG Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the *ACT Program* will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit our region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The Roundtable works closely with the HRPDC, and we support them and their partners in this effort to reduce emissions, encourage the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle EV-charging needs throughout Hampton Roads. The Roundtable is a regional economic development strategy organization and continually identifies the importance of clean energy and transportation as a growth industry cluster as well.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the *ACT Program* will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

I would like to reemphasize the Roundtable's support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transportation-related emissions.

Please contact me as noted below if you have any questions.

Thank you for your interest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy L. Grden".

Nancy L. Grden
President & CEO

ngrden@roundtablehr.org | 757.572.6089 mobile



March 22, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Subject: Letter of Support for the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's (HRPDC) application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), Funding Opportunity EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Ms. Katchmark:

On behalf of the Norfolk Innovation Corridor (NIC), I am writing to express our strong support for the *Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program* application submitted by the HRPDC for the EPA's CPRG Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the *ACT Program* will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

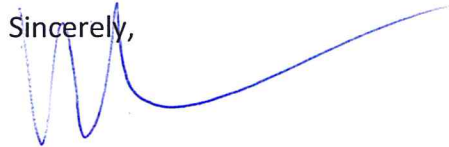
The NIC supports the HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, encourage the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle EV-charging needs throughout Hampton Roads. A technology zone located in Norfolk, Virginia, the NIC supports and connects small and large leading-edge entrepreneurs and innovation resources sharing a common goal of creating resilient solutions and expanding the quality of life for all. We are fully committed to creating a connected community in a sustainability fashion.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the *ACT Program* will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond

this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

I want to reemphasize the Norfolk Innovation Corridor's support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transported-related emissions. Please contact me at lpeck@norfolkinnovation.com or 757-904-5753 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Linda Peck
Executive Director
lpeck@norfolkinnovation.com



March 25, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the Sierra Club Virginia Chapter to express our strong support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

Sierra Club Virginia Chapter champions HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, support the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. "Tailpipe emissions are the number one source of climate-altering pollution in Virginia. As of November 2023, the Federal Highway Administration requires state Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to establish performance measures for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in their transportation plans. Virginia must redirect its focus from moving cars to moving people, combined with a commitment to build equitable transit and EV infrastructure across the state. This transformational shift will promote sustainability and health by reducing pollution and car dependency, and by increasing physical activity through walking, biking, and mass transit. Rapid

electrification of personal, government, and fleet vehicles should also be a priority”(pg.9)¹

Several of Virginia’s transit providers are making strides toward more equitable service. For example, Alexandria’s DASH Bus ridership levels have soared to historic levels as a result of free fares and increased service frequency. DASH is also a state leader in the transition to battery electric buses. Loudoun County Transit is considering free fares. But we have a long way to go to sufficiently serve all who rely on transit. Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) is facing a \$750 million fiscal cliff. Without dedicated funding from Virginia, Maryland and D.C., WMATA will have to slash service, threatening the stability of our area’s economy, the lives of people who depend on public transportation, and all of us who rely on the workers who are transit dependent.

Transit equity is a civil right. Virginia needs to move toward safer, more reliable, environmentally sustainable, and affordable transit that is accessible to all.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the ACT Program to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities.

Sierra Club Virginia Chapter fully supports this application and HRPDC’s efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. Transportation is a major source of air pollution and has the largest, fastest-growing climate emissions in the US. We can tackle the climate crisis and clean up our air by shifting to pollution-free vehicles, accessible public transit, and making our communities more walkable, bikeable, and transit-friendly. No matter their zip code, race, income level, age, or any other factor people should be able to rely on clean and safe transportation. Sierra Club Virginia Chapter consists of nearly 20,000 members. In addition we work with friends and other civic and environmental organizations. We are committed to engaging our members, friends and associates in implementing the goals of this grant to achieve a transition to clean energy.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the ACT Program will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant’s five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will

¹ <https://vasierra.club/DecarbonizationPlan.pdf>

also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

Sierra Club Virginia Chapter wants to reemphasize its support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transportation-related emissions. Please contact me at ann.creasy@sierraclub.org or 757-513-2844 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ann Creasy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Ann Creasy
Field Director
Sierra Club Virginia Chapter



March 29, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN) to express our strong support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the [Advancing Clean Transportation \(ACT\)](#) in Hampton Roads Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the [ACT Program](#) will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

SSDN is a network of over 110 local government practitioners from a ten-state region in the South that are committed to addressing climate change in their communities. Our network supports the scaling of best practices throughout the region through peer learning, provides programs that support communities' access to federal funding, and promotes our communities' understanding of their local policy landscape. SSDN champions HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, support the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs with a commitment to prioritizing disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural and tribal communities throughout the Hampton Roads region.

SSDN is ready to assist in the success of the [ACT Program](#) by committing to provide ongoing capacity building support to the local government partners and sharing best practices with them from communities throughout the South and around the country. Our participation in the project will help ensure its success by providing expertise in energy efficiency and renewable energy to the project and providing decision-making guidance at the policy level to affect positive change.

Please give the TBRPC's application the highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Jamison", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Meg Jamison
Executive Director | Southeast Sustainability Directors Network
meg@southeastsdn.org | 423-416-0839

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320



March 18, 2024

Subject: Letter of Support for the City of Norfolk's application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Funding Opportunity
EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07


Dear Mr. Crum:

On behalf of The Elizabeth River Trail Foundation I am writing to express my strong support for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, Funding Opportunity EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 application.

This application, if successful, will bring together the three largest metropolitan statistical areas in Virginia to set the stage to substantially transform the commercial buildings sector in Virginia and bring benefits to low-income disadvantaged communities and Commonwealth residents through improved air quality, reduced energy burden, job opportunities, and increased resilience.

The Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) Foundation works to build and maintain an inclusive, resilient, and connected trail that has something for everyone. We pride ourselves in being a multi-modal trail that serves as more than recreation, but infrastructure, a crucial part of our transit system, and a way to commute and connect easily through the city. For so many, access to public transportation, our downtown district, medical and educational institutions have been restricted due to intentionally divisive infrastructure. The Elizabeth River Trail Foundation seeks to connect more communities across Norfolk, particularly those in under-resourced areas.

Investing in connecting active transportation infrastructure within and between communities would help USDOT reach its goals by reversing rising fatalities and injuries among pedestrians and bicyclists, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, providing equitable and accessible mobility options, and



supporting local economic development. A recent study by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy found that a substantial investment in active transportation focused on mode shift to walking and biking could reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 54 million metric tons annually. Additionally, the Non-Motorized Pilot Project created by Congress proved that connectivity investments significantly shift car trips to walking and bicycling, while decreasing pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and crashes. Active transportation connectivity will also help ensure greater equity by providing affordable and accessible mobility options for the millions of households that do not own an automobile and greater access for people with disabilities, as well as improved public health.

We know that strong community partnerships and networks are critical elements of this program and through this letter of support we are also affirming that we are committed to working with COG, PlanRVA, and Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to successfully realize the vision of this new program. While the coalition applicants will take on the majority of the work, as called upon, we will provide connections and insights to support the pipeline of viable commercial buildings projects, identify and implement projects for a regional trail system and, provide information about the program throughout the community to expand its reach, identify good partners or community-based organizations, etc.

We look forward to the benefits that the Climate Pollution Reduction Program application could bring to commercial buildings in the most populous areas in Virginia and want to reiterate our strong support for this coalition application.

Sincerely,



Kindra M. Greene
Executive Director
757-681-1405

Hampton Roads region. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural, and tribal communities.

DEQ fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities. DEQ is also committed to reducing the air quality and climate impacts of mobile sources through its many plans and programs.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the ACT Program will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

DEQ wants to reemphasize its support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transported-related emissions. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Dowd", is positioned above the typed name.

Michael G. Dowd, Director
Air and Renewable Energy Division
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(804) 698-4284



March 26, 2024

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the Albemarle Commission Regional Council of Governments (NC, Region R) to express our strong support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the Advancing Clean Transportation (ACT) in Hampton Roads Program. With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the ACT Program will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit our shared regions' communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions and improving public health outcomes.

Albemarle Commission champions HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, support the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region and beyond. We work every day to with our member governments to enhance the quality of the lives of our citizens in the Albemarle Region through direct services and assistance in planning, program development and management, public-private partnerships and leadership. We recognize that community partnerships are essential components of implementing the ACT Program, and we are committed to helping HRPDC expand clean transportation opportunities in disadvantaged and underserved communities.

Sincerely,


Michael Ervin
Executive Director

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March 25, 2024

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RE: Letter of Support for Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)'s application for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Opportunity #: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Ms. Katchmark,

I am writing on behalf of the Hampton Roads Alliance (the Alliance) to express our strong support for the application submitted by HRPDC for the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) to support funding of the [Advancing Clean Transportation \(ACT\) in Hampton Roads Program](#). With a focus on serving low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), the [ACT Program](#) will increase access to trails and active transportation opportunities, expand the region's EV charging network, and reduce streetlight energy use, all of which will benefit the region's communities by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Public health improvements through reduced co-pollutant generation and increased active transportation are also critical components of this effort.

The Alliance is the leading regional economic development organization for the Hampton Roads region of Virginia. It is a nonprofit, public-private partnership supported and led by the region's most influential business leaders, local governments, and top academic institutions. The Alliance is proud to represent 14 localities who, with the support of nearly 100 private sector investors, govern and resource the organization and its regional economic development efforts.

Our mission is to work collaboratively to lead the region in attracting, growing, and retaining companies and talent to create a more resilient, inclusive and equitable region of choice. The Alliance champions HRPDC and its partners in this effort to reduce emissions, support the adoption of clean transportation approaches, and meet electric vehicle (EV)-charging needs throughout the Hampton Roads region. Developing cleaner

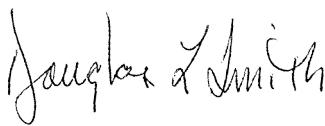
transportation options benefit many in our community, particularly low-income and disadvantaged communities. They also make the region a more attractive place to do business.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design, manage, and implement the [ACT Program](#) to advance environmental and public health issues in the Hampton Roads region. The Alliance fully supports this application and HRPDC's efforts to expand clean transportation opportunities.

By increasing equitable access to clean transportation, the [ACT Program](#) will benefit community members, tourists, and other interested parties throughout the region. Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to further catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases, leading to transformative emissions reductions beyond this grant's five-year period of performance. Trail network expansions and reduced energy use from streetlights will also provide emissions savings and air quality improvements that will benefit the region for years to come.

The Alliance wants to reemphasize its support of this application and of HRPDC's commitment to reducing transported-related emissions. Please contact me at dougsmith@hamptonroadsalliance.com or 757-627-2315 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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