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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1241**

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4 *A BILL to direct the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization to develop an infrastructure*
5 *coordination and fiscal readiness framework for Planning District 23.*

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7 Referred to Committee on Transportation

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9
10 1. *That the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) shall develop an*
11 *infrastructure coordination and fiscal readiness framework for Planning District 23, to be known as the*
12 *Hampton Roads Infrastructure Coordination and Readiness Framework (the Framework). The Framework*
13 *shall coordinate (i) multimodal transportation infrastructure, including primary and secondary roads,*
14 *bridges, and tunnels; (ii) public transit, including transit provided by Hampton Roads Transit, the*
15 *Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, and Suffolk Transit; (iii) resiliency infrastructure; (iv) evaluations of*
16 *affordability and fiscal readiness, including any local or regional proposals for new revenue authority; and*
17 *(v) regional project sequencing and prioritization. The Framework shall establish shared evaluation criteria*
18 *for project readiness, including affordability impacts on residents, fiscal capacity and lifecycle maintenance,*
19 *opportunity for leverage of federal resources, and considerations of equity and access. The Framework*
20 *shall create a regional sequencing roadmap to identify priorities and create guidelines for producing an*
21 *inventory of unfunded needs across transportation systems and infrastructure in Planning District 23.*
22 *HRTPO shall, as feasible, align practices contained in or contemplated by the Framework with practices of*
23 *the Commonwealth Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public*
24 *Transportation, Department of Emergency Management, and Department of Conservation and Recreation*
25 *for resiliency coordination, and any federal agencies HRTPO deems relevant, including the U.S. Army*
26 *Corps of Engineers. HRTPO shall ensure that the implementation of the Framework will not interfere with*
27 *the completion of local projects not within the scope of the Framework, conflict with federal compacts,*
28 *restrict participation in federally authorized coastal storm risk management projects, or conflict with the*
29 *work of other regional transportation entities that do not operate or have planning authority within*
30 *Planning District 23. In developing the Framework, HRTPO shall coordinate with the Hampton Roads*
31 *Planning District Commission, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, Hampton*
32 *Roads Transit, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, and Suffolk Transit. In developing the Framework,*
33 *HRTPO shall consult with the Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public*
34 *Transportation, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Department of Emergency Management.*
35 *HRTPO may also consult with all state agencies it deems necessary in the creation of the Framework.*
36 *HRTPO shall submit to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the House*
37 *Committees on Finance and Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations a*
38 *report of the progress of the development of the Framework no later than December 1, 2026, and a final*
39 *report on the Framework no later than December 1, 2027.*

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