

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission

Taxpayers requested changes to Bylaws

1. **Accountability:** Before endorsing any project, each locality that falls under the HTAC is required to hold a public hearing and vote. The localities representation will then take the binding vote results back to the Commission as a matter of public record. The representative will be bound to follow the vote of that locality's municipal body.
2. **Oversight:** All projects shall be subjected to each locality's independent auditor who works directly for that elected body. This requirement is in addition to the Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts, which is designed to perform annual audits of HTAC.

In addition, all financial records and transaction by HTAC must be uploaded to their web site and accessible to the general public.

3. **Transparency:** All HTAC meeting notices and agendas must be published two (2) weeks in advance of the meetings on their website.

In addition, meeting notices must be sent to all media outlets, community and service organizations. All HTAC transactions, minutes, contracts, and video tapes must be posted on the HTAC web site within seven (7) days following meetings.

The General Public is given the opportunity to speak up to five (5) minutes on each agenda item and a representative from an organization be given up to ten (10) minutes.

Any increase in any existing toll or the creation of any new toll requires passage by a binding regional referendum.