

Action Summary
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board Meeting
January 19, 2023

The Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:32 a.m.

A quorum was not yet achieved; therefore, the meeting continued with non-action agenda items.

2. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRTPO Executive Director, referenced his monthly report included in the agenda packet and mentioned that the Personnel and Budget (P&B) Committee recommended approval, pending no objections from the HRTPO Board, to upgrade the HRPDC, HRTPO, HRTAC, Hampton Roads Regional Construction Standards (HRRCS), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) websites. There were no objections. Mr. Crum also announced the hiring of Mr. Quan McLaurin for the DEI & Title VI/Civil Rights Liaison position.

A quorum was achieved and the meeting continued.

3. Approval of Agenda [Action Requested]

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the agenda as written.

4. Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

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There were no in-person public comments.

5. Employee Recognition

Mr. Crum recognized Ms. Theresa Brooks, HRTPO Transportation Engineer III, for reaching a milestone anniversary with the HRTPO during the past year.

6. Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Members Update

Mr. Frederick Stant, III briefed the HRTPO Board on the CTB's activities, particularly as related to the Hampton Roads region.

7. Virginia Department of Transportation Update

Mr. Christopher Hall briefed the HRTPO Board on the Regional Priority Projects and noted that more detailed information could be found in the VDOT/HRTAC Program Development Monthly Executive Report included in the January HRTPO Agenda packet.

8. Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Mr. Grant Sparks briefed the HRTPO Board on DRPT's activities and programs.

9. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) Update

Ms. Thelma Drake briefed the HRTPO Board on VPRA's activities.

10. Virginia Port Authority (VPA) Update

Ms. Cathy Vick briefed the HRTPO Board on the Port's activities.

11. HRT and WATA Updates

Mr. William Harrell briefed the HRTPO Board on HRT's activities and programs.

Mr. Sandy Wanner briefed the HRTPO Board on WATA's activities and programs.

12. Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) Update

Mr. Robert Eveleigh briefed the HRTPO Board on the Committee's activities.

13. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky briefed the HRTPO Board on the Committee's activities.

14. Military Liaison Updates

Mr. Michael King updated the HRTPO Board on the incoming Chief of Staff for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

15. Airport Representatives Update

There were no Airport representatives in attendance.

16. Election of Officers [Action Requested]

Mr. Crum reported that the HRTPO Board took action in July 2022 to move the Annual Board meeting and Election of Officers, from the October meeting to the January meeting of each year. He stated that due to the VML and VACo Local Government Day and some localities in the process of making their appointments to the HRTPO Board, staff recommends that the HRTPO Board take action to defer the election of officers for the HRTPO Board to the February 16 meeting. Chair Tuck concurred with this recommendation and was willing to Chair the January 19 meeting.

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved deferring the annual election of HRTPO Officers for 2023 to the February 16, 2023 HRTPO Board meeting.

17. The State of Transportation in Hampton Roads 2022: Draft

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, stated that HRTPO staff annually produces the State of Transportation in Hampton Roads report detailing the current status of all facets of the transportation system in Hampton Roads, including air, rail, water, and highways. He indicated that the draft report is available for a two-week public review and comment period and noted that HRTPO staff will seek approval of the final report at the February 16, 2023 HRTPO Board meeting.

18. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funding for Interstate Projects [Action Requested]

Mr. John Mihaly, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported that during the October 19, 2022 meeting, the HRTPO Board asked HRTPO staff to score the I-64 Gap Segment 4 interstate project submitted by James City County and decided to table the discussion on the RSTP funding policy until after the scoring of the RSTP candidate projects. After the October Board meeting, the TTAC discussed the topic at its November 2, 2022 meeting and recommended to the HRTPO Board, that due to the substantial impact on local programs, RSTP funds not be utilized on an interstate project in this RSTP funding cycle of the CMAQ and RSTP project selection process.

Mr. Mihaly briefed the Board on the scores of the RSTP candidate projects, including that of the I-64 Gap Segment 4 interstate project submitted by James City County.

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved that

- 1. RSTP funds not be utilized on an interstate project in this RSTP funding cycle of the CMAQ and RSTP project selection process.*
- 2. The region, through the HRTPO and HRTAC, remains committed to pursuing alternative funding sources for I-64 Segment 4.*
- 3. The Executive Director is authorized to pursue \$25 million in RAISE funds for I-64 Segment 4.*

19. Approval of Consent Items [Action Requested]

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the Consent Items as presented.

20. HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

This item was for informational purposes.

21. Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings

This item was for informational purposes.

22. For Your Information

This item was for informational purposes.

23. Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

ADJOURNMENT

To view the video recording of the January 19, 2023 HRTPO Board meeting, use the following direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zz5nuRT0-X8>.