

AGENDA ITEM #5: COMMENTS AND UPDATES FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND MILITARY LIAISONS

Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Military are invited to provide comments and updates to the TTAC.

AGENDA ITEM #6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires an action from the TTAC should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under "Old/New Business".

AGENDA ITEM #7: MINUTES

Summary minutes of the TTAC meeting held on February 6, 2019 are attached.

Attachment 7

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting
February 6, 2019**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Regional Building Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Robert Lewis (Chair, SU)	Amy Inman (NO)	Brian Solis (VB)
Bryan Stille (NN)	Jackie Kassel (NN)	Rick Lowman (VB)
Benjamin Camras (CH)	Bridjette Parker (NN)	Tim Cross (YK)
Troy Eisenberger (CH)	Frank Brown (PO)	Chris Arabia (DRPT)
Earl Sorey (CH)	Carl Jackson (PO)	Jamie Jackson (HRT)
Angela Rico (Alternate, HA)	James Wright (PO)	Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)
Mike Hayes (HA)	Beth Lewis (SH)	Dawn Odom (VDOT)
Richard Rudnicki (IW)	LJ Hansen (SU)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Paul Holt (JCC)	Jason Souders (SU)	Barbara Nelson (VPA)
Robert Brown (NO)	Phil Pullen (VB)	Joshua Moore (WATA)
Christine Armstrong (NO)		

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

Donald Goodwin (FR)	Dannan O'Connell (PQ)	Carolyn Murphy (WM)
Jamie Oliver (IW)	Ellen Roberts (PQ)	Tiffany Dubinski (DRPT)
Benjamin Sullivan (IW)	Debbie Vest (PQ)	
Carol Rizzio (GL)	Michael Johnson (SH)	
Tammy Rosario (JCC)	Lynette Lowe (SH)	

TTAC Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

Michael King (NAVY)

TTAC Nonvoting Members Absent:

Melissa McGill (FTA)	Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
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HRTPO Staff:

Sam Belfield	Steve Lambert	Leonardo Pineda
Rob Case	Mike Kimbrel	Joe Paulus
Shirley Core	John Mihaly	Jeff Raliski

Kathlene Grauberger
Uros Jovanovic

Kendall Miller
Keith Nichols

Dale Stith

Others Recorded Attending:

Chis Wichman (OIPI); Bryant Porter, Katherine Graham, Robin Grier, Sharonda Hawkins, Naquana Jenkins, Caleb Brooks (VDOT); Katie Shannon, David Jarman, Tara Reel (VB); Steve Hetrick (Albeck Germen, Inc); Ana Elezovic (HA); Samuel Hayes (Moffatt and Nichol); Mike Snare (HNTB); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Mike Long, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff).

Introductions

Mr. Eric Stringfield introduced Ms. Katherine Graham, VDOT Transportation Planner, from VDOT's Central Office.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments in the agenda packet.

Comments and Updates from State and Federal Agencies and the Military

There were no comments from the Federal Highway Administration.

There were no comments from the US Navy.

Ms. Barb Nelson, VPA, announced the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) met on January 30, 2019 with presentations on the Regional Connectors Study, Long Range Transportation Planning, SMART SCALE Round 3 update, and the project prioritization tool. She also noted Mr. Matt Smith, HRPDC Staff, presented the Mega Sites and opportunities for economic development.

Mr. Chris Arabia, DRPT, reported the application period for FY 2020 has ended and applications are being reviewed. DRPT staff will reach out to applicants with any questions.

Ms. Sonya Hallums-Ponton announced VDOT's spring local workshop will be held May 7, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Hampton.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Lewis asked for additions or deletions to the TTAC Agenda. Mr. Mike Kimbrel requested to defer the TRAFFIX Annual Report, Agenda Item #11 to a later date.

Mr. Moore Moved to approve the amended Agenda; seconded by Mr. Solis. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes

Chair Holt reported that the TTAC summary minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting were included in the February 6, 2019 TTAC Agenda Packet. Chair Lewis asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Mr. Eric Stringfield noted there were 58 SMART SCALE applications not 57 as recorded in the January minutes.

Mr. Moore Moved to approve the amended minutes; seconded by Mr. Jackson. The Motion Carried.

FY 2018-2021 TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST: UPC 105222

Mr. Eric Stringfield, VDOT Hampton Roads District Transportation Planning Director requested to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the cost estimate, schedule, allocations, and obligations for one project as described below:

- 105222 – Route 134 Bridge Replacement over Brick Kiln Creek
 - Revise Cost Estimate as follows:
 - Preliminary Engineering (PE): 961,600
 - Right of Way (RW): \$1,026,519
 - Construction (CN) Start: \$4,988,424
 - Total Cost Estimate: \$6,976,543
 - Revise Schedule as follows:
 - Preliminary Engineering (PE) Start: 5/29/2014; End: 6/14/2017
 - Right of Way (RW) Start: 6/14/2017; End: 6/11/2019
 - Construction (CN) Start: 6/11/2019; End: 9/8/2021
 - Revise Allocations as follows:
 - Remove FY 2018 Surface Transportation Program (STP) allocation of \$373,326 and \$93,332 match
 - Remove FY 2019 STP allocation of \$1,466,1325 and \$366,581 match
 - Revise FY 2019 Commonwealth Transportation Board/Bridge State (CTB/BRS) allocation to be \$3,317,677

- Revise Obligations as follows:
 - Revise FY Previous RW Phase National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) obligation to be \$186,312
 - Add FY 2019 CN Phase National Highway System/National Highway Performance Program (NHS/NHPP) obligation of \$1,696,410
 - Add FY 2019 CN Phase Advanced Construction (AC) Other obligation of \$3,292,014
 - Add FY 2019 RW Phase AC-Other obligation of \$6,134,034

This request was made available for public review and comment from January 30, 2019 through February 13, 2019.

Ms. Rico MOVED to recommend HRTPO approval of the TIP Amendment; seconded by Ms. Odom. The Motion Carried.

FY 2018-2021 TIP REVISION: REQUEST TO TRANSFER RSTP FUNDING: UPC 102734, 109075, 109076

Mr. Bryan Stilley, Chief of Civil Design Engineering, City of Newport News, requested to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the cost estimates on one project and two of its child projects and to transfer a total of \$2,984,472 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds from one project to these three eligible projects due to cost overruns. The specifics of the request are described:

- UPC 102734 – Multimodal High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail Station Development (PE Only)
 - Revise Cost Estimate as follows:
 - Preliminary Engineer (PE): \$5,361,283
 - Right of Way (RW): N/A
 - Construction (CN): N/A
 - Total: \$5,361,283
 - Receive \$246,626 in FY 2011 RSTP funds, including state match, from UPC 4483 – Atkinson Boulevard Construction project
- UPC 109075 – Newport News Transportation Center – Grading, Drainage, & Utilities (child project of UPC 102734)
 - Revise Cost Estimate as follows:
 - Preliminary Engineer (PE): N/A
 - Right of Way (RW): N/A
 - Construction (CN): \$8,142,550
 - Total: \$8,142,550

- Receive \$54,794 in FY 2011 RSTP funds, including state match, from UPC 4483 – Atkinson Boulevard Construction project
- Receive \$2,262,132 in FY 2019 RSTP funds, including state match, from UPC 4483 – Atkinson Boulevard Construction project
- UPC 109076 – Newport News Transportation Center – Station, Platform, & Site Finishes (child project of UPC 102734)
 - Revise Cost Estimate as follows:
 - Preliminary Engineer (PE): N/A
 - Right of Way (RW): N/A
 - Construction (CN): \$14,632,204
 - Total: \$14,632,204
 - Receive \$98,580 in FY 2011 RSTP funds, including state match, from UPC 4483 – Atkinson Boulevard Construction project
 - Receive \$322,340 in FY 2020 RSTP funds, including state match, from UPC 4483 – Atkinson Boulevard Construction project

Mr. Moore MOVED to recommend HRTPO approval of the TIP Amendment; seconded by Ms. Kassel. The Motion Carried.

**2019 INFRA GRANT PROGRAM: LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT REQUEST:
LASKIN ROAD PHASE I-B**

Mr. Phil Pullen, Virginia Beach City Engineer, briefed the TTAC on a request from the City of Virginia Beach for a letter of endorsement to accompany their INFRA grant application for the Laskin Road Phase I-B project.

Mr. Moore MOVED to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the Letter of Endorsement for the Laskin Road Phase I-B seconded by Mr. Solis. The Motion Carried.

VTRANS UPDATE

Mr. Chris Wichman, Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) Senior Transportation Planner, provided an update on Virginia’s Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan (VTrans). VTrans provides a backdrop for consistent and coordinated performance-based transportation planning between federal, state, regional, and local agencies. The plan includes a needs assessment and is updated at least every four years. OIPI assists the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in the development of VTrans. He outlined the major components for the VTrans update which include CTB reviewing and reaffirming their overall direction for transportation planning policy. The vision will be promoted by a public survey, vulnerability assessment, demographic and land use trends, technology trends, and financial trends exploring opportunities and challenges.

The Midterm needs ensure that methods are data driven, standardized, repeatable, replicable, and transparent. The planning horizon used is 0-10 years. He reported the CTB will adopt a policy for needs identification in December 2019. The long term needs planning horizon used is 10 plus years, and is not an attempt to predict but to be prepared. The VTrans update aims to identify challenges and opportunities associated with trends and provide a more complete picture for transportation investments.

Stakeholder Involvement includes:

Presentations at MPOs and PDCs throughout the Commonwealth

- Winter 2018/2019:
Kick-off/Approach
- Spring 2019:
Review Existing Conditions & Trends (to inform Vision)
Review Economic Profiles
Discuss Needs Identification Methodology
- Fall 2019:
Review Draft Mid-Term Needs
Informal updates and notifications
MPO-initiated discussions

Public Involvement

- Spring 2019:
Statewide Survey to gauge opinions, attitude, and preferences towards transportation issues
Public meetings in all nine CTB districts
Continued involvement through Spring and Fall Transportation Meetings
Active online and social media presence:
 - www.vtrans.org
 - Facebook - @vtransvirginia
 - Instagram - @vtransvirginia

SMART SCALE: ROUND THREE UPDATE

Mr. John Mihaly, HRTPO Senior Transportation Planner, and Mr. Eric Stringfield, VDOT Hampton Roads District Transportation Planning Director, delivered an update on Round three of SMART SCALE. Mr. Mihaly provided a timeline for Round 3 noting prescreening and VTrans eligibility occurred in May-June 2018, the original application deadline was August 1, 2018 but was extended until August 8, 2018, during August -December measures development and scoring occurred, February -April 2019 CTB evaluates projects for inclusion in the Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP), and in June of 2019 the CTB will adopt the final SYIP. He noted 468 applications were submitted, and 433 applications were scored, resulting in \$7.4 billion requested for SMART SCALE

funding with a total cost of \$12.3 Billion. Mr. Mihaly explained Hampton Roads fared well in the District Grant program with 22.1%, 23 projects and \$83.6 million in allocations and overall 26 projects with recommended funding of \$285 million . He announced five out of the top six scoring projects were from Hampton Roads.

Mr. Stringfield, noted in the prescreening process 24 projects were ineligible, 6 projects were identified ineligible after the application submittal, and 4 projects were screened out due to eligibility. The most common issue was projects that are mostly reconstruction of an existing facility. In terms of project readiness, 298 ready applications 286 were scored.

Next steps include:

- February - CTB meeting –Review of recommended projects.
- March to April - CTB to develop potential revisions to staff recommended funding scenario.
- April to May - Public hearings on recommended funding scenario and any potential revisions.
- May - CTB meeting –Revised funding scenario developed.
- June - CTB meeting –Adoption of Six-Year Improvement Program, including projects and funding resulting from the SMART SCALE process.

REGIONAL CONNECTORS STUDY: UPDATE

Mr. Michael Kimbrel, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, provided background on the Regional Connectors Study noting in October 2016 the HRTPO Board unanimously approved the HRCS SEIS Alternative A (I-64 Widening and HRBT Expansion), plus the Bowers Hill Interchange as the Preferred Alternative. HRTAC unanimously supported the same Preferred Alternative and allocated \$7 million to be applied toward a feasibility study of the unselected alternatives from HRCS/SEIS. On December 7, 2019 the CTB approved Alternative A. May 1, 2017 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the HRTPO, VDOT, and HRTAC to advance the feasibility study in two separate components:

- \$4 million for Bowers Hill Interchange
- \$3 million for Regional Connectors Study, with a contingency of \$4 million

He reported the Working Group reviewed and provided input for the guidance of scope of work for the Regional Connectors Study (RCS) stating the study should establish a regional long-term vision that investigates 21st century transportation options that connect the Peninsula and Southside across the Hampton Roads Harbor, enhance economic vitality, and improve the quality of life in the region. The analysis will use a baseline assumption that includes improvements on I-64 Peninsula (Segments I, II, III) and I-64 Southside/High-Rise Bridge (phase I), I-64/HRBT and I-64/I-264 Interchange (Phases I and II).

He announced Phase 1 of the RCS is nearly complete and that the draft scope of work for Phase 2

includes:

- Task 1 – Execution of Engagement Plane
- Task 2 – Development of Preliminary Alternatives
- Task 3 – Determination of Candidate Alternatives
- Task 4 – Preparation for Scenario Planning Analyses

Mr. Kimbrel stated that to date the timelines for the RCS and the 2045 LRTP have been kept concurrent, but that the RCS Steering Committee and Working Group are concerned that keeping the timeline couple may not allow enough time to complete the work envisioned for the RCS. Therefore the Steering Committee and Working Group will consider recommending that the time lines be decoupled.

Next steps include:

- February 13, 2019 – RCS Joint Steering (Policy) Committee and Working Group Meeting
 - Recommendations to HRTPO Board on:
 - Option for RCS and 2045 LRTP Timelines
 - Phase 2 Scope, Schedule, and Cost
- February 21, 2019 – HRTPO Board Meeting

THREE-MONTH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Chair Lewis reviewed the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda Packet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Case, HRTPO staff, announced the TRAFFIX Subcommittee would be meeting at 11:30 a.m. in Rooms D/E.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.