

ITEM #20: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the HRTPO Board meeting held on November 19, 2015 are attached.

Attachment 20-A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of November 19, 2015

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:

Linda T. Johnson, Chair (SU)
George Wallace, Vice-Chair (HA)
Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)
Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)
McKinley Price (NN)
Paul D. Fraim (NO)
Kenneth I. Wright (PO)
Herbert Green (Alternate, PQ)
Barry Porter (SH)
William D. Sessoms (VB)

Clyde Haulman (WM)
Thomas Shepperd (YK)
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)
Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)
Delegate David Yancey (GA)
Joe Dillard (Alternate, HRT)
James Utterback (VDOT)
Cathie France (Alternate, VPA)*
Jamie Jackson (Alternate, WATA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

James E. Baker (CH)*
Randy Martin (FR)
Sanford B. Wanner (GL)
Mary Bunting (HA)
Anne Seward (IW)
Paul Holt (Alternate, JC)
James Bourey (NN)
Marcus Jones (NO)
Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)

J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
Michael Johnson (SH)
Patrick Roberts (SU)
James K. Spore (VB)*
Marvin Collins (WM)
Neil Morgan (YK)
Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Lt. Col. Joseph Ladner (Alternate, Langley-Eustis)
Captain Robert Geis (U.S. Navy)

HRTPO Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

Other Participants:

Grindly Johnson (Commonwealth of Virginia)

HRTPO Voting Members Absent:

Barry Cheatham (FR)
John C. Meyer (GL)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)
Mary Jones (JC)
W. Eugene Hunt (PQ)

Senator Mamie Locke (GA)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)
William E. Harrell (HRT)
John Reinhart (VPA)
William C. Porter, Jr. (WATA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:

Bryan Hill (JC)
 Greg Edwards (CTAC)
 Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)
 Irene Rico (FHWA)
 Ryan Long (FTA)
 Terry Garcia-Crews (FTA)

Arthur Moye (FTAC)
 Col. William Galbraith (Langley-Eustis)
 Wayne Shank (NAA)
 Ken Spirito (PAC)
 Randall P. Burdette (VDOA)

HRTPO Staff:

Camelia Ravanbakht
 Kathlene Grauberger
 Michael Kimbrel
 Keith Nichols

Joe Paulus
 David Pritchard
 Seth Schipinski
 Dale Stith

*Late arrival or early departure

Others Recorded Attending:

John Gergely, Elvira Johnson (Citizens); Kelly Lackey, Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Jamie Oliver, Tony Wilson (IW); Bryan Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Rob Brown, Thelma Drake, Bryan Pennington, Jeff Raliski, Ron Williams (NO); Sherri Neil (PO); Leroy Bennett, Roger Fawcett, Lue Ward (SU); Michael King (U.S. Navy); Lamont Curtis (CTAC); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Mark Osenbaugh (EV Williams); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Porsmouthcitywatch.org); Joe Wallace (Davenport Engineering); Jim Bayley (VA Assoc. Railway Patrons); Martha Gross (ARUP); Billy Jenkins (Moffatt & Nichol); Tracy Baynard (McGuire Woods Consulting); Judith Brown, Will Christopher (HRPTA); Ellis W. James (Sierra Club and NEC Observer); David Miller (PFM); Beth Arnold (CHZM); Emily Stock (DRPT); Angel Deem, Tony Gibson, Jim Long, Paula Miller, Dawn Odom, Scott Smizik, Eric Stringfield (VDOT); Kevin Page (HRTAC); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Kelli Arledge, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Andrea Gayer, Greg Grootendorst, Randy Keaton, Mike Long, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

Resolution of Appreciation

HRTPO Chair Linda Johnson, on behalf of the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Jim Spore, Virginia Beach City Manager and HRTPO Non-Voting Member, for his many years of service and contributions to the HRTPO. Mr. Spore expressed his gratitude to the members of the HRTPO and stated it had been his pleasure to serve Hampton Roads.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Johnson asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, requested to defer *Agenda Item #17-I: FTAC Resolution: Equitable Toll Assessments on the Regional Freight Industry* until January 2016 in order for HRTAC to review the resolution. Mr. Tom Shepperd Moved to approve the agenda with the one amendment; seconded by Mayor Clyde Haulman. The Motion Carried.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, reported the HRPDC and the HRTPO will host their first Annual Legislative Forum on December 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chesapeake Conference Center. He stated that HRPDC and HRTPO Board members will be presenting the 2016 legislative priorities to members of both the Hampton Roads General Assembly Caucus and the Hampton Roads Federal Delegation. He encouraged all HRTPO Board members to attend.

Mr. Crum indicated that HRTPO staff received the revised revenue forecast for the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and noted there was a reduction in funds. He stated that HRTPO staff will work collaboratively with HRTAC as it develops its finance plan and also the LRTP Subcommittee to determine the 2040 fiscally constrained LRTP. HRTPO staff plans to update the Board on the 2040 LRTP schedule at the January 21, 2016 meeting.

(Ms. Cathie France arrives)

Workshop Agenda

Commonwealth Transportation Board Member (CTB) Comments and Updates

There were no CTB members in attendance.

Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. James Utterback of VDOT reported the I-64/I-264 pavement rehabilitation was complete, on budget, and on time. He stated the contractor for the I-64 Peninsula Widening project, Segment I, should be setting barriers in the next few weeks and then median work will commence. VDOT is currently in the design-build procurement phase for Segment II of this project which will come before the CTB in January for a design-build contract award.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, DRPT Director, reported that the Virginia General Assembly requested DRPT review its Rail Enhancement Fund, the primary source of funding used for rail projects in the Commonwealth. She indicated the findings were presented and approved by the CTB last month. The report will soon be sent to the General Assembly.

Military Liaisons Comments and Updates

Captain Robert Geis of the U.S. Navy had no comments.

Lt. Col. Joseph Ladner of Langley-Eustis had no comments.

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) Update

Mr. Kevin Page, HRTAC Executive Director, expressed his appreciation to the HRTPO for its leadership as the Metropolitan Planning Organization over the past two decades. He acknowledged the challenge in moving forward with a finance plan to unlock the gridlock that is the transportation infrastructure of Hampton Roads. He stated it is not necessarily about tolls; but rather, the building of a network that is best for the citizens and follows HRTAC's charge by the Virginia General Assembly.

Mr. Page indicated HRTAC's finance plan will be presented today at its meeting; the start to a long-term discussion as to how to move the region forward in an affordable way.

(Mr. Jim Spore departs)

HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, reported that at the October HRTPO meeting, Board members requested the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee re-convene to address several concerns.

Mr. Crum stated the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee met on October 27, 2015, discussed the Board's concerns, and has now brought to the HRTPO Board its recommendation for the 2016 Legislative priorities in the form of a resolution. He reviewed the State and Federal priorities as follows:

State:

- Pursuit of federal/state funding for Tier II EIS for higher-speed passenger rail between Hampton Roads and Richmond.
- Pursuit of federal/state funding for the widening of I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond.
- Support HRTAC efforts to revise its enabling legislation to improve both operational and governance efficiencies.
- Pursuit of funding for Trains 2 & 3 to Norfolk.
- Amendment of HB 1402 (Highway maintenance: payments to City of Richmond for moving-lanes converted to bicycle lanes) to include any local government.

Federal:

- Support Congressional approval for a long-term surface transportation funding authorization act.
- Support Congressional approval for the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA).
- Support Congressional recognition of regions that increase local taxes to bridge the gap between federal transportation funding and regional transportation infrastructure needs by providing bonus funding to these metropolitan regions.

Mr. Crum noted the resolution is for approval consideration under Consent Agenda Item #17-E.

Mayor Paul Fraim noted that until recently, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) had three members representing the Hampton Roads area; however, currently there is only one such member. He suggested asking the Governor to appoint an additional CTB member from Hampton Roads and Moved to include this recommendation in the HRTPO 2016 Legislative Priorities; seconded by Mayor Kenneth Wright. The Motion Carried.

Mayor Alan Krasnoff asked whether the HRTPO had discussed the Marketplace Fairness Act with Northern Virginia as it may affect the two regions as they compete for similar funds. Mr. Crum replied he would reach out to Northern Virginia's leadership for input on this item. He recommended leaving the priority in the legislative agenda until after further discussion at the HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Forum on December 16th.

Passenger Rail and Public Transportation Updates

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Director, reported that until 2004, DRPT published an annual Statewide Rail Plan. In 2013, both the State Rail Plan and the Resource Allocation Plan were updated, with a new update underway for the year 2016.

Ms. Mitchell noted that Virginia's State Rail Plan:

- Identifies passenger and freight rail improvements in various corridors
- Phase 1 projects are funded in the State's Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP)
- Total cost of planned improvements through 2040 exceeds \$6.9 billion
- Will be updated in FY 2017 to include strategic initiatives and market developments and to reflect Rail Enhancement Fund (REF) policy changes and updates

Ms. Emily Stock, Manager of Rail Planning and the DC2RVA Project Manager, stated the Washington D.C. to Richmond, Virginia (DC2RVA) project is a 123-mile long corridor and the northern most segment of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor. She indicated the Tier I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was completed in 2002 and the Tier II EIS will:

- Summarize broader issues discussed in the Tier I EIS
- Focus on site-specific impacts and mitigation for individual elements of the larger study
- Incorporate further public/agency input
- Quantify impacts and analyze potential mitigation measures
- Provide documentation and decisions which will lead to permitting, final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction

She noted the Draft Tier II EIS should be completed in 2017.

(Mr. Sanford Wanner departs)

Mayor William Sessoms inquired about the status of high speed rail from Richmond to Hampton Roads. Ms. Mitchell replied the Tier I EIS for the Hampton Roads to Richmond corridor was finished in 2012 and indicated the next step will be to engage in a Tier II EIS. She stated that some of the work that DRPT has undertaken for the DC2RVA study will have a bearing on the alternatives that could eventually serve Hampton Roads. She believed that the Hampton Roads to Richmond Tier II EIS should occur once DRPT has determined the Richmond site selection and completed the DC2RVA Tier II EIS.

Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Update

Mr. Scott Smizik, VDOT Project Manager, reported that VDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Mr. Smizik stated the purpose and need of the HRCS SEIS is to relieve congestion at the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) in a manner that improves accessibility, transit, emergency, evacuation, and military and goods movement along the primary transportation corridors in the Hampton Roads region, including the I-64, I-664, I-564, and Route 164 corridors.

He summarized the operationally independent sections of the HRCS which would enable VDOT to work on smaller, separate sections rather than one large project, similar to the current I-64 Peninsula Widening project.

Mr. Smizik reviewed Alternatives A – D and noted that the list of alternatives was not final. The alternatives will be presented to the public and other transportation agencies in December to solicit additional input on what should or should not be retained in the draft SEIS.

He outlined the next steps, including a participating agency meeting on December 3, 2015. He noted the Final SEIS is to be published in Spring/Summer 2017 with an anticipated first Record of Decision (ROD) in Summer of 2017.

(Mr. James Baker departs)

Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) Concept Scenarios

Dr. Robert Case, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that in conjunction with the current preparation of the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), and in response to discussions at the October 2015 HRTPO Board meeting, HRTPO staff has prepared an analysis of traffic volumes, capacities, and improvements at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT).

Dr. Case provided a brief history of the proposed alternatives/improvements for the HRBT since the March 2001 Final (EIS) HRCS. He then presented an overview of the various concepts that would add lanes to the HRBT in the existing right-of-way.

He stated that VDOT will hold SEIS Citizen Information Meetings in Norfolk on December 9th and Hampton on December 10th.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment Period

Mr. Ellis W. James, Norfolk Citizen, addressed the HRTPO regarding flooding and sea level rise in Hampton Roads.

A transcription of the public comments made orally during this HRTPO Board meeting will be included in the HRTPO Agenda each month. The transcript will also be posted on the HRTPO website when available.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Johnson reported there was one submitted public comment in the Agenda packet.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda, as listed in the Agenda Packet, is as follows:

- Minutes
- HRTPO Financial Statement
- FY 2016 Budget Amendments
- FY 2015-2018 TIP Revision – RSTP and CMAQ Transfer Request: Suffolk
- HRTPO 2016 Legislative Agenda – HRTPO Board Resolution 2015-11
- HRTPO Public Participation Plan and HRTPO Title VI/LEP Plan
- Hampton Roads 2040 LRTP: Candidate Project Evaluation Title VI/EJ Methodology
- Economic Assessment of Tolls on Freight Transportation In the Hampton Roads Region
- FTAC Resolution: Equitable Toll Assessments on the Regional Freight Industry
- 2015 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process – Recommended Projects and Allocations

Mayor Sessoms Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the deferral of *Agenda Item #17-I: FTAC Resolution: Equitable Toll Assessments on the Regional Freight Industry*; seconded by Mayor Fraim. The Motion Carried.

HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Johnson outlined the HRTPO Board three-month tentative schedule in the Agenda Packet, including the HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Forum on December 16, 2015 and the cancellation of the HRTPO Board meeting on December 17, 2015.

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Johnson highlighted the Correspondence of Interest section in the Agenda Packet.

Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings

Chair Johnson noted there were summary minutes from the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC), the HRTPO Nominating Committee, the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee, and the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) in the Agenda packet.

For Your Information

Chair Johnson summarized the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Old/New Business

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, announced that HRTAC will convene at 12:45 p.m. and requested the room be cleared in order to allow HRTPO staff to reset the boardroom.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Mayor Linda Johnson
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director/Secretary