

HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.
at the Virginia Port Authority
World Trade Center 6th Floor, 101 Main Street, Norfolk, VA
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Members in Attendance:

Mr. Robert Eveleigh, Port City Transportation (Chair)
Ms. Marcia Capelli, Newport News Shipbuilding
Mr. Mark Lamb, Superior Air Freight
Mr. Rick Morris, Canon Virginia
Mr. Cannon Moss, NPBLR
Mr. Lang Williams, Colliers International, Norfolk
Mr. Will Fediw (on behalf of David White)

Members Not Present:

Mr. David White, Virginia Maritime Association (Vice-Chair)
Mr. Mike Abbott, Hapag-Lloyd

Other Participants:

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO
Mr. Keith Nichols, HRPTO
Mr. Sam Belfield, HRPTO
Ms. Barbara Nelson, The Port of Virginia
Ms. Karen McPherson, The Port of Virginia
Mr. Carl Jackson, City of Portsmouth
Mr. Erik Johnson, VDOT

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

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by FTAC Chairman, Mr. Robert Eveleigh.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lang Williams moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Rick Moss. The agenda was approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)

There were no public comments offered.

B. Submitted Public Comments

There were no public comments submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #4: MINUTES

Summary minutes of the FTAC meeting held on December 6, 2021, were made available. Mr. Moss moved, and Mr. Morris seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM #5: FTAC MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Eveleigh initiated the discussion on this item and indicated that the HRTPO Board approved the additions to the FTAC membership at its January 20, 2022, meeting. Mr. Eveleigh introduced the two new FTAC members:

- Mr. Lang Williams, Senior Vice President of Colliers International, Norfolk
- Mr. Mark Lamb, President of Superior Air Freight

AGENDA ITEM #6: VDOT Truck Parking Study

Mr. Keith Nichols provided an introduction on the VDOT Truck Parking Study – a study that identifies how the state can improve and provide safe places for trucker to rest. Mr. Erik Johnson, VDOT Freight Planning Specialist, briefed the Committee on the results of the Phase 2 study results and provided an overview of the meeting objectives, a description of data strengths and limitations, truck parking capacity needs and hot spots (highlighting locations with Hampton Roads), and presented ideas for next steps. There was a brief discussion on:

- impacts of electronic truck logs regulations on drivers
- driver unfamiliarity with state authorized locations
- limited parking options in Hampton Roads region
- use of VDOT cameras to assist the public
- VDOT coordination with the Chamber of Commerce
- public restrooms in the public right-of-way
- next steps to help reduce the gap to provide spaces

AGENDA ITEM #7: PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Ms. Barbara Nelson provided an overview on the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) discretionary grant program and indicated that the Port of Virginia would be submitting an application for the North Norfolk International Terminal Optimization project. Ms. Nelson indicated that the project would keep the port competitive and used as a vital shipping port as it would increase container storage capacity by 42% at NIT and overall increased port capacity by 20%. After a brief discussion on the Port's positive historical record, consideration for sea level impacts, and increased demand on power, Mr. Williams moved to approve support for the project and the port's application, and for the FTAC Chair to prepare and sign a letter of support; seconded by Mr. Morris. The motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM #8: STATEWIDE FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – UPDATE

Ms. Barbara Nelson provided a meeting summary of the February 9, 2022, statewide Freight Advisory Committee (FAC), which included:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) opportunities
- Driver Apprenticeship Pilot Program
- US Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better two-phase grant competition

Ms. Nelson indicated that the next FAC meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022, at the Port of Virginia.

AGENDA ITEM #9: FTAC PRIORTIES/ FORMAL POSTIONS

Mr. Eveleigh initiated the discussion on the FTAC's priorities and requested input from Committee members on how the FTAC we can improve freight transportation movement through action endorsements of various freight policies. Mr. Eveleigh shared draft outlines potential position statements, it was agreed that members should review and potential selected a few position statements to move forward at the next quarterly meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #10: FUTURE MEETING TOPICS AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – freight transportation impacts
- B. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan kickoff
- C. Regional Freight Study kickoff
- D. Hampton Roads Gateway study
- E. HRTPO CMAQ/RSTP project selection process
- F. Regional connectors study
- G. VDOT truck parking study
- H. Freight delivery vulnerabilities

AGENDA ITEM #11: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #12: NEXT MEETING

AGENDA ITEM #13: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12.10.