

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting
March 3, 2021**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. electronically via WebEx.

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, read the following statement:

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of Transportation Technical Advisory Committee members, staff, and the general public, today's meeting is being held electronically. This electronic meeting is required to complete essential business on behalf of the region.

Per the requirements of the Code of Virginia, the agenda and all supporting documentation were posted on the HRTPO website for public review, and electronic copies of this information was provided to TTAC members and other interested parties.

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

The general public was provided an opportunity to comment on today's agenda in advance of the meeting via two options:

- 1. Members of the public were invited to email comments to the TTAC.*
- 2. Members of the public were invited to call into a dedicated phone line where comments could be recorded for the TTAC.*

No comments were received via either option as of 48 hours before the meeting.

Before we begin today's remote meeting, I need to remind members of a few important housekeeping rules:

- Everyone is asked to keep their phones and computers muted except for when you are providing input.*
- Please identify yourself by name and the locality or agency you represent when you provide input. Do the same should you provide a motion or a second.*

All votes taken today must be made by roll call vote and recorded in the minutes.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience. Attendance will now be recorded by roll call.

For attendance and voting purposes, if your name is not called during the roll call and you are a Voting member, an Alternate Voting member, or a Non-voting member of TTAC, please let us know as we want to:

- 1. Make sure that each locality and agency is correctly represented in the voting record, and*
- 2. Make sure that the minutes are accurately reflected.*

The following represents the attendance of the meeting as taken by roll call:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Bryan Stille (Chair, NN)	Angela Hopkins (NN)	Ric Lowman (VB)
Benjamin Camras (CH)	Angela Rico (NN)	Phil Pullen (VB)
Troy Eisenberger (CH)	Robert Brown (NO)	Carolyn Murphy (WM)
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld (CH)	Deborah Mangiaracina (NO)	Tim Cross (YK)
Carol Rizzio (GL)	Evandro Santos (Alternate, NO)	Sam Sink (HRT)
Lynne Keenan (HA)	Carl Jackson (PO)	Grant Sparks (DRPT)
Jason Mitchell (HA)	Beth Lewis (SH)	Todd Halacy (VDOT)
Sandon Rogers (Alternate, HA)	LJ Hansen (SU)	Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)
Jamie Oliver (Vice Chair, IW)	Robert Lewis (SU)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Wayne Griffin (IW)	Jason Souders (SU)	Barbara Nelson (VPA)
Amy Ring (IW)	David Jarman (VB)	Joshua Moore (WATA)
Paul Holt (JC)		

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)	James Wright (PO)	Lynette Lowe (SH)
Michael Hayes (HA)	Garrett Feagans (PQ)	Daniel Clayton (WM)
Tammy Rosario (JC)	Charles Horton (PQ)	Aaron Small (WM)
Amy Inman (NO)	Dannan O'Connell (PQ)	Earl Anderson (YK)
Jeff Harper (PO)	Michael Johnson (SH)	Joe Sisler (YK)

TTAC Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Michael King (NAVY)

TTAC Non-Voting Members Absent:

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Melissa McGill (FTA)

HRTPO Staff in Attendance:

Sam Belfield	Keith Nichols	Jeff Raliski
Theresa Brooks	John Mihaly	Brandon Rogers
Rob Case	Kendall Miller	Dale Stith
Kathlene Grauberger	Pavithra Parthasarathi	

Others Recorded Attending:

Lisa Simpson (NN); Cole Fisher, Katie Shannon, Mark Shea (VB); Ray Amoruso (HRT); Ray Hunt, Brant Porter, Samba Secka, Scott Smizik, Chris Voigt, Sharonda Williams (VDOT); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Logan Grimm (HRPDC Staff)

Approval of Agenda [Action Required]

Chair Bryan Stilley asked for additions or deletions to the TTAC Agenda. Mr. John Mihaly stated that the public notice date for *Agenda Item 4-B, FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Request: VDOT – UPC 103021 – Turner Drive/Benns Church Boulevard Intersection Improvements*, had been changed to March 3, 2021 through March 17, 2021. Ms. Carolyn Murphy Moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Eric Stringfield. The Motion carried by Affirmation.

Public Comments

No public comments were submitted as of 48 hours before the meeting.

Approval of Consent Items [Action Requested]

- A. Minutes
- B. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Request: VDOT – UPC 103021 – Turner Drive/Benns Church Boulevard Intersection Improvements

Ms. Jamie Oliver Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Carolyn Murphy.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Benjamin Camras (CH)	Yes
Troy Eisenberger (CH)	Yes
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld (CH)	Yes
Carol Rizzio (GL)	Yes
Lynne Keenan (HA)	Yes
Jason Mitchell (HA)	Yes
Sandon Rogers (Alternate, HA)	Yes
Wayne Griffin (IW)	Yes
Jamie Oliver (IW)	Yes
Amy Ring (IW)	Yes
Paul Holt (JC)	Yes
Bryan Stilley (NN)	Yes
Angela Hopkins (NN)	Yes
Angela Rico (NN)	Yes
Robert Brown (NO)	Yes
Debbie Mangiaracina (NO)	Yes
Evandro Santos (NO)	Yes
Carl Jackson (PO)	Yes
Beth Lewis (SH)	Yes
LJ Hansen (SU)	Yes
Robert Lewis (SU)	Yes
Jason Souders (SU)	Yes
David Jarman (VB)	Yes
Ric Lowman (VB)	Yes
Phil Pullen (VB)	Yes
Carolyn Murphy (WM)	Yes

Timothy Cross (YK)	Yes
Grant Sparks (DRPT)	Yes
Sam Sink (HRT)	Yes
Todd Halacy (VDOT)	Yes
Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)	Yes
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)	Yes
Barbara Nelson (VPA)	Yes
Josh Moore (WATA)	Yes

Regarding the Motion on the floor, the Motion Carried.

2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Draft Fiscal Constraint

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, provided an update on the 2045 LRTP draft fiscal constraint.

Ms. Stith stated that over the next 24 years, the Hampton Roads region is forecasted to receive approximately \$29.6 billion to invest in the region's transportation system. Of this, \$17 billion is dedicated to maintaining the existing transportation system. The remaining \$12.6 billion is being used to constrain a number of multimodal investments for the region to help move people and goods more efficiently. Fiscal constraint guidelines were established to help maximize the use of forecasted revenues across various modes of transportation.

Supporting this technical analysis, Ms. Stith noted that a broad and extensive public outreach was conducted throughout the development of the 2045 LRTP. Between February and March of 2021, technical stakeholders were provided an opportunity to review and comment on the draft list of fiscally constrained projects. On February 18, 2021, the public was invited to review and comment on the draft list. The public review and comment period will remain open until March 19, 2021. Finally, a resolution of support has been submitted by the HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC).

Ms. Stith stated that during the TTAC review period, the City of Hampton requested to add *Coliseum Drive Extension B* project to the draft 2045 LRTP project list. The City has identified the extension of Coliseum Drive as a critical project. The City has also requested to include studies for the I-64/N King Street and I-64/LaSalle Interchanges. She indicated that there is approximately \$20 million available to constrain additional projects in the 2045 LRTP.

Ms. Stith noted that in consultation with the City of Chesapeake, HRTPO Staff removed one project in the City from the draft fiscally constrained list of projects as it was complete and opened to the public. She requested that TTAC members review the list and notify her of any other completed projects so that they can be removed.

Ms. Stith commented that as part of the 2045 LRTP, HRTPO Staff has prepared the following two draft reports.

- Draft 2045 LRTP: Funding Plan
- Draft 2045 LRTP Project Information Guide

She requested TTAC members review the reports, located on the HRTPO website, and provide comments to her by March 16, 2021.

Looking ahead, Ms. Stith reviewed the remaining steps in the 2045 LRTP process in order to maintain the schedule to approve the 2045 LRTP at the HRTPO Board meeting in July 2021.

Discussion ensued on Hampton's request to add one project and two studies to the draft 2045 LRTP Project List. The TTAC reached a consensus to add these items to the List, noting that fiscal constraint is still demonstrated.

Mr. Carl Jackson Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Fiscally Constrained List of Projects as amended; seconded by Ms. Sam Sink.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Benjamin Camras (CH)	Yes
Troy Eisenberger (CH)	Yes
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld (CH)	Yes
Carol Rizzio (GL)	Yes
Lynne Keenan (HA)	Yes
Jason Mitchell (HA)	Yes
Sandon Rogers (Alternate, HA)	Yes
Wayne Griffin (IW)	Yes
Jamie Oliver (IW)	Yes
Amy Ring (IW)	Yes
Paul Holt (JC)	Yes
Bryan Stilley (NN)	Yes
Angela Hopkins (NN)	Yes
Angela Rico (NN)	Yes
Robert Brown (NO)	Yes
Debbie Mangiaracina (NO)	Yes
Evandro Santos (NO)	Yes
Carl Jackson (PO)	Yes
Beth Lewis (SH)	Yes
LJ Hansen (SU)	Yes
Robert Lewis (SU)	Yes
Jason Souders (SU)	Yes
David Jarman (VB)	Yes
Ric Lowman (VB)	Yes
Phil Pullen (VB)	Yes
Carolyn Murphy (WM)	Yes
Timothy Cross (YK)	Yes
Grant Sparks (DRPT)	Yes
Sam Sink (HRT)	Yes
Todd Halacy (VDOT)	Yes

Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)	Yes
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)	Yes
Barbara Nelson (VPA)	Yes
Josh Moore (WATA)	Yes

Regarding the Motion on the floor, the Motion Carried.

Bowers Hill Interchange Study: Update

Mr. Scott Smizik, VDOT Assistant Environmental Division Director, provided an update on the Bowers Hill Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and stated the purpose of the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study is to reduce congestion, improve travel reliability, and provide additional travel choices on I-664 from and including the Bowers Hill Interchange to College Drive.

Mr. Smizik indicated that VDOT conducted an online Purpose and Need Survey from September 17, 2020 – October 16, 2020 and received a total of 1,291 responses.

VDOT identified the study needs as follows:

- Reduce Congestion
- Improve Travel Reliability
- Provide Additional Travel Choice

Mr. Smizik stated that Federal agencies concurred on the Study Purpose and Need in December 2020.

VDOT will be introducing the Range of Concepts to the public through a citizen comment opportunity from February – March 2021, after which, the alternatives will be refined and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will publish the Notice of Intent to initiate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study.

Mr. Smizik summarized the next steps following the Notice of Intent publication and stated that the final EIS is scheduled for completion in the winter/spring of 2023.

Ms. Parthasarathi noted that the Bowers Hill Interchange Study Working Group, a TTAC Subcommittee that was established to assist VDOT Staff in the completion of the study by providing stakeholder review and guidance, meets electronically, as needed.

SMART SCALE Round 4: Update

Mr. Todd Halacy, VDOT ADA/Planning and Investment Manager, provided an update on Round 4 of the SMART SCALE funding program. SMART SCALE is about investing limited tax dollars in the right projects that meet the most critical transportation needs in Virginia. In accordance with the *SMART SCALE Policy Guide*, the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) have completed evaluation of the SMART SCALE applications and have provided recommended funding scenarios.

Mr. Halacy stated that there were 406 applications submitted Statewide and of those, 53 were from Hampton Roads. All 53 applications from the region were scored by VDOT.

Mr. Halacy summarized VDOT's recommended scenario for Hampton Roads which includes funding for 19 projects. He noted that the I-64 Denbigh Interchange project in Newport News was previously scored in the District Grants Program (DGP); however, it has since been moved to the High-Priority Program (HPP). A balance of \$45 million is now available in the DGP and VDOT Staff is working closing with Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) members to apply this funding to additional projects.

The Recommended Scenario lists those projects recommended for funding in each VDOT Construction District based on Benefit Score/SMART SCALE Cost ranks. The CTB will consider the Recommended Scenario over the next few months and may make changes to the projects that will ultimately be funded.

Next steps include nine virtual public hearings across the Commonwealth, one meeting for each VDOT District. The meetings will have recommended scenarios and potential revisions available for viewing. Mr. Halacy stated that VDOT will be reaching out to TTAC members regarding lessons learned for the next round of SMART SCALE.

Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Stilley outlined the Three-Month Tentative Schedule in the Agenda Packet.

For Your Information

Chair Stilley highlighted the items in the For Your Information section in the Agenda Packet.

Announcements

Mr. John Mihaly stated that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2021 Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) Federal Grant program was re-released on February 18, 2021. He noted that the deadline to submit applications is March 19, 2021. He requested those localities that plan to submit an application reach out to HRTPO staff by March 4, 2021.

Mr. Carl Jackson announced that a TRAFFIX Subcommittee meeting will be held virtually at 1:30 p.m. today.

Old/New Business

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi stated the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization has called a special Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2021.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.