

Action Summary
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board Meeting
January 21, 2021

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:37 a.m.

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, stated that pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the Board members, staff, and the general public, the HRTPO meeting was being held electronically via Zoom. These electronic meetings are required to complete essential business on behalf of the region.

Per the requirements of the Code of Virginia, the meeting notice, agenda, and supporting documentation were posted on the HRTPO website for public review. HRTPO staff also provided electronic copies of this information to Board members and other interested parties.

Today's meeting is being live-streamed and is available for viewing on the Regional Connection YouTube channel. The meeting is also being recorded and will be available after the meeting through the HRTPO website.

Members of the public were invited to submit comments to the Board in advance of today's meeting via email and phone call. No public comments were received as of 48 hours before the meeting.

Mr. Crum reviewed several important housekeeping rules in order for the HRTPO to complete its meeting:

- 1. All Board members were asked to remain on mute before and after providing input.*
- 2. All Board members were asked to identify themselves by name and locality/agency when speaking and/or providing a motion or second.*
- 3. All votes taken must be made by roll call vote and recorded in the minutes.*

On behalf of the HRTPO staff, Mr. Crum thanked everyone for their commitment to the region and their cooperation and patience during the electronic meeting.

Knowing that a quorum was not achievable yet, the meeting continued with the Executive Director Report since it did not require a vote.

2. Executive Director Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, provided a summary of current work activities of the HRTPO, making particular note of the following:

- Mr. Crum introduced Mr. Patrick Duhaney, Virginia Beach City Manager, as the non-voting member representing Virginia Beach for the HRTPO Board.*
- Mr. Crum introduced Dr. Pavithra Parthasarathi as the new HRTPO Deputy Executive Director.*
- The Regional Transit Advisory Panel (RTAP) held its second meeting on January 15, 2021 with over 60 participants. He noted that the Panel was actively engaged with*

discussing ideas regarding the challenges facing the region's transit system and potential opportunities to develop a regional backbone network.

Attendance was taken by roll call and a quorum was achieved; the meeting continued per the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda [Action Requested]

Chair Donnie Tuck asked for additions or deletions to the HRTPO Agenda. Hearing none, a roll call vote was conducted and the HRTPO Board unanimously approved the agenda as written. The roll call vote also served as record of attendance.

4. Public Comments

The general public was provided an opportunity to provide comments in advance of the meeting by email or phone. Chair Tuck stated that HRTPO staff received no submitted comments via either option 48 hours preceding the Board meeting.

5. 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Candidate Project Evaluation and Prioritization [Action Requested]

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, provided an update on the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) draft project prioritization scores. The scores are part of the Hampton Roads 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Candidate Project Evaluation and Prioritization report. Feedback received from the HRTPO Advisory and Subcommittees were addressed and/or incorporated. The public was also provided an opportunity to review the draft prioritization report and scores. One public comment was received from Southern Environmental Law Center, which was forwarded to the appropriate agencies/localities and included in Appendix B of the prioritization report.

Ms. Stith indicated that these priorities will provide a framework for the continuous pursuit of funding for the region's transportation system and will serve as a guide in the development of the fiscally-constrained 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

A roll call vote was conducted and the HRTPO Board unanimously approved the 2045 LRTP Project Prioritization scores and the Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP: Candidate Project Evaluation and Prioritization report, with the understanding that the final selection of projects to be included in the fiscally constrained plan will be based on a combination of these scores and available financial resources.

6. State of Transportation in Hampton Roads – 2020 Update: Final Report [Action Requested]

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, briefed the HRTPO on the State of Transportation in Hampton Roads report that details the current status of all facets of the transportation system in Hampton Roads, including air, rail, water, and highways. He stated that many aspects of the highway system are highlighted, including roadway usage, bridge conditions, costs of congestion, commuting characteristics, roadway safety, truck data, transit usage, active transportation, highway funding, tolling, and operations. Comparisons between Hampton Roads and similar metropolitan areas are also included.

Mr. Nichols highlighted the several forms of transportation that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including: air and rail travel, public transportation, and peak hour roadway volumes. He noted that Active transportation, particularly bicycle miles traveled, increased sharply in the Spring of 2020 versus 2019. He also noted that crashes and fatalities decreased due to the pandemic; however, they have grown exponentially since Summer 2020.

The report was made available for public review and comment during the week of December 7, 2020 and comments were accepted through December 23, 2020.

A roll call vote was conducted and the HRTPO Board unanimously approved the final report.

7. Approval of Consent Items [Action Requested]

A roll call vote was conducted and the HRTPO Board approved the Consent Items as written. Mayor Mike Duman abstained from voting on Consent Agenda Item 7-A – Minutes from November 19, 2020 HRTPO Board Meeting, as he was not in attendance for the referenced meeting.

8. HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

This item was for informational purposes.

9. Correspondence of Interest

This item was for informational purposes.

10. Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings

This item was for informational purposes.

11. For Your Information

This item was for informational purposes.

12. Old/New Business

Chair Tuck expressed his desire to have the smaller localities represented in the roles of Chair and Vice Chair in the coming years at the HRTPO, as he believes they are under-represented in these roles.

ADJOURNMENT