

February 11, 2025

Memorandum #2025-19

**TO: HRTPO Active Transportation Subcommittee (ATS)
VDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC)**

BY: Rob Case, HRTPO Chief Transportation Engineer

RE: Joint HRTPO ATS/VDOT PABAC Meeting – February 18, 2025

Important Update/Location Change:

A joint meeting of the HRTPO Active Transportation Subcommittee (ATS) and VDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC) has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM. **This meeting will be held in person in the Regional Board Room located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320.** The agenda and related meeting materials are attached.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact [Rob Case](#) or me.

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Attachments

**HRTPO Active Transportation Subcommittee (ATS)
VDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC) Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025
10:00 AM to Noon**

**Regional Board Room
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**

Action requested.

- 4. Open Comment Period**

Comments from the public are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Request approval of minutes from October 1, 2024 joint ATS/PABAC meeting (attached).

- 6. Consistent Signage for Trail757**

Consistent signage from end to end would raise the profile of Trail757.

Mr. Kevin Finn (chair) will lead a discussion of ideas from representatives of Trail757 (and other) localities.

- 7. Finding Former Railroad Right-of-Ways for Trails**

For decades trails have been built in former rail right-of-way (r.o.w.) because the latter tends to be flat, have a limited number of owners, and be free of obstructions.

Dr. Rob Case (HRTPO) will present lessons learned from recent r.o.w. exploration.

8. Estimating Bike/Ped Volumes using Beta Version of New StreetLight Tool

Although bike/ped volumes enable planners to determine the type and location of facilities cyclists and pedestrians prefer, having only a network of a few count stations makes these volumes scarce.

Fortunately, VDOT has contracted with StreetLight Data—a provider of trip data from vehicles and smartphones—who is developing a tool to estimate bike and ped volumes.

Ms. Christine (StreetLight) will present the draft tool to the subcommittee.

9. VDOT Hampton Roads Bike-Ped Projects Status Update

Mr. Caleb Brooks (VDOT) will present the status of local bike/ped projects.

10. Roundtable Announcements of Recent or Planned Funding Applications

Subcommittee members can learn from the grant applications of each other.

Mr. Kevin Finn (chair) will solicit announcements of recent or planned funding applications by subcommittee members.

11. Bike Boost and Bike Month

Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) enables cyclists to use HRT buses and light rail, increasing the efficiency of both modes.

Ms. Amy Jordan (HRT) will present recent efforts by HRT.

12. Announcements

Mr. Kevin Finn (chair) will solicit announcements from committee members.

13. Old/New Business

Mr. Kevin Finn (chair) will lead a discussion of appropriate old or new business items mentioned by committee members.

14. Next Meeting

Mr. Kevin Finn (chair) will lead a discussion of topics for, and date of, the next ATS meeting.

15. Adjournment

HRTPO Active Transportation Subcommittee (ATS)
VDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC)
Joint Meeting, October 1, 2024
Summary Minutes

10:00 a.m., Regional Building, Chesapeake, VA

ATS Members in Attendance (alphabetically, by organization)

Kevin Finn, Chesapeake	Steve Lambert, Virginia Beach
Carol Rizzio, Gloucester County	Caleb Brooks, VDOT
Angela Rico, Newport News	Steve Simms, WATA
Christy Fisher, Suffolk	Caitlin Aubut, York County

HRTPO Staff in Attendance (alphabetically, by last name)

Rob Case	Matthew Harrington
Kyle Gilmer	

Others in Attendance (alphabetically, by last name)

Mariah David, VDOT	Andi Kerley, Chesapeake
Keshara Demiel, VDOT	Rogard Ross, Chesapeake BTAC
Kindra Greene, ERT Foundation	

1. Call to Order

Kevin Finn (chair) called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

The subcommittee approved the agenda.

3. Open Comment Period (for public and stakeholders)

There were no public or stakeholder comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

The subcommittee approved the October 17, 2023 meeting minutes.

5. HRTPO updates to VDOT Statewide Bicycle Inventory Map

Rob Case (HRTPO) used slides (<https://www.hrtpo.org/DocumentCenter/View/13596>) to show the subcommittee the comments he had sent to VDOT in response to a VDOT request for help in adding newly constructed bicycle facilities to VDOT's Statewide Bicycle Inventory Map.

6. HRTPO Existing Hampton Roads Trails Clusters

Rob Case (HRTPO) used slides (<https://www.hrtpo.org/DocumentCenter/View/13597>) to show the subcommittee the existing trail clusters he had identified and mapped in order to show progress in trail construction and to inform the public of available trails. Several attendees suggested additions, including the path along the Berkley Bridge, the fire road near Ft. Eustis Blvd, the path around Oak Grove Lake Park, trails west of Harwood Mills, and the Portsmouth Ditch in the Great Dismal Swamp.

7. Trail757- Plans for funding portion east of William & Mary

Before the meeting, Rob Case (HRTPO) had asked subcommittee members from Williamsburg, James City, Newport News, York, and Hampton to email him any plans for funding the segments of the trail east of William & Mary. Mr. Case used slides (<https://www.hrtpo.org/DocumentCenter/View/13598>) to summarize the emails he had received. This information will be added to the trail's website (<https://www.trail757.com/>) and provided to the Va. Capital Trail Foundation (VCTF).

8. South Hampton Roads Trail (SHRT) Update

A. Suffolk Seaboard Coastline Trail

Christy Fisher (Suffolk) reported that all of her city's segments are constructed or funded.

B. Chesapeake Trail

Kevin Finn (Chesapeake) discussed the difficulty of constructing a trail segment between the existing segment (west of I-664) and Taylor Road (east of I-664).

C. Portsmouth Trail

No members from Portsmouth were present.

D. Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) (extension)

Kindra Greene (ERT Foundation) discussed funding applications for the proposed alignment (prepared by WPA).

E. Virginia Beach Trail

Steve Lambert (VB) discussed the funded segment (Norfolk/VB corporate limit to Constitution Drive) and the remaining segments (Constitution Drive to South Plaza Trail, South Plaza Trail to London Bridge Road, and London Bridge Road to Birdneck Road).

9. Announcements

Christy Fisher (Suffolk) mentioned the desirability of future SHRT trailblazing signs of the various cities having similar colors and a uniform design. She noted that ERT signs already exist. Kindra Greene (ERTF) proposed that the signs include mention of the SHRT, e.g. "The Elizabeth River Trail, a portion of the South Hampton Roads Trail".

10. Election of Vice Chair

Steve Lambert (VB) nominated Christy Fisher (Suffolk), and the subcommittee elected her as vice chair.

11. Old/New Business

Caleb Brooks (VDOT) discussed VDOT's Eco-Counter contract and mentioned that a new portable counter is available for borrowing.

12. Next Meeting

The group expressed interest in meeting more frequently, e.g. every four months. Rob Case (HRTPO) agreed to send out a survey to choose among three February dates.

13. Adjournment

Kevin Finn (Ches.) adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.