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Neil, Mark and Vivian:

The Commonwealth (and VDEM specifically) has been working over the past few months on a new hurricane evacuation scheme that has resulted in the concept of using four "evacuation zones" for the various risk localities. Of course the specific (granular) zone delineations required review and input from GIS, Planning, flood plain management, PIO, FLS/EM and others so we met at various times in order to provide feedback to the consultant. PIO and FLS/EM staff also met with the consultant regarding public awareness rollout. When first initiated we were unsure of implementation date but later found out that their goal was the beginning of this hurricane season. I believe that the concept is well thought out and will certainly aid in our evacuation advisory/notification efforts but it will require major public awareness campaigns (which will begin to be rolled out over the next week or so by VDEM and certainly the big date is June 1).

Yesterday, Paula and I participated in a WebEx regarding the rollout.

I had asked for a one page brief and they have provided that which can serve as a good quick overview. I wanted to bring this to your attention since, over the next week, you may begin seeing this information in the media and may even receive some related correspondence from the Commonwealth.

If necessary during this hurricane season (since much of this information is very new) I would suspect any evacuation information would entail hybrid information (i.e. as we had done so in the past along with use of zones).

We will work with PIO/Public Affairs regarding necessary locally specific information initiatives.

Should you have questions or need additional information please let me know.

Thanks,
Steve

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Good afternoon folks,

Thank you for joining us today for the WebEx and conference call to preview launch of the Hurricane Tiered Evacuation Plan. As we discussed on the call, we plan to launch the **Know Your Zone** campaign on June 1, but wanted to give you advance notice of the campaign and a chance to preview the materials.

We will be back in touch shortly with more campaign information, and specifically information about the press conference slated for June 1 at 2 p.m. In the meantime, I committed on the call that I would send you the PowerPoint presentation we used for that meeting and a one-page overview of the tiered evacuation plan and our educational campaign. Those two documents are attached to this email.

We will have more information for you in the coming days. You may continue watching the KnowYourZoneVA.org digital tool kit for update this week as we continue to load more finished graphic files and collateral material designs into that tool.

Thank you for your continued partnership in this tiered evacuation zone project. We look forward to working with you to help you roll this out to citizens under your purview.

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2017 Hurricane Tiered Evacuation Plan Overview

On June 1, 2017, at the beginning of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season, the Commonwealth of Virginia will unveil new hurricane evacuation zones for coastal Virginia designed to enhance current evacuation plans, boost public safety, and improve travel efficiency in the event of hurricanes or other disasters.

The new tiered zones, designated A through D, are designed to provide residents with precise and useful information about properties vulnerable to flooding during storms, and whether they should evacuate in an emergency, or shelter in place.

The new evacuation zones were developed by Atkins, a global engineering firm with deep experience designing hurricane evacuation plans for major metropolitan areas, in close cooperation with local emergency managers throughout coastal Virginia. The zones are based on the most up-to-date engineering data for the region.

The new zones take into account historic storm surge measurements, combined with projected effects of storms of different intensity, path, speed, tides, and other meteorological factors.

Avoiding unnecessary evacuation travel will reduce traffic congestion, promote highway safety, and lessen overcrowding at storm shelters. The new zones enhance the current evacuation plans and routes already designated in coastal Virginia.



About the New Zones

The new evacuation zones are data driven and based on a highly detailed map that identified low-lying properties vulnerable to flooding. The new maps are based on historic storm surge measurements combined with projected effects of storms of different intensity, path, speed, tides, and other meteorological factors.

The Know Your Zone campaign:

Those who live or work in coastal Virginia must be aware of the new zones, and – in particular – the zone in which they live. Together with local emergency managers, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management has launched a public information campaign called “Know Your Zone”. The new tiered evacuation plan will be rolled out beginning June 1, and education and operational enhancements will continue throughout this hurricane season and into future years.

Residents of the region are urged to go online to an easy-to-use website to learn if they live in one of the new evacuation zones, and to keep the information handy to use in times of emergency. Similarly, those who work in the region should identify the zone in which their workplace is located.

The new evacuation zones can be viewed at www.KnowYourZoneVA.org.

On this web page, (which is part of vaemergency.org), Virginians can view a detailed, interactive map of the new evacuation zones. People can use the map to see the entire region or zoom-in to their neighborhoods. Visitors to the site also can enter their address in a search bar to see their designated evacuation zone.

Those without Internet access are urged to contact their local emergency managers or call 2-1-1. Local officials and emergency management professionals throughout the region have been actively involved in the new evacuation planning and can assist citizens in identifying their new evacuation zones.

Know Your Zone will serve residents in the following Virginia localities: cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach; counties of Accomack, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond County, Surry, Westmoreland, York, and the Town of Chincoteague.

Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to storms with high winds, including hurricanes. Residents of mobile homes in the path of serious storms will be advised to evacuate even if they are not located in one of the new storm evacuation zones.

Know Your Zone enhances existing emergency communications procedures:

When people know their evacuation zone, they are better prepared to act if there's an emergency. When a serious storm is expected to impact Virginia's coastal area, state and local emergency managers will work with local news media outlets that will broadcast and publish evacuation directives to the public.

The Know Your Zone campaign will be coordinated with public and media outreach, education for local emergency responders and citizens, and other tools to effectively inform residents about what to do in the event of a disaster.

Public safety is an ongoing commitment for everyone:

Virginians are safer when they are prepared for emergencies. Know Your Zone is an important new tool to empower people to make good decisions based on the latest and best scientific and technical information. The Commonwealth is always working to improve emergency response plans for citizens, so educational and operational enhancements will continue throughout hurricane season and into future years.

For more information, visit www.KnowYourZoneVA.org, or call VDEM at (804)-897-6510.

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF | May 19, 2017

TOP STORIES

TRUMP TRAVELS TO SAUDI ARABIA TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH MUSLIM WORLD. President Donald Trump, who has frequently aired views hostile to Islam, is traveling to the religion's cradle in a trip intended to shore up his ties with the Muslim world. President Trump will press some of his most important foreign policy goals in his first trip abroad since taking office, including dealing with Iran and ISIS. [Read more](#)

FORMER FBI HEAD ROBERT MUELLER TO OVERSEE TRUMP-RUSSIA INVESTIGATION. The Department of Justice has appointed the former FBI director Robert Mueller as special counsel to investigate alleged ties between the 2016 presidential campaign of Donald Trump and Russian operatives. Mueller will also investigate questions of Russian intervention in the election generally. [Read more](#)

FORMER SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN IS LEADING CONTENDER FOR FBI CHIEF. Mr. Trump told reporters on Thursday that Mr. Lieberman is a top choice. Asked if Mr. Lieberman was one of his top picks, Mr. Trump said, "He

is.” Democratic aide cautions party will push back on tapping a lawmaker to head agency. [Read more](#)

DOW JONES FALLS MORE THAN 370 POINTS AS TRUMP

CONTROVERSY RATTLES MARKETS. Turmoil in Washington DC triggered a sell-off on Wall Street on Wednesday, with U.S. stocks falling sharply as investors fretted that Donald Trump’s latest woes could derail his pro-business agenda. [Read more](#)

TIMES SQUARE CAR CRASH DRIVER RICHARD ROJAS ‘HEARD

VOICES.’ A man who drove a car along three blocks of pavement in New York's Times Square, killing a teenager and injuring 22 people, said he had "heard voices," according to law enforcement sources. The burgundy Honda sedan mounted the pavement at 45th Street and Broadway at 11:55 local time and drove at high speed for three blocks before crashing into a pole. [Read more](#)

JULIAN ASSANGE DEFIANT AS SWEDEN DROPS RAPE

INVESTIGATION. Wikileaks founder Julian Assange has said he will not forgive and forget attempts to arrest him over rape allegations which led him to seek asylum in Ecuador's London embassy. [Read more](#)

ADMINISTRATION

TRUMP FIRES BACK AS RUSSIA PROBE INTENSIFIES. President Trump showed Thursday he is prepared to fight hard against allegations he interfered with a federal investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election. He vehemently denied at a news conference at the White House that he asked Comey to drop FBI’s investigation into Flynn. [Read more](#)

COMEY WAS REPORTEDLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH TRUMP’S EFFORT

TO ESTABLISH CLOSENESS. Comey, who was fired from the role by Trump last week, was disgusted by the encounter and attempts by the president to court his loyalty, said Benjamin Wittes, a Brookings Institution fellow, who described the encounter in the New York Times and wrote about it on LawFareBlog.com. [Read more](#)

ROSENSTEIN LEAVES HOUSE MEMBERS FRUSTRATED BY LACK OF

DETAIL. House members emerged frustrated from a briefing on Friday with Rod J. Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general, with few fresh insights into the firing of James B. Comey as FBI director and with new doubts about the trajectory of the investigations into Russian election meddling. [Read more](#)

CONGRESS

NEW DEFENSE BUDGET POISED TO MEET LOWER EXPECTATIONS.

Pro-military U.S. lawmakers believe the Pentagon needs a major boost above President Trump's budget, but it's unlikely Congress will oblige this year. Trump's 2018 budget request is itself a placeholder at \$603 billion — \$18.5 billion more than the Obama administration projected for 2018. [Read more](#)

RYAN: HOUSE DO-OVER ON OBAMACARE REPEAL UNLIKELY. Speaker Paul Ryan said Friday he didn't think the House would have to revote on its high-stakes Obamacare repeal legislation, despite a technical snag that raised the prospect of a do-over. "We're moving [the bill] over to the Senate probably in a couple weeks," Ryan told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt. [Read more](#)

GOWDY POISED TO REPLACE CHAFFETZ AS OVERSIGHT CHIEF. Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) is expected to become the next chairman of the House Oversight Committee, replacing Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) in the high-profile post when he leaves Congress late next month, according to multiple senior House Republicans. [Read more](#)

POLITICS

ANTHONY WIENER PLEADS GUILTY TO RESOLVE SEXTING INQUIRY.

The former Democratic congressman whose sexting scandals ended his political career and embroiled him in a tumultuous FBI investigation of Hillary Clinton before the election, appeared in a federal courtroom in Manhattan on Friday to enter a guilty plea. [Read more](#)

MICHEL TEMER: BRAZIL PRESIDENT 'WON'T QUIT' OVER BRIBE

CLAIM. Brazil's Michel Temer is battling to save his presidency, amid allegations he authorized paying bribes to silence a witness in a huge corruption scandal. The Supreme Court has approved an investigation into the

allegations, but Mr Temer said he would prove his innocence. [Read more](#)

ELECTION 2017: MAY and DAVIDSON PROMISE TO STAND UP TO SNP.

Scottish party leader Davidson told the gathering that the election on 8 June was about "bringing the SNP down to size." Prime minister May said the Conservatives were the "only party" able to stand up to the SNP. The Tories are hopeful of gains in next month's election, having made significant progress in May's local elections. [Read more](#)

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

CHINA JET FIGHTERS INTERCEPT AMERICAN PLANE; U.S. CALLS INCIDENT 'UNPROFESSIONAL.'

Two Chinese Su-30 fighter planes on Wednesday approached a U.S. WC-135 surveillance plane and flew near it, according to the U.S. military, which said the American plane was in international airspace. [Read more](#)

U.S. ARMY'S 2018 BUDGET REQUEST STOCKPILES MUNITIONS, MODERNIZES ARMORED BRIGADES.

The U.S. Army's fiscal 2018 budget request funds a 1,018,000-person total force and prioritizes munitions stockpiles and modernization of armored brigade combat teams. The White House's defense budget request is expected to be unveiled at the Pentagon on May 23. Defense News has learned the Army's base budget request in 2018 will be \$137.1 billion. [Read more](#)

CANADA WARNS IT MAY CANCEL U.S. SUPER HORNET JET BUY OVER PROBE.

Canada's government warned Thursday it could cancel a planned \$2 billion purchase of 18 Super Hornet fighter jets from Boeing because of U.S. Department of Commerce anti-dumping investigations against Canadian plane-maker Bombardier. [Read more](#)

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

STOCKS EDGE HIGHER AS COMMODITY PRICES RISE.

An uptick in commodity prices lifted stocks Friday, though major indexes remained on track for their worst week in more than a month. The rise in stocks came on the heels of Thursday's slight gains, representing a modest recovery for the S&P

500 following its steepest one-day drop since September earlier this week.

[Read more](#)

GOP TRIES TO KEEP SPOTLIGHT ON TAXES. Republicans are trying to stay focused on tax reform amid the barrage of developments related to President Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey and the broader investigation into Russian interference in the presidential election. The House Ways and Means Committee held its first tax-reform hearing of the year on Thursday. [Read more](#)

GM TO STOP MAKING CARS FOR INDIAN MARKET. General Motors, which sells its Chevrolet brand in India, said it would continue to provide maintenance services. It also said that its plant in Maharashtra would continue to make cars for overseas markets, mainly Central and South American regions. [Read more](#)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

COURT PAUSES LAWSUIT OVER OBAMA METHANE RULE. The order, from the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, halts consideration of an oil industry suit challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) rules cracking down on methane emissions from oil and gas drilling wells.

[Read more](#)

OVERNIGHT ENERGY: SENATE PANEL ADVANCES REGULATORY REFORM BILLS. A Senate committee on Wednesday approved several regulatory reform bills, including those to give Congress more power over repealing regulations and requiring more "cost-effective" rules. [Read more](#)

PESTICIDE THAT TRUMP'S EPA REFUSED TO BAN BLAMED FOR SICKENING FARM WORKERS. A pesticide that was set to be banned before the Trump administration reversed course has been blamed for causing sickness to nearly 50 farm workers who were exposed to the chemical in California. [Read more](#)

TECHNOLOGY

THE SLICKEST THINGS GOOGLE DEBUTED TODAY AT ITS BIG EVENT.

At this year's Google I/O, the company's annual developer conference and showcase, CEO Sundar Pichai made one thing very clear: Google is moving toward an AI-first approach in its products, which means pretty soon, everything you do on Google will be powered by machine learning. [Read more](#)

TIM COOK IS TESTING A GLUCOSE TRACKER FOR THE APPLE WATCH. Apple CEO Tim Cook has been wearing a prototype glucose tracker that pairs with the Apple Watch, according to a report from CNBC. The revelation adds weight to a previous report from CNBC, which said last month that Apple has hired a team of biomechanical engineers to develop a noninvasive device to monitor the blood sugar levels of people with diabetes. [Read more](#)

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR FOR WEARABLE TECH. At CES, 3M announced the first commercial wearable device that tracks respiration and matches it up with environmental conditions that can affect it. Pollution, weather and pollen all affect the quality of our breathing — profoundly influencing overall wellness. [Read more](#)

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TOP STORIES

EGYPTIAN COPTIC CHRISTIANS KILLED IN BUS ATTACK. The bus was traveling to the Monastery of St. Samuel the Confessor, 135km (85 miles) south of Cairo, from the Minya province when it came under fire. No group immediately said it was behind the attack, but Islamic State (IS) militants have targeted Copts several times in recent months, and vowed to do so again.

[Read more](#)

MANCHESTER SUICIDE BOMBER SPOKE WITH BROTHER 15 MINUTES BEFORE ATTACK. British authorities are trying to contain the network they believe is behind the Manchester attack as it emerged that the suicide bomber, Salman Abedi, reportedly spoke to his brother in Libya just 15 minutes before he detonated his explosives. [Read more](#)

CHINA TIGHTENED BORDER CONTROLS WITH NORTH KOREA, U.S.

DIPLOMAT SAYS. Chinese officials understand the urgency of pressuring North Korea and said they have taken measures to tighten security at its borders as part of the U.N. sanctions aimed at halting Pyongyang's nuclear and missile activities, the top U.S. diplomat for East Asia said. [Read more](#)

SEVEN THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE G7 SUMMIT. The leaders of the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan - countries collectively known as the Group of Seven (G7) - are meeting on Friday for a two-day summit in the resort town of Taormina, Italy. The bloc meets annually to discuss a wide range of issues, including global economy, security and energy - and this year will be no exception. [Read more](#)

HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL MILITIAS ERUPTS IN THE LIBYAN CAPITAL. Heavy clashes have erupted between rival militias in the Libyan capital Friday morning in the latest sign of the North African oil-producer's fragility despite efforts by Western and regional powers to bring stability. Large explosions and intense gunfire, even artillery rounds, could be heard across the city. [Read more](#)

TALIBAN KILL 15 AT AFGHAN ARMY BASE IN KANDAHAR. Five others were injured in the assault on the facility in Shah Wali Kot district, defense ministry spokesman Dawlat Wazir told the BBC. It comes four days after 10 Afghan soldiers were killed when Taliban militants stormed another base in the same area. The Taliban said it had carried out the attack, AFP news agency reports. [Read more](#)

ADMINISTRATION

COHN EXPLAINS TRUMP JAB AT GERMANY. National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn on Friday clarified President Trump's recent remark that "the Germans are bad, very bad." "(Trump) said they're very bad on trade," Cohn said in Sicily, Italy, according to Bloomberg. "He said, 'I don't have a problem (with) Germany. I have a problem with German trade.'" [Read more](#)

TRUMP ADMIN CONSIDERS SHIFTING STUDENT DEBT FROM EDUCATION TO TREASURY. The Trump administration is considering shifting oversight for more than \$1 trillion in student debt to the Treasury from the Education Department, according to a new report. The New York Times

reported Thursday that the possible change was revealed in a memo. [Read more](#)

Kushner willing to answer questions on Russian meetings. Lawyers for Jared Kushner said on Thursday that the White House senior advisor would be willing to testify before Congress about his past meetings with Russian officials after news broke that he was reportedly being scrutinized in the FBI investigation. [Read more](#)

CONGRESS

GOP HOLDS ON TO WIN MONTANA HOUSE SEAT. Republican Greg Gianforte is projected to win the Thursday special election for Montana's lone House seat despite a shocking altercation with a reporter on Wednesday that led to an assault charge against the future congressman. [Read more](#)

SENATE DEMS EYEING 2020 TELL TRUMP 'HELL NO'. Among Senate Democrats' broad opposition to President Donald Trump's Cabinet, six stand out in having voted against nearly all of his nominees — and each senator just happens to be a potential Trump challenger in 2020. The Democrats' latest hell-no caucus includes Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Kamala Harris of California and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts. [Read more](#)

GOP TURNS GLOOMY OVER OBAMACARE REPEAL. A feeling of pessimism is settling over Senate Republicans as they head into a weeklong Memorial Day recess with deeply uncertain prospects for their push to repeal Obamacare. Senators reported that they've made little progress on the party's most intractable problems this week. [Read more](#)

POLITICS

WHAT CAN MICHAEL FLYNN'S ACTIONS TELL US ABOUT THE RUSSIA INVESTIGATION? Over the past few months, many revelations have surfaced surrounding the Trump administration. While the nature of those revelations varies, one name in particular has repeatedly emerged in reporting: Retired Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn. [Read more](#)

TRUMP BUDGET PLAN OFFERS NO CLARITY, AND SO FAR NO "MAGIC

UNICORN.” The unveiling of President Trump’s first budget and the initial congressional hearings on overhauling the tax code should have brought clarity to the administration’s top legislative priorities. That didn’t happen. Instead, testimony from Mr. Trump’s top economic advisers cast even darker shadows over a murky legislative process that has fallen well behind schedule. [Read more](#)

LIEBERMAN WITHDRAWS FROM CONSIDERATION AS FBI DIRECTOR.

Former Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut, once President Trump’s preferred candidate for FBI director, has withdrawn his name from consideration, citing his law firm’s central role in Mr. Trump’s legal defense team. [Read more](#)

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

U.S. WARSHIP CHALLENGES CHINA'S CLAIMS IN SOUTH CHINA SEA.

A U.S. Navy warship sailed within 12 nautical miles of an artificial island built up by China in the South China Sea, the first such challenge to Beijing in the strategic waterway since President Trump took office. The patrol, the first of its kind since October, marked the latest attempt to counter what Washington sees as Beijing's efforts to limit freedom of navigation in the strategic waters. [Read more](#)

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGENCY GETS 11 PERCENT FUNDING INCREASE IN FY18 BUDGET REQUEST.

The government agency in charge of upkeep and modernization of America’s nuclear warheads is in line for a big funding boost, thanks to President Trump’s fiscal 2018 budget request. The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a quasi-independent entity within the Department of Energy, is marked for \$13.9 billion. [Read more](#)

RUSSIA BOASTS OF ARMS UPGRADE, 'STRATEGIC PARITY' WITH

NATO. Russia's defense minister says the military has received a steady flow of new weapons, allowing it to maintain a "strategic parity" with NATO. Sergei Shoigu said in a Wednesday speech before lawmakers that Russia's nuclear forces. [Read more](#)

ECONOMY AND FINANCE

AMAZON HITS FRESH RECORD: SHARES WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF \$1K. As traditional retail struggles to stay relevant under the weight of a seismic consumer shift to online platforms, Amazon ([AMZN](#)) – the e-commerce giant that upended the shopping game – is enjoying a record-high stock value as it looks to cross the \$1,000 per share threshold. [Read more](#)

SEARS AND BEST BUY SURGE ON WALL STREET. Best Buy shares jumped 13% after the electronics retailer reported a rise in first-quarter sales. Strong demand for games products helped the firm to post a 1.6% rise in sales at stores open for more than a year. Best Buy also said it expected same-store sales in the second-quarter to grow by between 1.5% and 2.5%. [Read more](#)

TRUMP CRITICIZED NATO SPENDING. HERE'S WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. Trump lodged his complaint during [his first official meeting with leaders from the 27 other members of the alliance](#) in Brussels. "Member nations are still not paying what they should be paying," Trump said. "This is not fair to the people and taxpayers of the United States." The remarks were surprising because Trump had recently changed his tune on the issue, saying in February that money was "pouring in" thanks to his intervention. [Read more](#)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

ZIKA VIRUS WAS SPREADING QUIETLY A YEAR BEFORE ANYONE KNEW, GENE STUDY SHOWS. The Zika virus was spreading in northeastern Brazil for as long as a year before anyone noticed, and for weeks and months in places like Miami and Honduras, new genomic studies show. Their findings show that new infections can get a good foothold before alarm bells sound, but also demonstrate that keeping a closer watch can pay off. [Read more](#)

BREXIT BARRIERS 'WOULD HARM SCIENCE', SAY UNIVERSITIES. Science and research should be a priority in the talks between the UK and the EU, says the Russell Group of research intensive universities. Any barriers "would be bad for the UK and bad for Europe", said the group's acting director, Tim Bradshaw. His comments come as the EU prepares to authorize the start of the talks. [Read more](#)

TIME TO SAY 'I TOLD YOU SO': CANNABIS CAN TREAT SEIZURES.

Ancient Chinese and Persian medical texts — and [modern anecdotes](#) — suggest that cannabis is useful for treating seizures. Research has been scant, but a new study of cannabidiol, a molecule in cannabis, has given some credence to these claims. Kids with a severe form of epilepsy had 39 percent fewer seizures per month after taking the substance, also called CBD. [Read more](#)

TECHNOLOGY

ANDROID CO-FOUNDER ANDY RUBIN WILL LIKELY DEBUT HIS NEW ESSENTIAL SMARTPHONE MAY 30TH. Andy Rubin is preparing to formally unveil the smartphone his new company, Essential, has been working on. Moments ago, Essential tweeted that “something big is coming” on May 30th, with Rubin himself adding that he and the team are “almost ready to share with you what we've been up to.” [Read more](#)

LYFT IS BRINGING PREMIUM BLACK CAR SERVICE TO THE THREE LARGEST U.S. CITIES. Lyft is rolling out black car service, under the name Lyft Lux and Lux SUV, starting today in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and San Jose. The service will directly compete with Uber Black, which offers riders the option of requesting a ride in a luxury, black vehicle with leather or leather-like seats. [Read more](#)

WHICH SMARTPHONE HAS THE BEST CAMERA? Smartphone cameras are now amazingly good, and if you buy a top-end smartphone, it's increasingly hard to take a bad photograph with it. We've therefore started to see some Darwinian-style speciation as manufacturers look for profitable niches. Over the past five years, we've seen more dual-lens cameras appear with extra wide angle or telephoto features. [Read more](#)

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PROJECT UPDATE
May 2017

Segment I Traffic Shifts Complete

Traffic Now Using New Lanes

The new 12-foot travel lanes and 12-foot shoulders are now in place in both directions on I-64 throughout the Segment I limits from west of Jefferson Avenue to just east of Yorktown Road.

The traffic shifts to these new lanes are now complete to allow work to continue on the outside existing lanes as concrete pavement is being patched and an overlay will be placed.

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| New pavement will eventually extend across all lanes in each direction creating a smooth driving surface across the roadway by the Segment I completion date of December 2017.

Provide Your Input on Segment III

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More than 300 citizens attended the design public hearing for Segment III on May 18, at Bruton High School. If you missed the hearing, residents can review the [meeting materials here](#) and are welcome to submit their comments through mail and email by May 28, 2017, to the following contact:

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Under Construction

Segment I Work Activities

Recently Completed

- Shifted traffic to new median lanes throughout the project limits
- Installed guardrail in median west of Fort Eustis Boulevard and east of Industrial Park Drive.
- Continued foundations for noise barrier wall west of Denbigh Boulevard.
- Started clearing between Fort Eustis Boulevard and Industrial Park Drive for noise barrier wall construction and ramp extensions.
- Paved the bridge approaches at Fort Eustis Boulevard and Industrial Park Drive Bridges.

Current Status:

- Sound barrier wall work including construction of footings and setting posts west of Denbigh Boulevard.
- Pavement construction at bridge approaches and rehabilitation work on the Fort Eustis Boulevard and Industrial Park Drive Bridges.
- Demolition of I-64 bridges over Industrial Park Drive.
- Continue clearing between Fort Eustis Boulevard and Industrial Park Drive for noise barrier wall and ramp extensions.
- Continued sight distance clearing at Fort Eustis Boulevard ramps.
- Installing guardrail west of the Lee Hall Reservoir Bridge.

Upcoming Work Activities

- Continue asphalt paving on existing travel lanes.
- Continue footings, setting posts and sound wall panel for sound barrier wall west of Denbigh Boulevard.
- Continue demolition and pile driving for Industrial Park Drive Bridges.

Segment II Work Activities

Recently Completed

- Completed bolting down temporary concrete barrier along westbound lane of the Yorktown Road and Jefferson Avenue Bridges.
- Started demolition and driving test piles at pier 1 and 2 of the Yorktown Road Bridge.
- Started demolition of the parapet walls on the eastbound Jefferson Avenue Bridge.

Current Status:

- Continue clearing and grubbing operations throughout Segment II including the median in both east and west directions.
- Continue bolting down temporary concrete barrier eastbound at Yorktown Road Bridge.
- Continue demolition of eastbound Yorktown Road Bridge, as well as

east- and westbound Jefferson Avenue Bridges.

- Removing previous guardrail both eastbound and westbound.
- Continue installation of MOT (Maintenance of Traffic) items including temporary barrier and pavement markings at the Yorktown Road, Jefferson Avenue and Penniman Road Bridges, as well as on Jefferson Avenue and Penniman Road.
- Driving test piles at Abutment A of the Yorktown Road Bridge.

Upcoming Work Activities:

- Bridge demolition and widening work.
- Work on existing and new drainage culverts.
- Drive production piles at Yorktown Road Bridge.

Travel Information

Lane Closures:

Each week's scheduled lane closures can be found on the project website on the [Traffic Alerts](#) page.

There are new traffic patterns with one lane of traffic remaining open in each direction at the I-64 overpasses at Jefferson Avenue and Yorktown Road.

Weeknight east- and westbound single-lane closures take place on Sundays through Thursdays, beginning as early as 7 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. the following morning between Jefferson Avenue (exit 255) and Route 199 (Humelsine Parkway) (exit 242).

One interstate travel lane in each direction will remain open to traffic at all times. All construction work is dependent upon weather conditions.

Alternate Routes:

Avoid the backups and find alternate routes around the work zone by viewing the [Alternate Routes Map](#) now available on the I-64 Widening web site.

REDUCED SPEED AHEAD

Please obey the reduced 55mph speed limit which is in effect 24/7 in both the east- and westbound work zones of the project between Jefferson Avenue (exit 255) and Busch Gardens (exit 243).

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Upcoming Meetings

[Regional Environmental Committee](#)

10:00am
Thurs., June 1, 2017
Regional Board Room
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

[GO Virginia Regional Council Executive Committee](#)

11:00am
Tues., June 6, 2017
Hampton Roads Community Foundation Board Room
World Trade Center
101 W. Main Street,
Suite 4500
Norfolk, VA 23510

[GO Virginia Regional Council Board](#)

1:00pm
Tues., June 6, 2017
The MAIN
100 E Main St.

The HRPDC continually monitors events and activities that impact the quality of life in Hampton Roads. We are pleased to present the following information and analysis for your information and use.

Hampton Roads Economic Monthly

On the Other Hand... :

There is an old joke about Harry Truman asking for a one-handed economist, because he was tired of every economist using the classic hedge, "On the other hand..."

Over the past few years Hampton Roads has experienced a great deal of contradictory economic data, where some indicators are positive, others negative, and the remaining indicators are flat. While the Nation and the State have embarked on much clearer economic pathways, Hampton Roads remains mired in a state of economic confusion, all at once growing, contracting, and staying the same.

[READ MORE](#)

Employment (Jobs) vs the Employed in Hampton Roads



Differences between Employment (Jobs) and Employed

Employment

- From the Current Employment Statistics (CES) , a survey of businesses

Norfolk, VA 23510
Conf. Room - Granby A/B

[Director of Utilities and Health Directors](#)

12:30pm
Wed., June 7, 2017
700 Town Center
Newport News, VA 23606

[HRPDC](#)
No Meeting in June

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www.hrpdcva.gov

[HRPDC Employment Opportunities](#)



Does not track self-employed, private household workers, or workers on unpaid leave

Employed

- From the Current Population Survey, a survey of households designed to measure employment and unemployment
- Counts many types of work missed by the CES
- Workers with two jobs are only counted once.

askHRgreen Highlights the Impact of HRSD's Wastewater System Improvements

A recent blog article at askHRgreen.org looks at the impact of improvements at one of Hampton Roads Sanitation District's (HRSD) pump station, beyond the obvious improvement to the region's wastewater system. Think jobs. And coffee consumption? [READ MORE](#)



Ask HRGreen Logo



News You Can Use: Senators Kaine and Warner and Representative Scott Introduce Legislation to Help Hampton Roads with Sea Level Rise

U.S. Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner and U.S. Representative Bobby Scott introduced the Building Up Infrastructure and Limiting Disasters through Resilience (BUILD Resilience) Act, a bill to establish a competitive grant program for resilient infrastructure investment. This legislation will bolster the ability of regions like Hampton Roads to implement projects and strategies to reduce regional vulnerability to threats like sea level rise and recurrent flooding. [READ THE COMPLETE RELEASE](#)



HRPDC Launches New Website for Regional Construction Standards

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) recently launched a new website for the Hampton Roads Regional Construction Standards (HRRCS). The communities of Hampton Roads developed the first edition of the HRRCS in December

1999 to simplify construction and improve the quality of roads, utilities, and other right-of-way improvements built across the region. [READ MORE](#)



HRPDC Welcomes Returning Employee

Sometimes life's path forward takes you back to a place you've been. Just ask Jenny Redick. Ms. Redick re-joined the HRPDC in April 2017 as the Regional Inclusive Emergency Planner. It is the position she held from May 2008 until August 2011. [READ MORE](#)



Inclusive Emergency Planning Subcommittee Participates in VDOT HRBT Test

HRPDC's Jenny Redick (Regional Inclusive Emergency Planner) and Cheryl Simpson of the Endependence Center joined VDOT's Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel administrators and employee at the Long Range Acoustical Device (LRAD) demonstration. [READ MORE](#)



2017 Hurricane Season Starts June 1st

The start of hurricane season, traditionally June 1, is a great time to make sure you and your family are prepared in the event a storm makes its way to Hampton Roads.

[READ MORE](#)



May HRPDC Commission Meeting

Missed the May 18th meeting of the HRPDC? Watch the video via the link below.

[HRPDC Meeting May 18, 2017](#)



HRPDC Meeting May 18, 2017

HRPDC Hosts Grant Workshop in July 2017

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Chesapeake, July 25-26, 2017. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals. [READ MORE](#)



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HRTPO Board Action Summary

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization held its monthly meeting on May 18, 2017....[Read More](#)

To view the meeting video, [CLICK HERE.](#)

HRTPO To Publish New Freight Brochure

The Freight Brochure will be available in June of 2017....[Read More](#)

Identifying Candidate Streets for Conversion From One-way to Two-Way

Some cities have recently converted specific one-way streets to two-way operation and found benefits.....[Read More](#)



HRTPO Meeting Calendar



Hampton Roads Regional Priority Projects: Status Update

Projects are sequenced based on project readiness....[Read More](#)

HRTPO Welcomes New Staff

HRTPO welcomes three new staff members.....[Read More](#)

HRTPO Upcoming Meetings

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday June 7, 2017 9:30am. The Regional Building,
723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake VA, 23320

TRAFFIX Subcommittee

Wednesday June 7, 2017 11:30am. The Regional Building,
723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake VA, 23320

HRTPO Subcommittee

Tuesday June 13, 2017 9:30am. The Regional Building, 723
Woodlake Drive Chesapeake VA, 23320

**THERE WILL BE NO HRTPO BOARD MEETING IN
JUNE**

HRTAC Upcoming Meetings

The next HRTAC Regular Committee meeting will be held on June 15, 2017 at 12:30pm.

HRTAC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday June 5, 2017, 10:00am. The Regional Building
Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320

HRTAC REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 2017, 12:30pm. The Regional Building
Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320

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