

June 5, 2025

Memorandum #2025-77

TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee
BY: Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director
RE: HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee Meeting – June 12, 2025

The next HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, from Noon to 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Important Location Update:

This meeting will be held in person in Classroom 260 of the Greer Environmental Sciences Center at Virginia Wesleyan University, located at 5817 Wesleyan Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Please review the updated attached Campus Map to familiarize yourself with the building and parking locations.

The agenda and related meeting materials are attached. In preparation for the Regional Strategic Planning presentation and discussion, we ask all CAC members and partners to please complete the HRPDC Strategic Plan Survey before the meeting (<https://arcg.is/11PjTL2>).

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Attachments

CAC Membership:

Carter, Lauren, NO (Chair)
Anderson, Sharon, PO (Vice-Chair)
Amos, Maleah, PO
Cotrupi, Frank, NN

Davidson, Travis, NO
Harris, Garry, PO
Martin, Brad, VB
Piglowski, Anthony, SU

CAC Partner Agencies:

Cook, Steve, The Workforce Council
Dwyer, Rick HRMFFA
Gatling, Veleka, ODU

Lumpkin, Drew, The Roundtable
Miller, Scott, VWU
Short, Jo Ann, The Planning Council

CAC Copy:

Belcher, Larry, VWU
Crittendon, Queen, VDOT
Effah-Amponsah Angela, VDOT
Evans, Michael, Alliance
Finderson, Thomas, IW
Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Mark, PO
Halacy, Todd, VDOT
Harrell, Destini, The Blessed Rogue
Kirkland, Sarah Jane, ODU
Kramer, Thomas, CNU

Mason, Monty, W&M
McKenna, Bob, VPCC
Moore, Keith, VWU,
Nichols, Todd, HRMFFA
Page, Kevin, HRTAC
Sterling, Josh, Alliance
Tanner, Carolyn, VDOT
Torres, Joshuah,
Wallace Dustin, NO
Zollos, Steve, SSSEVA

Staff:

Crum, Bob
Grootendorst, Greg
Parthasarathi, Pavithra

McLaurin, Quan
Klepeisz, Matt



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CAMPUS BUILDINGS

- 1 Allen Commons
- 2 Batten Student Center
- 3 Blocker Hall
- 4 Blocker Youth Center
- 5 Boyd Dining Center
- 6 Brck Commons
- 7 Clarke Hall
- 8 DeFord Gatehouse
- 9 DeFord Manor
- 10 Eggleston Commons
- 11 Beverly Hall
- Hofheimer Theatre
- 12 Godwin Hall
- 13 Goode Fine and Performing Arts Center
- 14 Greer Environmental Sciences Center
- 15 Hofheimer Library
- 16 Monumental Chapel
- Beazley Recital Hall

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

- A1 Birdsong Field/Paphites Pavilion
- A2 Everett Tennis Center
- A3 Founders Field
- A4 Rogers Track and Field
- A5 TowneBank Arena
- A6 TowneBank Park
- Y Broyles Field
- Z Perry Field
- A7 Tassos Paphites Soccer Complex
- Foster Field/Trincer Center
- A8 Perry Field Locker Room
- A9 Watts Field House

OTHER

- B1 Alpine Tower
- B2 Apairy
- B3 The Beacon
- B4 Chesapeake Bay Academy
- B5 Climate Research Station/
SmartFlower
- B6 Disc Golf Course (Start)
- B7 Facilities Management
- B8 Greer Center Greenhouse
- B9 Heritage Plaza
- B10 Heritage United Methodist Church
- B11 Beech Forest
- B12 Marlin Meadows
- B13 Peace Garden
- B14 Renn Reserve & Pond
- B15 Veterans Memorial
- B16 Wilson Arboretum
- B17 Shelhorse Lawn & Ponds
- B18 The Quacrangle

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**HAMPTON ROADS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**June 12, 2025
Noon – 2:00 PM**

**Classroom 260, Greer Environmental Sciences Center
Virginia Wesleyan University
5817 Wesleyan Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

1. Welcoming Remarks

A Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU) faculty member will provide a briefing about the VWU Greer Environmental Science facility.

2. Call to Order

3. Approval/Modification of Agenda

Members are provided an opportunity to modify the agenda. Any item for which a member desires consideration from the CAC should be submitted now, as opposed to under “Old/New Business.”

Recommended Action: The CAC should consider taking action to approve the agenda.

4. Public Comments

A. Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments since the last CAC meeting. Any new written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be announced at the meeting.

B. Public Comment Period

Members of the public are invited to address the CAC. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

5. Rail Crossing Study – Keith Nichols, HRTPO

The Port of Virginia (POV) is one of the most important drivers of the Hampton Roads economy. However, the waterways and railroads that support the POV also create a number of intermodal conflict points, which are locations in the transportation system where one mode crosses and impedes the flow of another mode.

The most common intermodal conflict point is where roadways and railroads intersect. These highway-rail crossings can cause not only extensive delays for roadway travelers, but can also contribute to a number of collisions between trains and vehicles each year. There are over 600 crossings throughout Hampton Roads, nearly 500 of which are at-grade.

Based on new federal funding opportunities and the importance of freight movement to the Hampton Roads economy, HRTPO staff are working on a Regional Rail Crossing Study to prepare and better position the region for these potential new funding sources.

HRTPO staff, in coordination with various committees, recently developed an at-grade rail crossing prioritization methodology based on various factors, including traffic volumes, safety, roadway characteristics, train volumes, estimated delay, and area/equity factors. HRTPO staff used this methodology to develop a draft prioritized list of the 307 public, at-grade crossings in the region.

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, will brief the CAC on this item.

6. Hampton Roads Climate Action Plan Update – KC Filippino, HRPDC

HRPDC is working with localities and stakeholders across the region to develop its first-ever Climate Action Plan through a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. The Steering Committee is finalizing draft measures and actions, steps that the region can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from large- and small-scale sources. These actions can reduce energy use and increase efficiency in homes, businesses, public buildings, while commuting, and through everyday activities. HRPDC staff will be hosting their second webinar for the public to go over these draft actions and launch a survey for feedback. This presentation will provide an overview of the measures and actions, as well as information on the webinar being held the evening of June 12 and the survey that will be launched.

Dr. KC Filippino, HRPDC Senior Water Resources Planner, will brief the CAC on this item.

7. Regional Strategic Planning – Eric Walberg and Tho Tran, HRPDC

As required by the Code of Virginia, the HRPDC is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan for the Hampton Roads region. Mr. Eric Walberg, HRPDC Principal for Planning and Economics, and Mr. Tho Tran, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, will provide an overview of the Plan development process and lead the group in a discussion of regional challenges, opportunities, and goals.

In preparation for the discussion, CAC members are requested to complete the HRPDC Strategic Plan Survey prior to the meeting (<https://arcg.is/11PjTL2>).

8. Old/New Business

9. Adjournment