

Transit Development Plan Review Hampton City Council Briefing September 13, 2017

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Regional Transit Development Plan

What is a Transit Development Plan?

The Transit Development Plan (TDP) is a ten-year plan required by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The plan outlines existing transit service, plans for service enhancements, future service and anticipated costs

The TDP Guides HRT Service Planning:

•Analyzing existing service, socioeconomic and demographic data to understand transit supply and demand throughout the region

•The plan is guided by stakeholder and general public input

•Recommendations would be phased in over a ten year period



Transit Development Plan (TDP) Public/Stakeholder Input

- The major goal of the TDP outreach effort is to capture feedback from key regional City staff stakeholders and members of the public, both existing and potential riders
- Feedback was collected through a series of focus groups and meetings that took place in the April through June timeframe
- A pop-up meeting was held on March 30, 2017 at Hampton Transit Center
- Focus group meeting held at on April 30, 2017 at Northhampton Public Library
- Feedback helped shape the initial service planning concepts within the TDP



Service Planning Concepts

Service Planning concepts used to improve bus service included:

- Adjusting frequency of existing routes
- Adjusting service hours of existing routes
- Realigning existing routes
- Incorporating new routes
- Changing the length of a route
- Route eliminations
- Establishing a High Frequency Bus Network



Existing Service in Hampton

CURRENTLY 18 ROUTES OPERATE IN THE CITY OF HAMPTON: 14 LOCAL, 2 PENINSULA COMMUTER ROUTES (PCS) AND 2 MAX ROUTES

Route 101 Downtown Newport News to Downtown Hampton via Kecoughtan Ave.
Route 102 Peninsula Town Center to Downtown Hampton via Queen St.
Route 103 Downtown Hampton to Downtown Newport News via Shell Rd.
Route 104 Downtown Newport News to Newmarket via Marshall Ave.
Route 105 Maple Ave. & 27th St. to Peninsula Town Center via Briarfield Rd.
Route 109 Downtown Hampton to Buckroe via Pembroke Ave.
Route 110 Downtown Hampton to Thomas Nelson via Big Bethel Rd.
Route 111 Thomas Nelson to Patrick Henry Lane via Saunders Rd.



Existing Service in Hampton

Route 112 Downtown Newport News to Patrick Henry Mall via Jefferson Ave.

- Route 114 Downtown Hampton to Newmarket via Weaver Rd.
- Route 115 Downtown Hampton to Buckroe via Fox Hill Rd.
- Route 117 Downtown Hampton to VA Hospital via Settlers Landing Rd.
- Route 118 Downtown Hampton to Semple Farm via Armistead Ave.
- Route 120 Downtown Hampton to Buckroe via Mallory St.
- MAX Route 961 Newport News to Hampton to Norfolk
- MAX Route 965 Patrick Henry Mall to Naval Station Norfolk
- PCS Route 403 Buckroe Shopping Center to Newport News Shipyard
- PCS Route 405 Buckroe Shopping Center to Newport News Shipyard to NNTC





High Frequency Transit Network

Implement a new High Frequency Transit Network (HFTN) that will connect the region's major employment centers, education, healthcare, and retail centers

The HFTN would include:



- New routes/buses with better frequency and reliability
- State-of-the-art technology and customer amenities
- Seamless links with other transportation providers
- Simpler ways to pay fares and access the system



Proposed High Frequency Network on the Peninsula

Route

101 Kecoughtan Road

106 Warwick Boulevard

107 Denbigh Boulevard

112 Jefferson Avenue

114 Weaver Road

961 MAX

971 (new MAX route)

Service Area

Hampton/Newport News

Newport News

Newport News

Newport News/Hampton

Hampton/Newport News

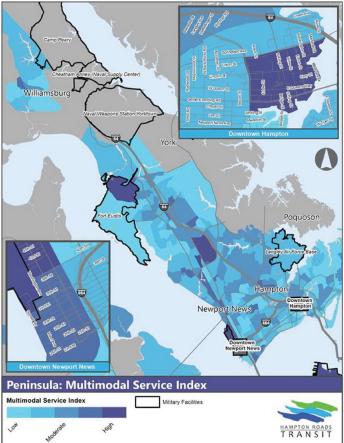
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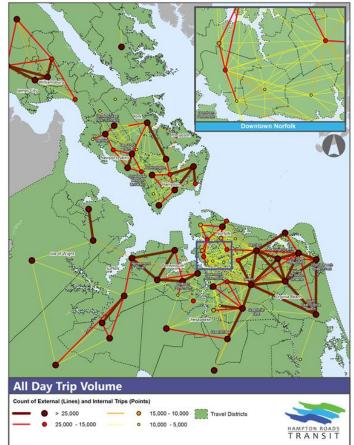


Market Assessment: Needs

Transit Propensity



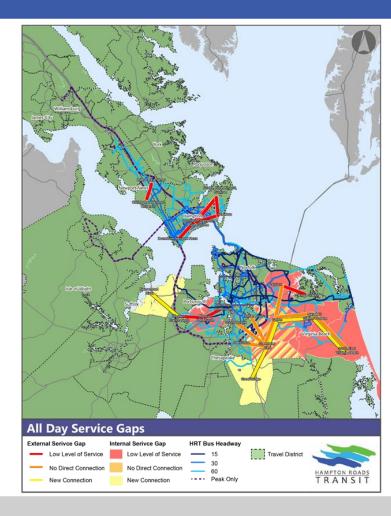
Travel Flows



HAMPTON ROADS TRANSIT

Market Assessment: Service Gaps

- Combined transit needs and travel flows
- Compared against existing service
- Determined gaps:
 - Low level of service
 - Lack of connections
 - New service areas





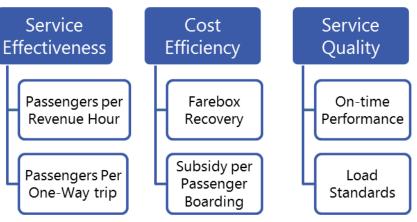
Maximize Resources

Assessed and evaluated service effectiveness and efficiency to maximize resources

High Frequency Transit Network will:

- Maximize ridership
- Be cost effective
- Be reliable and dependable
- Be comfortable

Key Bus Service Performance Indicators





HFTN Concept Overview

- Centered around a High Frequency Transit Network of 20 "core" routes
- Address issues:
 - More dependable, frequent, and on-time service
 - Gaps in service coverage and level of service
 - Inconsistent service spans
 - Duplicative services
 - Circuitous routings
 - Unrealistic run times and schedules
 - Underlying the HFTN will be improved local feeder bus
- MAX routes and peninsula commuter services will remain with some targeted improvements



Services Characteristics of High Frequency Transit Network

Recommended Frequency

Time Period	Frequency
Morning & Evening Peak	15 minutes
Midday & Evening	30 minutes
Early Morning & Late Night	60 minutes
Saturday	30 minutes
Sunday	60 minutes

Recommended Span of Service

Day	Span
Weekdays	6:00am – 11:00pm
Saturday	6:00am – 11:00pm
Sunday	7:00am – 8:00pm

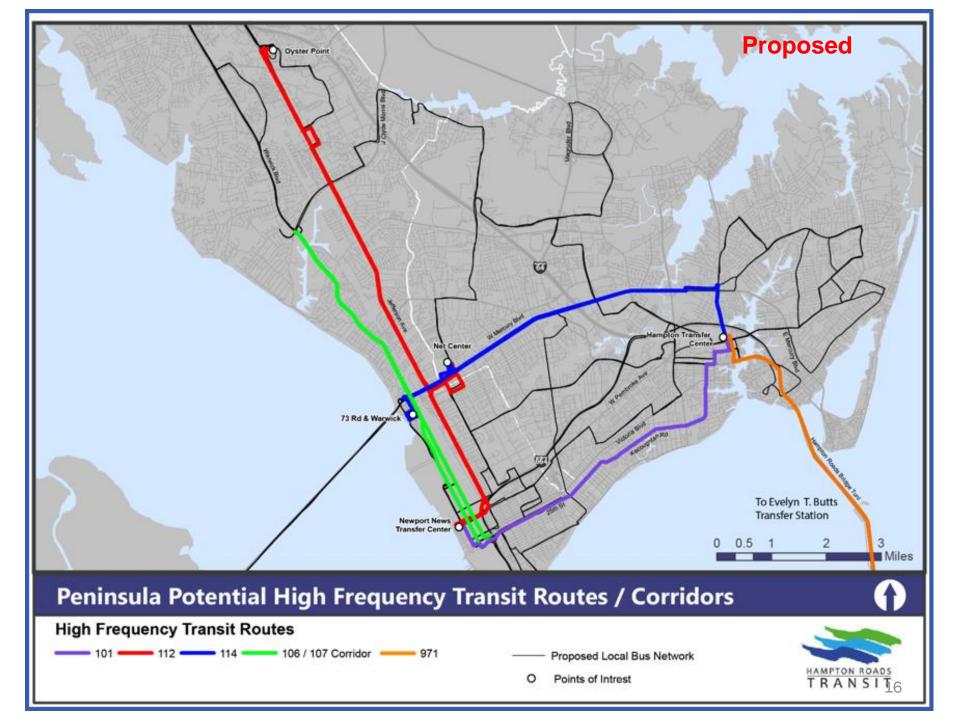


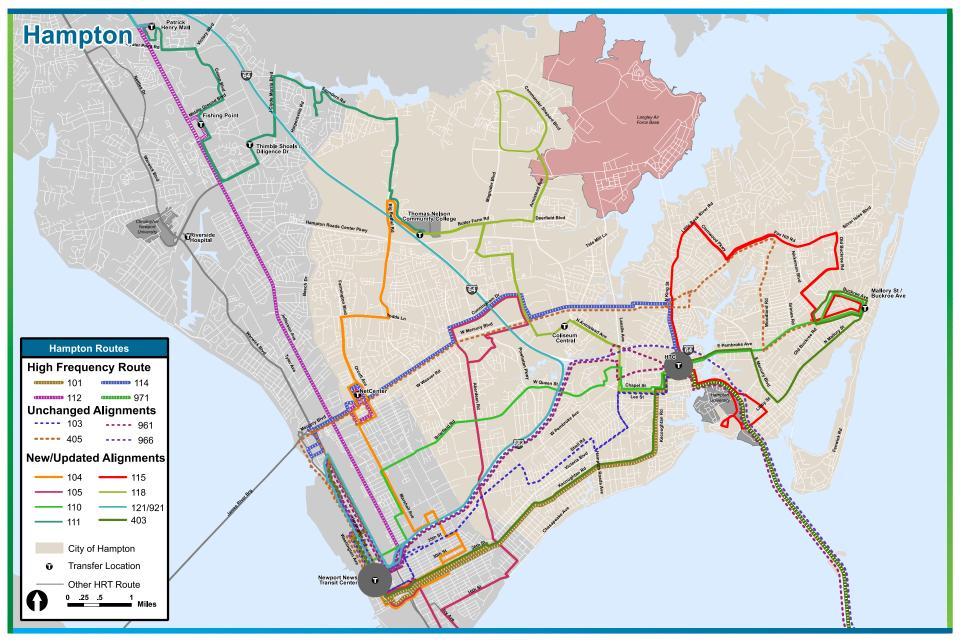
Return on Investment

- Better coverage
- Better access to jobs
- Higher ridership
- [↑] 73%: Area served by high frequency transit
- \uparrow 190%: Population within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of high frequency transit
- \uparrow 97%: Jobs within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of high frequency transit

Network	Service Area (mi ²)	Population	Jobs
Existing	30	121,000	174,000
HFTN	82	351,000	343,000
Percent Change	173%	190%	97%







Next Steps

- Continue public involvement on Transit Development Plan
 - Pop-up at Hampton Transit Center to distribute material information regarding the proposed TDP recommendations on September 13, 2017
 - TDP community workshop at HRT headquarters in Hampton on September 21, 2017
 - On-line passenger survey to solicit feedback on proposed recommendations
- Final recommendations and costs associated with Transit Development Plan
- Phased approach to implementing prioritized bus service changes
- Legislative Agenda support for regional High Frequency Transit Network funding

