

ITEM #18: MINUTES OF HRTPO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A. HRTPO/HRPDC JOINT LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The summary minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting of the HRTPO/HRPDC Joint Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee are attached.

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B. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The summary minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee are attached.

Attachment 18-B

C. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The summary minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee are attached.

Attachment 18-C

Summary Minutes
Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee
Meeting of December 18, 2014

Mayor Linda Johnson called the meeting of the Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Regional Building Board Room with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members in Attendance:

Linda T. Johnson, Chair (SU)
Delegate David Yancey (GA)*
Robert Matthias (VB Legislative Liaison)
Jerri Wilson (NN Legislative Liaison)

HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members Absent:

McKinley Price (NN)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)

HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members in Attendance:

Kenneth Wright, Chair (PO)
Ella P. Ward (CH)
Bryan Pennington (NO)
Sherri Neil (PO)

HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members Absent:

Mary Anne Saunders (CH)
Robert Dyer (VB)
Clyde Haulman (WM)

HRTPO/HRPDC Staff:

Camelia Ravanbakht	Greg Grootendorst
Randy Keaton	Julia Hillegass
Shernita Bethea	Whitney Katchmark
Jennifer Coleman	Mike Kimbrel
Kathlene Grauberger	John Sadler

Other Participants:

Peter Huber (Willcox & Savage)

* Late Arrival or Early Departure

Others Recorded Attending:

Anna D'Antonio (CH); Rob Catron (SU); Angela Bezik (HRT/VB/Williams Mullen); Jeff Keever (Keever Consulting); Laura Bateman (Bateman Consulting/HA); Joe Dillard, Jr., Brian Smith (HRT); Jonathan Nye (HRPTA); Melton Boyer, Mike Long, John Mihaly, Chris Vaigneur (HRTPO/HRPDC)

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Linda Johnson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Dr. Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes from the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Meeting of September 11, 2014

Mayor Johnson asked for corrections or amendments to the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Jerri Wilson Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Robert Matthias. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes from the HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Meeting of October 10, 2014

Mayor Johnson asked for corrections or amendments to the minutes of the October 10, 2014 meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Sherri Neil Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mayor Wright. The Motion Carried.

Research on Potential Funding Sources for Public Transportation

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, reported that the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee, at its September 11th meeting, requested staff research transit funding sources. He stated there are endless options; however, many potential revenue sources are outlined by the American Public Transportation Association. The most common sources of dedicated local revenue for public transportation throughout the United States are:

- Sales Taxes – 78.4%
- Property Taxes – 9.4%
- Gasoline Taxes – 2.7%
- Other Taxes – 8.2%
- Income Taxes – 1.3%

He noted that every metropolitan area has its own set of taxes and funding strategies used for transit and many have created criteria by which these strategies are evaluated, including but not limited to:

- Potential revenue
- Predictability and sustainability
- Public Acceptance
- Ease of Implementation

He summarized the following four categories of transit funding strategies:

- Changes to the Existing Major Revenue Sources
- Stand Alone Taxes and Increases to Minor Existing Taxes
- Fees
- Other

Mr. Grootendorst requested the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee members review the complete handout of potential funding strategies and recommend specific strategies for further analysis by the HRTPO staff.

Mr. Matthias stated the General Assembly is required to approve certain funding sources and recommended this be added to the evaluation criteria. Dr. Ravanbakht replied affirmatively.

(Delegate Yancey arrives)

Development of Strategy for the 2015 General Assembly Session

Chair Johnson reported that in preparation for the 2015 General Assembly (GA) Session, the HRTPO Board adopted its 2015 Legislative Agenda in October 2014.

Discussion ensued regarding the following HRTPO priorities to bring forth to the Hampton Roads Caucus:

- HRTAC projects and prioritization
- Senator Frank Wagner's bill to update the 1984 Study of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC)
- Appointment of Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) members by Congressional Districts rather than by VDOT Construction Districts
- Present the "Business Case" for public transportation funding

Chair Wright led the discussion pertaining to the 2015 HRPDC Legislative Agenda including priorities to be brought forth to the Hampton Roads Caucus. The HRPDC staff emphasized the following priorities:

- Support of a Water Resources JLARC study exploring the management of state water resources
- Oppose the bill that would exempt religious groups from Stormwater fees – would cause multiple impacts to the localities.
- Overall Water Quality funding is a priority

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

There being no more business before the Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting
January 7, 2015**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Robert Gey (Chair, VB)	Britta Ayers (NN)	Brian Solis (VB)
Steve Froncillo (CH)	Tom Slaughter (Alternate, NN)	Reed Nester (WM)
Steve Lambert (CH)	Brian Stilley (NN)	Tim Cross (YK)
Earl Sorey (CH)	Robert Brown (NO)	Chris Arabia (DRPT)
Garrey Curry (GL)	Susan Wilson (PO)	Julie Timm (HRT)
Lynn Allsbrook (HA)	Kevin Wyne (PQ)	Dawn Odom (VDOT)
Keith Cannady (HA)	Sherry Earley (SU)	Stephen Rowan (VDOT)
John Yorks (HA)	Robert Goumas (SU)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Paul Holt (JC)	Scott Mills (SU)	Kevin Abt (VPA)
Jamie Oliver (IW)	Phil Pullen (VB)	Jamie Jackson (WATA)

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)	Jackie Kassel (NN)	Robert Lewis (SU)
Emily Gibson (GL)	Jeff Raliski (NO)	Daniel Clayton (WM)
Michael Stallings (IW)	James Wright (PO)	Steve Martin (WM)
Peter Stephenson (IW)	Ellen Roberts (PQ)	J. Mark Carter (YK)
Allen J. Murphy, Jr. (JC)	Debbie Vest (PQ)	Al Maddalena (YK)
Tammy Rosario (JC)		

TTAC Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)	Rhonda Murray (NAVY)
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TTAC Nonvoting Members Absent:

Tony Cho (FTA)

HRTPO Staff:

Sam Belfield	Jimmie McNamara	Camelia Ravanbakht
Rob Case	John Mihaly	Seth Schipinski
Kathlene Grauberger	Keith Nichols	Dale Stith
Theresa Jones	Joe Paulus	Chris Wichman
Mike Kimbrel		

Others Recorded Attending:

Frank Papcin (Citizen); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Unwanna Dabney (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Rick Correa (Michael Baker International); Keisha Branch, Sam Sink (HRT); Mack Frost (FHWA); Jasmine Amanin, Angela Biney, Karen Bourne, Tony Gibson, Carl Jackson, Darryll Lewis, Nathan Milaszewski, Matt Shaver (VDOT); Melton Boyer, Mike Long, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

Introductions

Mr. Eric Stringfield introduced VDOT's newest interns. Mr. Ivan Rucker introduced Mr. Mack Frost, FHWA Environmental Specialist for the Hampton Roads region. Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht introduced Mr. Jimmie McNamara as the new Outreach Planner with the HRTPO staff. Chair Robert Gey introduced Ms. Britta Ayers, the Manager of Comprehensive Planning for Newport News.

Public Comment Period

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the TTAC regarding the need for transportation safety for people walking under interstate underpasses.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments in the agenda packet.

Comments and Updates from State and Federal Agencies and the Military

Ms. Dawn Odom reported that on January 8th there will be an HB2 stakeholder webinar given at the VDOT District Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Ravanbakht noted that she was invited to participate on the webinar panel, which is originating from Richmond.

There were no comments from DRPT.

Mr. Ivan Rucker reported there would be a Transportation Performance Management webinar in the near future and indicated more information could be found on the FHWA website.

There were no comments from VPA.

There were no comments from the Navy.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Gey asked for additions or deletions to the TTAC Agenda. Mr. John Yorks Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Eric Stringfield. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes

Chair Gey reported that the TTAC summary minutes from the November 5, 2014 meeting were included in the January 7, 2015 TTAC Agenda Packet. Chair Gey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Mr. Garrey Curry requested the November minutes reflect his attendance. Mr. Yorks Moved to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Brian Solis. The Motion Carried.

FY 2015-2018 TPI Amendment: HRTAC Projects

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that in anticipation of the possible HRTAC approval of the projects and/or allocations, HRTPO staff, on behalf of the HRTAC is initiating the TIP amendment request. The affected projects are as follows:

- **I-64/I-264 Interchange Improvement (UPCs 17630 & 57048):**
 - UPC 17630 – Project includes extending a new collector-distributor (C-D) road (see UPC 57048 below) from the Newtown Road interchange to the Witchduck Road interchange, reconfiguring the Newtown Road interchange ramps south of I-264, reconfiguring the Witchduck Road interchange ramps south of I-264, and constructing an overpass between the two interchanges that will connect Greenwich Road on the south side of I-264 and Cleveland Street on the north side of I-264.
 - Update project cost in TIP as follows:
 - Preliminary Engineering (PE) Cost Estimate: \$11,802,810
 - Right of Way (RW) Cost Estimate: \$54,392,666
 - Allocations by the HRTAC:
 - FY 2015: \$19,825,428 Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF)
 - FY 2016: \$34,767,148 HRTF
 - These allocations, plus \$11,602,900 of non-HRTF previous allocations, will fund the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and right-of-way (RW) phases of the project.
 - UPC 57048 – Project includes adding a second exit lane on westbound I-64 and the widening of the ramp from westbound I-64 to eastbound I-264, introducing a new two-lane C-D road from I-64 to the Newtown Road interchange mostly on bridge structure, and a new two-lane flyover ramp from westbound I-64 tying into the existing eastbound I-264 C-D road.
 - Update project cost in TIP as follows:
 - PE Cost Estimate: \$8,547,700
 - RW Cost Estimate: \$11,571,063
 - Allocations by the HRTAC:
 - FY 2015: \$7,357,021 HRTF
 - FY 2016: \$7,714,042 HRTF
 - These allocations, plus \$5,047,700 of non-HRTF previous allocations, will fund the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and right-of-way (RW) phases of the project.
- **Hampton Roads Third Crossing – Environmental (UPC 106724):**

Project is to conduct a Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) on entire Third Crossing project, which includes the following segments:

 - I-664 Widening, from the I-64/264 interchange at Bowers Hill to the I-64 interchange near Hampton Coliseum, including the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel.
 - Patriots Crossing, from I-664 near the southern end of the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel to the I-564 Intermodal Connector.

- Craney Island Connector, from Patriots Crossing to Route 164 (Western Freeway).
 - Add entire project to TIP, including the following information:
 - PE Cost Estimate: \$5,000,000
 - Allocations by the HRTAC:
 - FY 2015: \$5,000,000 HRTF
 - This allocation will fund the SEIS work.
- **I-64 Southside Widening, including High Rise Bridge (UPC 106692):**

Project is to widen I-64 from I-464 to I-264/I-664 at Bowers Hill and replace the existing High Rise Bridge. The PE work will include survey and project plan development.

 - Add new project to TIP, including the following information:
 - PE Cost Estimate: \$20,000,000
 - Allocations by the HRTAC:
 - FY 2015: \$6,666,668 HRTF
 - FY 2016: \$13,333,332 HRTF
 - These allocations will fund the PE phase of the project.

This TIP amendment request has been made available for public review and comment. The public review period began on December 23, 2014 and runs through January 7, 2015.

Mr. Earl Sorey Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the TIP amendment; seconded by Mr. Phil Pullen. The Motion Carried.

FY 2016 UPWP Planning Priorities: Draft

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, reported that the HRTPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning work and associated funding for the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). In addition to detailing the work associated with HRTPO core functions – the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Congestion Management Process (CMP), and Public Participation – federal regulations state that the UPWP shall include a discussion of the planning priorities facing the MPA. It is in the determination of these planning priorities that the HRTPO Board ensures its vision and goals are carried forward in the UPWP.

She indicated the draft FY 2016 UPWP Planning Priorities are as follows:

- Transportation Programming
- Strengthening Multimodal Planning
- Congestion Relief, Safety, and Security
- Public Transportation Funding
- Transportation Legislation and Policy

She noted the draft planning priorities for the FY 2016 UPWP are not only being presented to TTAC this month, but also the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC).

Revised Final FY 2015-2020 Six Year Improvement Program

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that during the October 2014 TTAC meeting, HRTPO staff reported that an August 2014 update on the Commonwealth's revenue collections and future expectations necessitated revisions to the FY 2015-2020 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) to account for a reduction in revenues available for construction. Staff further reported that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) was also adjusting the SYIP to transition to a new statewide project prioritization process established by the codification of House Bill 2 (HB2).

He indicated the Revised Final FY 2015-2020 SYIP was approved by the CTB on November 12, 2014. He summarized changes in the final revised SYIP by the following Systems:

- Interstate
- Primary
- Secondary
- Urban
- Other

Finally, Mr. Kimbrel outlined the six year projections for the DRPT SYIP.

2040 LRTP – Draft Project Prioritization Scores

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported that HRTPO staff has evaluated the 2040 LRTP Candidate Projects using the Project Prioritization Tool, which prioritizes projects based on technical merits and regional benefits. The prioritization methodology examines transportation projects based on three components: Project Utility, Economic Vitality, and Project Viability. She indicated that draft prioritization scores have been presented to the LRTP Subcommittee and their feedback has been addressed and/or incorporated into the Prioritization Tool.

Ms. Stith stated there are approximately 190 candidate projects. She noted that:

- Committed projects were not evaluated since funds are already committed to these projects
- Active Transportation projects are only evaluated for Project Utility and Project Viability (No Economic Vitality component)

She indicated that HRTPO staff is also in the process of presenting draft scores to the HRTPO Advisory Committees and preparing a public outreach campaign.

Next steps include:

November 2014	Draft Economic Vitality Scores presented to LRTP Subcommittee
December 2014	Draft Project Utility and Project Viability Scores presented to LRTP Subcommittee
	Draft Project Prioritization Scores presented to FTAC

January 2015	Present Draft Project Prioritization Scores to TTAC, CTAC, and PABAC
March 2015	Present Draft Project Prioritization Scores to the HRTPO Board, incorporating comments from advisory committees
April 2015	Final approval of 2040 LRTP Project Prioritization Scores

She stated that in parallel to the above presentations of Draft Project Prioritization Scores, the HRTPO staff will be engaging in public outreach to enhance the prioritization process.

Mr. Brian Solis requested additional time to vet the city's projects. Ms. Stith replied she would work individually with those localities that required more time.

2034 LRTP Update

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported that at its September 18, 2014 meeting, the HRTPO Board approved amending the 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to account for the HRTPO Board action of October 17, 2013, in which the Board adopted Resolution 2013-09 which "*supports...the candidate projects to be funded in whole or in part,*" with Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) revenues. The amendment approval was subject to addressing recommendations from FHWA, including:

- update the regional model reflecting the projects
- additional public involvement
- clarification on which projects will include tolls
- update to cost estimates
- additional clarification of year of expenditure assumptions
- impact to the region of the non-compete clause
- interim update to the 2034 lasting no more than 6 months

Ms. Stith summarized how HRTPO staff is addressing each of FHWA's recommendations and stated that staff is continuing its efforts to:

- Complete evaluation of model results
- Update project cost estimates and year-of-expenditure assumptions with VDOT's assistance
- Present a status report to the HRTPO Board in March 2015

Mr. Rucker expressed FHWA's concern that the 2034 LRTP is currently not financially constrained. He noted that on October 17, 2013, staff briefed the HRTPO Board on the guiding principles for developing HRTF Candidate projects. At that time, staff indicated that revenues of approximately \$5 billion would be generated for the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF0. However, since that time, Mr. Rucker stated that projected revenues of \$8 billion were provided to the public, yet VDOT's figures still align with the \$5 billion. He requested that TTAC advise the HRTPO Board regarding FHWA's concern that the 2034 is not fiscally constrained.

After further discussion, the matter was referred to the LRTP Subcommittee.

Analyzing and Mitigating the Impact of Tolls at the Midtown and Downtown Tunnels: Part I

Mr. Sam Belfield, HRTPO Senior Transportation Engineer, reported that on December 5, 2011, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) signed a comprehensive agreement with Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC) for construction of an additional two-lane tube at the Midtown Tunnel (MTT), rehabilitation of the Downtown Tunnel (DTT), and extension of the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Freeway to I-264 – including the tolling of the MTT, DTT, and MLK Freeway extension. He indicated that tolling began at the DTT and MTT on February 1, 2014 and in FY 2013, HRTPO staff began a multi-year study comparing the “before” and “after” traffic conditions to discover the impact of tolling.

Mr. Belfield stated that HRTPO staff performed one to four vehicle travel runs along the study roadways during AM and PM rush hours “before” and “after” toll implementation with the primary goal of capturing the recurring traffic congestion experienced by commuters every day.

He presented a video illustrating two of the vehicles runs, demonstrating that:

- Traffic queues improved at the tolled tunnels and their approaches but did not go away
- Traffic queues worsened at other crossings and their approaches

He commented that transit ridership remained relatively constant after tolling began and increase after service improvements were completed in July 2014.. He noted that Part II of the study will be presented in February, along with the publication of the draft report.

Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study (VBTES) Update: HRT

Ms. Julie Timm of HRT stated the goals of the Virginia Beach Transit Extension project are to:

- Provide additional mobility opportunities in the east-west corridor
- Expand multi-modal transportation system that supports local land use plans and initiatives (Strategic Growth Areas)
- Develop transportation infrastructure that supports the regional tourism industry

She outlined the four alignment alternatives, along with the technology alternatives of light rail and bus rapid transit. She also outlined the estimated capital and operating costs.

She indicated there will be a 45-day public comment period with four public hearings beginning in March. Next steps will include:

- City to select locally preferred alternative
- HRT to request an amendment to the TIP and inclusion of project in fiscally constrained LRTP to reflect Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) decision
- VBTES Preliminary Engineering (PE)/Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) expected to begin this Summer

Naval Station Norfolk Transit Extension Study Update: HRT

Ms. Julie Timm of HRT reported that Naval Station Norfolk is Hampton Roads' largest employer with approximately 60-70,000 employees. She indicated the Naval Station Norfolk Transit Extension Study will include defining the "Purpose and Need" and "Reasonable and Alternatives" for detailed analysis in a future Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

She noted that so far, the public has provided input for the Purpose and Need and identified key connection points and potential corridors.

Next steps include:

- Corridor Planning – Phase 3
- Environmental Impact Study and Early Design
- Project Final Design and Construction

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Gey noted the items in the Correspondence of Interest section of the Agenda packet.

Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Gey outlined the Three-Month Tentative Schedule for TTAC.

For Your Information

Chair Gey summarized the items in the For Your Information in the section of the agenda packet.

Mr. Kimbrel highlighted the new CMAQ time limits revised by the Virginia Appropriations Act

Announcements

Mr. Kimbrel indicated that HRTPO staff planned to cancel the January 23, 2015 TPS meeting as there are currently no items to discuss.

Old/New Business

There was no new or old business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting February 4, 2015

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Robert Gey (Chair, VB)	Tammy Rosario (JC)	Phil Pullen (VB)
Steve Froncillo (CH)	Britta Ayers (NN)	Brian Solis (VB)
Steve Lambert (CH)	Jackie Kassel (NN)	Reed Nester (WM)
Earl Sorey (CH)	Bryan Stilley (NN)	Tim Cross (YK)
Garrey Curry (GL)	Jeff Raliski (NO)	Chris Arabia (DRPT)
Lynn Allsbrook (HA)	Susan Wilson (PO)	Julie Timm (HRT)
Keith Cannady (HA)	James Wright (PO)	Dawn Odom (VDOT)
John Yorks (HA)	Sherry Earley (SU)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Jamie Oliver (IW)	Robert Lewis (SU)	Jeff Florin (VPA)
Michael Stallings (IW)	Scott Mills (SU)	Jamie Jackson (WATA)
Paul Holt (JC)		

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)	Ellen Roberts (PQ)	Steve Martin (WM)
Emily Gibson (GL)	Debbie Vest (PQ)	J. Mark Carter (YK)
Peter Stephenson (IW)	Kevin Wyne (PQ)	Al Maddalena (YK)
Allen J. Murphy, Jr. (JC)	Daniel Clayton (WM)	Stephen Rowan (VDOT)
Robert Brown (NO)		

TTAC Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

Rhonda Murray (NAVY)

TTAC Nonvoting Members Absent:

Tony Cho (FTA) Ivan Rucker (FHWA)

HRTPO Staff:

Sam Belfield	Jimmie McNamara	Camelia Ravanbakht
Rob Case	John Mihaly	Seth Schipinski
Kathlene Grauberger	Kendall Miller	Dale Stith
Theresa Jones	Keith Nichols	Chris Wichman

Others Recorded Attending:

Robert Brown, Frank Papcin, Donna Sayegh (Citizens); Joe Howell (NO); Toni Alger, Mark Shea (VB); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Philip Rinehart (HNTB); Rich Clifton (American Infrastructure); Sachin Katkar (RK&K); Ray Amoruso, Keisha Branch, Joe Dillard, Jr., Sam Sink (HRT); Angela Biney, Shelley Bogue, Ray Hunt, Carl Jackson, Darryll Lewis, Jay Neider, Jim Ponticello, Matt Shaver, Christopher Voigt (VDOT); Mike Long, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

Introductions

Mr. Jeff Florin introduced himself as the newest TTAC member representing the Virginia Port Authority, replacing Mr. Kevin Abt, who recently retired.

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht announced that HRTPO Transportation Planner Chris Wichman would be relocating to Richmond at the end of the month. She expressed her appreciation for his contributions to the HRTPO.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Citizen, stated this was her first TTAC meeting and noted that she plans to become more involved. She indicated she is for limited government.

Mr. Robert Brown, Chesapeake Citizen, addressed the TTAC regarding the Third Crossing.

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the TTAC regarding transportation priorities.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments in the agenda packet.

Comments and Updates from State and Federal Agencies and the Military

Ms. Dawn Odom reported that VDOT will be hosting a local transportation workshop on March 26, 2015 at a yet-to-be-determined location in Hampton. Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht indicated that HRTPO staff will transmit the VDOT announcement to all TTAC members when available.

Mr. Chris Arabia reported that DRPT is currently reviewing Transit and Demand Management applications. He provided the website address (www.dc2rvarail.com) for the Washington D.C./Richmond High Speed Rail Corridor.

There were no comments from FHWA.

Mr. Jeff Florin announced the retirement of Mr. Kevin Abt from the Virginia Port Authority and stated the Port received a State grant to study channel deepening. He noted that this study is underway.

There were no comments from the Navy.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Gey asked for additions or deletions to the TTAC Agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Lynn Allsbrook Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Phil Pullen. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes

Chair Gey reported that the TTAC summary minutes from the January 7, 2015 meeting were included in the February 4, 2015 TTAC Agenda Packet. Chair Gey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Tim Cross Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Allsbrook. The Motion Carried.

FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: HRT

Ms. Keisha Branch reported that HRT is requesting to amend the Hampton Roads FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the funding information for fourteen projects and add five new projects.

The TIP amendment has been made available for public review and comment. The public review period began on January 28, 2015 and runs through February 11, 2015.

Mr. Brian Solis Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the TIP Amendment; seconded by Mr. Earl Sorey. The Motion Carried.

FY 2015-2018 TIP – CMAQ & RSTP TRANSFER REQUEST: WATA & HRT

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht reported that the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) and Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) are requesting to transfer Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds between several projects in order to make use of available FY 2012 CMAQ funds returned from the HRTPO High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail project (UPC 102728), which funded a series of studies related to high-speed and intercity passenger rail. WATA has requested additional funds for its Administration and Operations Facility project (UPC T11932). Because the project is an RSTP project and has not been through the CMAQ project selection process, WATA coordinated with Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) on the possibility of exchanging the available CMAQ funds for an equivalent amount in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds.

The Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) discussed this request during its meeting on January 23, 2015 and has recommended approval of the CMAQ and RSTP funding transfers as documented in the WATA request letter.

This request has been made available for public review and comment. The public review period began on January 28, 2015 and runs through February 11, 2015.

Mr. Jeff Florin Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the fund transfers and associated TIP Amendment; seconded by Mr. Solis. The Motion Carried.

HRTPO CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process 2014 Report

Mr. John Mihaly, HRTPO Transportation Analyst, reported that the HRTPO, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Hampton Roads area, is responsible for project selection and allocation of funds under two federal funding programs – the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). The process used by the HRTPO to select projects to receive funds from these two programs is referred to as the CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process. The project selection process is conducted annually, normally beginning in July and running through December.

He stated that the completed report summarizes the work of selecting CMAQ and RSTP projects during the 2014 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process. He noted that the CMAQ and RSTP projects and allocations were approved by the HRTPO Board on November 20, 2014.

Mr. Phil Pullen Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the *HRTPO CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process 2014 Report*; seconded by Mr. Bryan Stilley. The Motion Carried.

HB2 Statewide Transportation Prioritization Process

Mr. John Mihaly, HRTPO Transportation Analyst, reported that House Bill 2 (HB2), signed into law in 2014, directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and use a prioritization process to select transportation projects. The legislation is intended to improve the transparency and accountability of project selection, as well as improve stability in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). The process is to score projects based on an objective analysis and provide guidance to the CTB for project selection and funding.

He stated that at this stage of development, the Secretary's Office has requested input on the following:

- Project Submission
- Funding
- Measures to be used in the evaluation of each of the following criteria (the legislation requires that the statewide prioritization process be based on an objective, quantifiable analysis that considers, at a minimum, the following factors relative to the cost of the project or strategy):
 - Safety
 - Congestion Mitigation
 - Accessibility
 - Environmental Quality
 - Economic Development
 - Land Use & Transportation Coordination
- Weighting of the criteria listed above for different area types
- Other issues

He indicated that a Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) meeting was held on January 23, 2015 for the purpose of compiling a set of HRTPO recommendations regarding the HB2 prioritization process to be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation.

He outlined the draft set of recommendations produced by the TPS and noted that these recommendations will be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation.

Chair Gey commented that it is the function of the HRTPO Board to transmit any HB2 recommendations to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation; however, the February HRTPO Board meeting was cancelled due to the HRPDC Annual Retreat, and input must be received by February 28, 2015. Therefore, the TTAC is responsible for approving and submitting the HB2 recommendations. Dr. Ravanbakht requested that TTAC members inform their HRTPO Board members of the submittal of recommendations.

After a lengthy discussion and revision of several recommendations, Mr. Sorey Moved to approve the amended recommendations for submission to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation; seconded by Ms. Julie Timm. The Motion Carried.

Urban Development Areas (UDAs) Update

Mr. Seth Schipinski, HRTPO Transportation Engineer, reported that in 2007, UDAs were authorized by the General Assembly as a requirement for certain high growth localities to designate areas “sufficient to meet projected residential and commercial growth in the locality for an ensuing period of at least 10 but not more than 20 years”. In 2012, however, UDAs were defined more broadly and made optional.

Mr. Schipinski indicated that currently, Hampton Roads has five UDAs in the localities of Gloucester, Isle of Wight County, and Virginia Beach. He noted that HB2 requires that candidate projects for the statewide prioritization process be screened “to determine whether they are consistent with...improvements to promote urban development areas”.

He stated that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) recently announced a grant program that will offer professional planning consultant assistance to local governments and regional entities interested in designating or updating at least one UDA to serve as an HB2 screening criterion.

Analyzing and Mitigating the Impact of Tolls at the Midtown and Downtown Tunnels: Part II

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Senior Transportation Engineer, reported that on December 5, 2011, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) signed a comprehensive agreement with Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC) for construction of an additional two-lane tube at the Midtown Tunnel (MTT), rehabilitation of the Downtown Tunnel (DTT), and extension of the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Freeway to I-264 – including the tolling of the MTT, DTT, and MLK Freeway extension. Tolling began at the DTT and MTT on February 1, 2014. In FY 2013, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) staff began a multi-year study comparing the “before” and “after” traffic conditions to discover the impact of tolling.

Mr. Nichols stated that Part I of this study, presented at the January TTAC and HRTPO Board meetings, included an analysis of traffic queues and queue clearance times during peak hours along the Midtown and Downtown Tunnel approaches and alternate routes “before” and “after” toll implementation using photos and videos collected by HRTPO staff. It also included an analysis of HRT bus and ferry ridership for selected routes “before” and “after” toll implementation.

He indicated Part II of the study included “before” and “after” traffic volume analysis of:

- Weekday Volumes
- Peak vs. Off Peak Volumes
- Weekend Volumes
- Truck Volumes

He noted that Part III of the study is scheduled for the March TTAC meeting and will include a “before” and “after” analysis of INRIX segment travel time/speed data as well as study recommendations. In addition, the draft report will be available for review in March 2015.

Connect Hampton Roads – Six Pillars: HRT

Mr. Ray Amoruso, HRT Chief Planning and Development Officer, reported that Connect Hampton Roads, an initiative by Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), is an effort to shape a new plan to support economic prosperity for the communities across Hampton Roads by improving regional mobility.

After summarizing the initiative’s six goals, he provided the Six Pillars to improving regional mobility as follows:

- Enhance Bus Networks and Transit Hubs
- High-Capacity Transit Network (Fixed Guideway Investments)
- Park-and-Rides
- Transit/Passenger Facilities and Amenities
- Active Transportation – Complementary transportation investments integrating modes of travel
- Transit Service Facilities, Rolling Stock, Security, Information Technology

Mr. Amoruso concluded by outlining the next steps through the Summer of 2015.

U.S. Route 460 Recommended Preferred Alternative: VDOT

Mr. Jay Neider, VDOT Hampton Roads District Megaprojects Director, reported that on January 12, 2015, it was announced that VDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers identified a recommended Preferred Alternative to improve the U.S. 460 corridor in southeastern Virginia, noting that this alternative appears to be the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) for the project.

Mr. Neider outlined the project's Purpose and Need as such:

- Roadway Classification – address roadway deficiencies
- Safety
- Mobility & Evacuation
- Accommodate Freight Traffic

He indicated that the original preferred alternatives were not affordable, and even if funds were available, the wetland impacts of the complete Building Alternatives were too great.

He noted that the recommended Preferred Alternative would improve 17 miles of U.S. 460 from Suffolk to west of Zuni. A new four-lane divided highway would be built from the U.S. 460/58 interchange in Suffolk to west of Windsor. From west of Windsor to west of Zuni, the existing U.S. 460 would be upgraded to a four-lane divided highway and include a new bridge across the Blackwater River to eliminate long standing flooding problems.

FY 2015-2018 TIP: Quarterly Snapshot

Mr. Chris Wichman, HRTPO Transportation Planner, reported that the HRTPO FY 2015-2018 TIP was approved by the FHWA and the FTA and became effective on October 1, 2014. He stated the October – December 2014 data becomes the baseline for future quarterly snapshots.

He indicated that eight CMAQ and RSTP projects showed no expenditures during the past two quarters, including:

- 3 completed/cancelled projects awaiting financial close
- 2 active projects with delayed or unknown status
- 3 newly active projects awaiting first expenditure

He noted that 12 previously flagged CMAQ/RSTP projects not included in the FY 2015-2018 TIP will be suggested to VDOT for financial closeout.

Next steps include:

- Coordinate with CMAQ and RSTP project sponsors to determine reasons for stalled projects
- Continue working with VDOT on improving data exchange and financial closeouts

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Gey noted the items in the Correspondence of Interest section of the Agenda packet.

Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Gey outlined the Three-Month Tentative Schedule for TTAC.

For Your Information

Chair Gey summarized the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Announcements

Chair Gey announced that the LRTP Subcommittee will meet directly after TTAC in Conference Room D.

Old/New Business

There was no new or old business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.