

**HRTPO Active Transportation Subcommittee (ATS)
VDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PABAC)
Joint Meeting, June 3, 2025
Summary Minutes**

10:00 a.m., Churchland Library, Portsmouth, VA

ATS Members in Attendance (alphabetically, by organization)

Kevin Finn, Chesapeake (chair)	Christy Fisher, Suffolk (vice chair)
Megan Gribble, Portsmouth	Steve Lambert, Va. Beach
Angela Rico, Newport News	Caleb Brooks, VDOT
Alan Budde, Norfolk	Jamie Clark, Williamsburg
Ashley Blue, Norfolk	Caitlin Aubut, York County

HRTPO Staff in Attendance (alphabetically, by last name)

Rob Case

Others in Attendance (alphabetically, by last name)

David Cook, VDOT	Reed Nester, Tidewater Trails Alliance
Kindra Greene, ERT Foundation	Oge Nwandu-Vincent, VDOT
Madeline Harris, York	Jerry Pauley, VDOT
Amy Jordan, goCommute/HRT	Mary Pawlowski, VDOT
Andi Kerley, Chesapeake	Rogard Ross, Chesapeake BTAC
Holly Kidd, AMT Engineering	Madison Scalf, York
	Michelle Wren, Portsmouth Partnership

1. Call to Order

Kevin Finn (chair) called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.

2. Introductions

Each person at the meeting introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Agenda

The subcommittee approved the agenda by unanimous voice vote.

4. Public Comment Period

There were no public or stakeholder comments.

5. Approval of Minutes

The subcommittee approved the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes by unanimous voice vote.

6. Consistent Signage for the South Hampton Roads Trail (SHRT)

Christy Fisher (vice chair) reported that the signage subcommittee met and decided on the need for an SHRT medallion. At their next meeting, they intend to choose a method of designing the medallion, either in-house or paid consultant.

7. VDOT SMART SCALE Update

Using a handout including a project list, Jerry Pauley (VDOT) reviewed the bike/pedestrian projects proposed for SMART SCALE funding at the June 25 meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).

8. Story Map of Chesapeake Trails & Connectivity Plan

Kevin Finn (Chesapeake) demonstrated the story map webpage (<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/41d3fafae5a94cb583c0dcf183eb0dc3>) that facilitates access to the recently approved Chesapeake Trails and Connectivity Plan (<https://www.cityofchesapeake.net/3233/Chesapeake-Trails-and-Connectivity-Plan>). In addition to the interactive map (on which one can click to obtain information on plan segments), the webpage includes:

- Existing Conditions
- Community Discussions
- Highlights
- Facility Types
- Regional Connections

9. Seaboard Trail West

Christy Fisher (Suffolk) presented Suffolk's plans for constructing the western portion of the partially-built Seaboard Coastline Trail using slides (<https://www.hrtpo.org/DocumentCenter/View/14735>). The western portion will run from Kenyon Rd to the existing path along Prentis Street. Once complete, the entire Seaboard trail will run from Kenyon Rd to the Chesapeake/Suffolk line.

10. Roundtable Announcements of Recent or Planned Funding Applications

Kevin Finn (chair) led a discussion of funding. The following remarks were made:

- Kindra Greene (ERT) mentioned that she has submitted a pre-application for funding for the Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) from the Tidewater Sentinel Landscape.
- Angela Rico (Newport News) stated that her city applied for Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for UPC 121108 Trail757 on Yorktown Road from Chelsea Place to Endview to the NN Park.
- Jamie Clark (Williamsburg) mentioned that he has applied for a TAP grant for the portion of Trail757 that will run along Jamestown Rd from John Tyler Lane to South Boundary Street.
- Caitlin Aubut (York) stated that she has submitted a TAP pre-application for the portion of Trail757 (along US 17) from the McReynolds Athletic Complex to Darby Rd.

- Alan Budde (Norfolk) mentioned:
 - a TAP application for pedestrian improvements on Tidewater north and south of 1-64, pedestrian crossings on Monticello, and a short trail portion on 25th St to close a gap in the ERT
 - designs are being finalized for the extension of bike lanes on Ocean View Avenue between Chesapeake Blvd and Cape View Avenue
- Steve Lambert (Va. Beach) plans a TAP application for additional funding for Phase 1 of the Va. Beach Trail.

11. Announcements

David Cook (VDOT) announced:

- availability of version 2 of Statewide Active Transportation Count Network map
- a successful program: Roadway Reconfiguration Technical Assistance Services
- VDOT needs help with the annual updating of its bicycle facility metric report (and will send the draft list to MPOs for distribution to local governments)
- the 10am-noon July 22nd meeting of VDOT's statewide Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) will be held at PlanRVA offices in Richmond

12. Old/New Business

No old/new business was raised.

13. Next Meeting

Megan Gribble (Portsmouth) mentioned that Amy Jordon (HRT) is willing to do a bike month update at the next ATS/PABAC meeting.

Caitlin Aubut (York) offered the Yorktown Library as meeting space for the next meeting. Kevin Finn (chair) said that a poll would be sent out with candidate dates for the next quarterly ATS/PABAC meeting.

14. Adjournment

Kevin Finn (Ches.) adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.