

**Hampton Roads
Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC)
Finance Committee Meeting
Summary Minutes from December 11, 2015**

The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:06 A.M. in Conference Room D, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTAC Finance Committee Members in Attendance:

HRTAC Executive Director

Kevin Page

Other Participants:

Tom Inglima

HRTAC Finance Committee Members Absent:

George Wallace

* Denotes Late Arrival or Early Departure

Others Recorded Attending:

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Frank Papcin , Donna Sayegh (Citizens); Lynn Allsbrook (HA); Thelma Drake (NO);
Scott Forehand, Don Quisenberry (eScribeSolutions); Dianna Howard (VBTP, VBTA,
TLP); Danetta Jankosky (HRTAC)

Call to Order

Chair Frank Wagner called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Rex Alphin Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Paul Fraim. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

Public Comment Period (limit 5 minutes per individual)

Public comment period (limit 3 minutes)

Chair's Comments

Chair Wagner remarked that they were developing an amendment to the FY 2016 HRTAC Operating Budget that would involve increasing the overall budget. He noted that the primary reason for asking for the additional money is costs related to bond counsel. He suggested there may be alternative project financing methods outside of bonds, and specifically recognized that alternate funding options would

likely require legislative action by the General Assembly. He expressed his desire not to send money to Wall Street and to avoid using bonds if possible. He offered that an increase in gasoline and automobile fuels tax of 3 percent would fund the projects and potentially eliminate the line items associated with bond funding. He added that a 3 percent increase would be nearly unnoticeable. For example, on the same street, you can currently see a 3 percent difference in gas prices from one gas station to the next.

Chair Wagner emphasized his desire to pay \$12 billion for \$12 billion worth of work, as opposed to paying the \$24 billion described by the financing options being considered.

Action Item

A. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2015 and October 13, 2015 Meetings (5A-1 and 5A-2)

Mr. Rex Alphin Moved to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Meeting and the minutes of the October 13, 2015 Meeting; seconded by Mr. Paul Fraim. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Endorse Proposed Changes to the FY2016 HRTAC Operating Budget (5B)

Mr. Kevin Page, HRTAC Executive Director, summarized the action item and noted that this budget submission/approval cycle followed the same cycle they just completed for an amendment to the FY2015 HRTAC Operating Budget.

Mr. Page explained that the amendment separated the budget into two separate categories, operations and project development. He noted the effort made to stay as fiscally constrained as possible, and leave very little buffer. However, continuing under the \$1,088,000 budget will stop forward progress, and necessitated requesting the adjustments.

Chair Wagner questioned, and Mr. Page confirmed, the one-time nature of the fees associated with the amendment. Mr. Page added that based on potential actions of the General Assembly, some of the project development fees may not be incurred, but it was still prudent to budget for them.

Chair Wagner asked if a bonding overhead cost estimate could be provided. Mr. Tom Inglima, HRTAC Counsel, estimated that roughly \$200,000 would be associated with bond related legal activities. Chair Wagner clarified that if bonds were pursued, Wall Street would certainly get a piece, too.

Chair Wagner clarified his request for a comprehensive assessment of costs associated with funding via bonds.

Mr. Inglima noted that the FY2016 budget runs through June 30, 2016. He added that it would be very optimistic to actually be spending and developing as fast as projected in the FY2016 budget.

Mr. Paul Fraim Moved to endorse proposed changes to the FY2016 HRTAC Operating Budget; seconded by Mr. Rex Alphin. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. Endorse the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability Relating to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (5C)

Mr. Kevin Page explained that the current Appropriations Act requires annual submission of a report to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability. He noted that the report has been prepared in conjunction with VDOT and suggested that the Finance Committee provide a recommendation to the full HRTAC Board to approve the submission of the report to the Joint Commission.

Mr. Rex Alphin Moved to Endorse the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual report to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability Relating to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund; seconded by Mr. Paul Fraim. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

The HRTAC Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:23 A.M.



Frank Wagner
HRTAC Finance Committee Chair