

ITEM #17: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the HRTPO Board meeting held on February 15, 2018 are attached.

Attachment 17-A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of February 15, 2018

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:

Thomas Shepperd, Jr. Chair (YK)
John Rowe, Vice Chair (PO)
Rick West (CH)
Barry Cheatham (FR)
Phillip Bazzani (GL)
Donnie Tuck (HA)
Joel Acree (IW)
Michael Hipple (JC)
McKinley Price (NN)

Martin Thomas (NO)
Herbert Green (Alternate, PQ)
Barry Porter (SH)
Linda T. Johnson, (SU)
Paul Freiling (WM)
William Harrell (HRT)
Zach Trogdon (WATA)
Jim Utterback (VDOT)
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

James Baker (CH)
Randy Martin (FR)
Randy Keaton (IW)
William Porter (JC)
Cynthia Rohlf (NN)
Lydia Pettis-Patton (PO)
Randy Wheeler (PQ)
Michael W. Johnson (SH)

Patrick Roberts (SU)
Commander Susanne Wienrich (U.S. Navy)
Commander Ken Kostecki (U.S. Coast Guard)
Terry Danaher (CTAC)
John Malbon (CTB)
Stephen Johnsen (CTB)
Cathie Vick (VPA)

HRTPO Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

Other Participants:

Ella Ward (CH)
Brian DeProfio (HA)
Wynter Benda (NO)

Bob Mathias (VB)
Brian Solis (VB)

HRTPO Voting Members Absent:

Eugene Hunt (PQ)
William Sessoms (VB)
John Reinhart (VPA)
Senator Mamie Locke (GA)

Senator Frank Wagner (GA)
Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)
Delegate David Yancey (GA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:

Mary Bunting (HA)
J. Brent Fedors (GL)
Doug Smith (NO)
Dave Hansen (VB)
Marvin Collins (WM)

Neil Morgan (YK)
Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)
Jessie Yung (FHWA)
Terry Garcia Crews (FTA)
Art Moyer (FTAC)

Robert Bowen (Norfolk Airport)
Michael Giardino (PHF)

Randall P. Burdette (VDOA)
Col. Herbert Joliat (Langley-Eustis)

HRTPO Staff:

Theresa Brooks
Rob Case
Shirley Core
Andrea Gayer
Kathlene Grauberger

Mike Kimbrel
John Mihaly
Kendall Miller
Keith Nichols
Dale Stith

Others Recorded Attending:

Jeffrey Raliski, Thelma Drake, Wynter Benda (NO); Eric Stringfield, Dawn Odom, Paula Miller (VDOT); Chuck Eastman (Michael Baker Int.); Tyson Rosser (VHB); Leroy Bennett (SU); Andrew Trivette (WM); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouth City Watch.org); Bob Baldwin (PO); Michael King, Will Sandford (US NAVY); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Donna Sayegh (Citizens for Self-Government); W. Dewey Hurley (Branscome Inc.); Robert Gey, Phil Pullen (VB); Bryan Stilley (NN); Keith Cannady, Nancy Collins, Kelli Arledge, Whitney Katchmark, Mike Long, Sharon Lawrence, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff).

Special Presentation to honor the retirement of Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht

Mr. Crum recognized Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, who retired on January 31st, for her outstanding dedication and service to the HRPDC/HRTPO for the past 33 years. Remarks were also given by former HRTPO Executive Director Dwight Farmer and HRTPO Chair Tom Shepperd. Mr. Phil Pullen from the City of Virginia Beach presented her with a street sign. Chair Shepperd presented Dr. Ravanbakht with a Resolution of Appreciation from the HRTPO Board.

Chair Shepperd requested a motion of approval for the Resolution of Appreciation. Mayor Rowe Moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation; seconded by Mr. Cheatham. The Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shepperd asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Rowe Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Cheatham. The Motion Carried.

Executive Director Report

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

Construction was initiated the first week of February on improvements to I-64 within the Richmond MPO from the I-295 interchange to the Bottoms Bridge/Quinton interchange.

While assisting the HRTAC with research on regional trends, staff noticed irregularities with the gasoline sales data for the Hampton Roads region. After meeting with both the

Secretary of Transportation and the DMV Commissioner, HRTAC will take the lead on this item with plans for the DMV Commissioner to attend the April 19, 2018 HRTAC meeting to discuss progress on addressing this issue.

Mr. Crum also introduced Mr. Michael Kimbrel as the new HRTPO Deputy Executive Director. Mr. Kimbrel has been with the HRTPO for twenty nine years, most recently in the position of Principal Transportation Engineer.

Workshop Agenda

Commonwealth Transportation Board Member Comments and Updates

Mr. John Malbon introduced Mr. Stephen Johnsen, a new Rural At-Large member of the CTB. Mr. Malbon stated the CTB will hold its next meeting February 20-21 in Richmond.

Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. James Utterback stated that the February 2018 HRTAC Program Development Monthly Executive Report was included at the table as a handout. He made note of the following highlights:

- Construction for Phase 2 of the I-64/I-264 Interchange was awarded on December 6, 2017.
- A Notice to Proceed was issued in January for Segment 3 of the I-64 Peninsula Widening project
- A Notice to Proceed was issued in November for the I-64 Southside Widening and High-Rise Bridge project, with the Groundbreaking Ceremony held in December.
- A Request for Qualifications was released in December for the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion with the Request for Proposals expected in the Spring.
- The Scope of Phase 3 (Study-Only) of the I-64/I-264 Interchange will include the Northampton Boulevard and Indian River Road Interchanges on I-64.
- The I-64 express lanes, open since December, has moved approximately 12 percent of vehicles out of the general purpose lanes.

Mr. Utterback then provided additional data on the I-64 express lanes. He noted the starting toll on January 10th was \$.50 and from opening day to February 8th the average toll for morning commuters was \$.92. The afternoon average toll for commuters was \$1.13. He reported the average round trip toll is around \$2.05. The highest toll charged was on January 17th during the snow event which occurred at rush hour, the toll spiked at \$5.65 and 135 motorists chose to enter at that rate. The number of morning commuters average 4,700 of which 77% are single occupant drivers and approximately 5,800 commuters in the afternoon of which 78% are single occupant drivers. He announced VDOT does have an app that over 2,100 commuters have downloaded that notifies drivers of the current toll rate.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell reported that there are currently several bills before the General Assembly that could affect transit statewide. House Bill 1539 and Senate Bill 856 could have an impact by restructuring the statewide program by combining a number of programs, separating WMATA funding from the statewide program, and requiring a prioritization process by 2019.

Virginia Port Authority Update

Ms. Cathie Vick reported that the Port has received the first six rail-mounted gantry cranes for the Virginia International Gateway project that will go into service in mid-April. The North Gate is fully operational at Norfolk International Terminals with the start of a reservation system on March 1st to mitigate the flow of trucks throughout the day. Two major milestones have been met for the deepening of the Harbor Channel: \$20 million is currently in the Governor's budget, and the Port has reached its agency decision milestone with the federal government completing its study of the Harbor deepening.

HRT and WATA Updates

Mr. William Harrell reported that HRT is actively involved in the legislative process during the General Assembly session, working closing with DRPT. He stated that it appears the General Assembly will not address the transit capital cliff until next year's session. He noted that HRT is in support of separating WMATA funding from the statewide program since The Tide, although a young project, will need state of good repair funding in the future, and with WMATA removed from the statewide program, it could open the door for other entities to utilize the extra pool of money. HRT is currently working with the area city managers and has requested a State study to review HRT's routes and structure as each city supports a different level of service rather than a regional transit system.

Mr. Zach Trogdon reported that WATA has recently compiled its safety data for 2017 and its preventable accidents decreased immensely since bringing onboard a full time Safety and Training Coordinator 18 months ago. WATA, in conjunction with the City of Petersburg, is hosting a regional transit-based security summit March 13-14 in Petersburg. As of January, WATA's Route 11 is six months into its operation and the Jamestown Route has increased its ridership.

Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Update

Ms. Theresa Danaher, CTAC Chair, reported that CTAC met in January and the committee was briefed on HRT's Core 20 plan. CTAC members also discussed the HRTPO's legislative priorities and were encouraged to contact their General Assembly members to support passenger rail in Hampton Roads. She also stated the CTAC plans to distribute the HRTPO's updated Public Participation Plan to as many citizens as possible.

Military Liaisons Comments and Updates

Commander Ken Kostecki of the U.S. Coast Guard reported that the Coast Guard had a Virginia Harbor Safety Committee meeting on February 1st in the Virginia Port Authority Boardroom with Mr. James Utterback briefing the Committee on the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion.

Commander Susanne Weinrich of the U.S. Navy had no comments.

There was no representative from Langley-Eustis.

Status of Hampton Roads Passenger Rail

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, provided an overview on Virginia Passenger Rail service to include Washington DC, Richmond, and the Atlantic Gateway. She explained they are working towards higher speed rail between the Richmond and D.C. areas via this 123 mile corridor. She explained based on the TIER I EIS the recommended route would follow the CSX rail line and share capacity. She noted this is important due to constrained segments, difficulty acquiring right-of-way and significant environmental impacts. She explained Amtrak services from Norfolk and Newport News travel along this corridor. She reported the study has been ongoing for approximately four years.

She noted in December, the CTB approved the locally preferred alternative corridor for the various segments with a total estimated cost of \$4.8 billion. She explained Northern Virginia received prioritization based on congestion levels. The Northern Virginia section has been included in a broader program called the Atlantic Gateway. This project connects the southeast corridor to the northeast corridor. The Long Bridge expansion is a high priority project, and when completed it will have two dedicated freight and two dedicated passenger rails leading into DC. She explained CSX currently uses this bridge for all freight traffic in Virginia with the nearest river crossing sixty miles west near Harper's Ferry.

She noted in the Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) 38%, of all rail funding will provide benefits to Hampton Roads. She noted there are a number of projects worth about \$18.3 million right now that are funding critical State of Good Repair and expansion projects including yard capacity on those railroads. She announced they are currently working with the City of Newport News on the Bland Boulevard station. This particular station will relieve congestion for both Amtrak and CSX. She reported there is funding in the SYIP for today's service to Norfolk and Newport News with operating capital plus two more trains for Norfolk. Those trains are expected to come on line in 2019 and 2022. She reported they are working with Amtrak on a service analysis for the entire Hampton Roads area, and the purpose of this analysis is to look at the scheduling and timing of the trains that currently serve Norfolk and Newport News. She announced Amtrak has been working on an optimization analysis, and that DRPT expects to have a draft of that revised analysis soon.

Hampton Roads Regional Priority Projects – Round 2

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, noted that on May 18, 2017, the HRTPO Board directed the HRTPO staff and the TTAC to review and identify projects in the 2040 LRTP that could be considered for Round 2 Regional Priority Projects, with the understanding that Round 1 projects would not be impacted. In June of 2017, the TTAC requested the HRTPO staff to work with the LRTP Subcommittee to review Round 2 candidate projects and develop a list for consideration by TTAC and the HRTPO Board. Ms. Stith described the project screening process, in which projects were evaluated in terms of regional congestion relief, and presented draft prioritization scores. She noted some projects could not yet receive prioritization scores due to on-going studies associated with them. She provided an outline for the next steps which include collecting data for candidate projects, evaluating candidate projects and developing a LRTP revenue forecast. HRTPO staff will receive the HRTAC 2045 Forecast as well as State and Federal sources to fiscally constrain the 2045 LRTP which will occur in 2020, and final approval of the 2045 LRTP will occur in 2021. Chair Shepperd recommend distributing the briefing to the board and asked members to submit questions to HRTPO staff for discussion at the March HRTPO Board meeting.

MAP 21/FAST Act Regional Performance Measures and Targets

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, stated the MAP 21/Fast Act requires MPOs to prepare and use a set of established performance measures. There are five safety measures that MPOs are required to establish targets and monitor progress for fatalities, fatality rate, serious injury, serious injury rate and bike/pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries. He noted States and MPOs must also set targets and monitor progress for each of these performance measures. HRTPO staff will work in cooperation with TTAC to produce these targets; the initial regional safety targets must be established by the MPO by February 27, 2018. The remaining initial targets in other areas (congestion, freight, transit, pavement, and bridge condition) will be due by mid-November 2018.

During the September TTAC meeting a Performance Measure Target Working group was established with 6-8 members from localities, transit providers, VDOT, and subject matter experts, i.e. the Port, and the Virginia Highway Safety Office. For target setting, he stated the MPO may adopt VDOT statewide targets, select unique MPO-specific targets, or use a combination of statewide and unique targets. He noted there are no penalties to MPOs for not meeting performance targets, however, it can be addressed during the quadrennial certification review to ensure adequate performance based planning. MPOs must include targets and report on progress in planning documents such as the LRTP and TIP. The working group recommended using the statewide annual reduction targets for serious injuries (-5%), serious injury rate (-8%), and bicycle/pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries (-4%). However, the working group could not reach consensus on whether to use the statewide target for fatalities (-2%) or a rate based on Vision Zero (-3.6%), which would reduce the number of fatalities by a set amount each year to reach zero fatalities by 2045.

Mr. Nichols provided HRTPO Board members with details for the State and Vision Zero Fatality Targets, and explained the safety targets are evaluated on an annual basis. He stated that the TTAC recommended using the new Vision Zero Rate.

This item was included in the meeting agenda for approval under Item #17-W.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment Period

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Citizen, expressed concern regarding the lack of communication between Portsmouth City Council, its staff, and the public.

A transcription of the public comments made orally during HRTPO Board meetings 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 Shepperd reported there were no submitted public comments in the Agenda packet.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

Approval of Consent Items

- A. Minutes
- B. HRTPO Financial Report
- C. FY 2018 Budget Amendment
- D. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 15828
Elbow Road Extended in Virginia Beach
- E. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: 11 Projects – Suffolk Transit
- F. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 100608
Newport News Intelligent Transportation System Upgrades
- G. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 108984
Speights Spillway Bridge Replacement in Suffolk
- H. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 100604
Bridge Road/Bennetts Pasture Road Intersection Improvements in Suffolk
- I. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 83254
Mariner's Museum Multi-Purpose Trail in Newport News
- J. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 77428
Warwick Boulevard Widening in Newport News
- K. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 82961
Monticello Avenue Intersection Improvements at Ironbound Road in James City County

- L. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 88879
Phase 3a/Phase C502 – Lee Hall Depot Rehabilitation in Newport News
- M. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 105456
Ferry Boat Pocahontas Engines and Drive Systems Replacement
- N. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 106693
I-64/I-264 Interchange Phase III (PE Only) in Norfolk
- O. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 110321
I-64 Express Lanes – Segment I in Norfolk
- P. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 110577
HRCS Preferred Alternative Refinement
- Q. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 110634
Nansemond Parkway/Wilroy Road Overpass Over Commonwealth Railway in Suffolk
- R. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 111427
Bowers Hill Interchange (PE Only) in Chesapeake
- S. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 111711
Laskin Road Phase 1-A in Virginia Beach
- T. FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: UPC 112053
Expanded Marine Highway Barge Service
- U. FY 2018-2021 TIP Revision – Request to Transfer CMAQ and RSTP Funding: HRT
- V. Authorizing Resolutions for FY 2019 Federal and State Grant Applications
- W. MAP 21/FAST Act Regional Performance Measures and Targets
- X. HRTPO Public Participation Plan: Final Report
- Y. HRTPO CTAC Bylaws Amendment
- Z. 2018 Schedule for the Hampton Roads Regional Meetings: HRPDC/HRTPO/HRTAC/HRMFFA
- AA. Updated HRTPO Guidance on SMART SCALE

Mr. Harrell Moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mayor Price. The Motion Carried.

HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Shepperd outlined the HRTPO Board three-month tentative schedule in the Agenda Packet, noting the Board will not meet in April.

Minutes of HRTPO Advisory Committee Meetings

Chair Shepperd noted there were summary minutes from the HRTPO Advisory Committee meetings included in the Agenda packet.

For Your Information

Chair Shepperd highlighted the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Old/New Business

There was no old or news business presented to the board.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director/Secretary