

Regional Transit Advisory Panel January 15, 2021 Meeting

Regional Transit Advisory Panel (RTAP)

Created by the Virginia General Assembly in April 2020

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Overview of November RTAP Meeting

- * Importance of a regional transit system to the Hampton Roads 757 Region – Bob Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO
- * Overview of State Legislation creating the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Fund – William Harrell, HRT
- * Background information on HRT strategic planning effort and the vision for an interconnected regional backbone system

Today's Agenda

- * **Overview of Plans and Opportunities:**
 - * **Suffolk Transit**
 - * **Williamsburg Area Transit Authority**
- * **Organization Framework for the RTAP**
- * **Path Forward/Next Steps**

Potential Organizational Framework for the RTAP

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What We've Accomplished

- * Importance of Transit to Regional Economy
- * Overview of HRRTF Enabling Legislation
- * Overview of Plans and Opportunities for HRT, Suffolk and WATA Systems

How Do We Move Forward? Next Steps?

9 Key Themes from November RTAP Meeting

- * Transit Oriented Development along Regional Backbone Routes
- * Affordable Housing
- * Bus Stop Amenities
- * Technology
- * Transit Advocacy/Ambassadors
- * Transit and the Military
- * Serving Major Employment Centers
- * Transit for the Williamsburg/Virginia Beach Tourism Corridor
- * Universities/Colleges

Form Work Groups Around 9 Topic Areas

- * **Within Next 2 Weeks – Survey to be distributed to RTAP Members with brief background statement on each Work Group**
- * **RTAP Members asked to identify 1 – 2 actions steps under each Topic Area to move progress**
- * **RTAP members also asked to select their #1 and #2 topic choice – for Work Groups**

February RTAP Meeting

- * **Review Responses to Survey**
- * **Review Work Group Membership Lists**
- * **Provide Work Group Assignments**
 - * **Work Groups organize and consider survey input and identify strategy to advance 2 actions under the assigned topic area**
 - * **Establish deadline for work groups to report recommendations back to the RTAP**