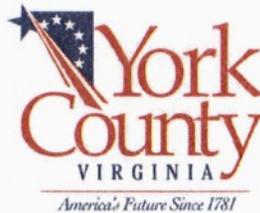


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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

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)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the County of York 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 critical components of this effort.

York County 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 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 public health issues. We are committed to prioritizing all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural, and tribal communities and fully support 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.

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Expanding the charging network across the Hampton Roads region is essential to catalyze transportation electrification efforts and EV purchases further, 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.

York County wants to reemphasize its support of this application and HRPDC's commitment to reducing transported-related emissions. Please contact me at 757-890-3320 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Bellamy, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Mark L. Bellamy, Jr.
County Administrator

Copy to: York County Board of Supervisors