

## **ITEM #9: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS [*Action Requested*]**

### **A. Minutes**

Minutes from the February 20, 2020 HRTPO Board meeting are attached.

Attachment 9-A

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the minutes.

### **B. HRTPO Financial Statement**

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the activities of January 2020 is attached. This statement reflects the financial status of the HRTPO as a whole.

Attachment 9-B

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Accept the HRTPO Financial Statement.

### **C. HRTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Final**

HRTPO staff presented the draft *HRTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* during the TTAC meeting on February 5, 2020 and the document underwent public review from February 3, 2020 through March 3, 2020. No public comments were received.

Following approval by the HRTPO Board, the TIP will be submitted for approval by the Governor – after which it will be included in the Statewide TIP (STIP) which will then be submitted for approval by FHWA and FTA. The HRTPO FY 2021-2024 TIP and associated STIP are scheduled to go into effect on October 1, 2020.

The *HRTPO FY 2021-2024 TIP* is available on the HRTPO website at: [https://www.hrtpotip.org/page/\\*\\*new-transportation-improvement-program-\(tip\)-fy2021-2024\\*\\*/](https://www.hrtpotip.org/page/**new-transportation-improvement-program-(tip)-fy2021-2024**/)

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the *HRTPO FY 2021-2024 TIP*.

**Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)  
Board Summary Minutes of February 20, 2020**

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:**

John Rowe, Jr. (Chair, PO)	Kenneth Alexander (NO)*
Donnie Tuck (Vice Chair, HA)	William Gillette (SH)
Rick West (CH)*	Robert Dyer (VB)
Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)	Thomas Shepperd (YK)
Barry Cheatham (FR)	William Harrell (HRT)
Phillip Bazzani (GL)*	Christopher Hall (VDOT)
Michael Hipple (JC)	Zach Trogdon (WATA)
McKinley Price (NN)	Jennifer DeBruhl (DRPT)

**HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:**

Chris Price (CH)	Michael Johnson (SH)
Amanda Jarrett (FR)	Tom Leahy (VB)
J. Brent Fedors (GL)	Andrew Trivette (WM)
Randy Keaton (IW)	Neil Morgan (YK)
Scott Stevens (JC)	Terry Danaher (CTAC)
Cynthia Rohlf (NN)	Shep Miller (CTB)*
Chip Filer (NO)*	
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)	

**Invited Participants:**

Captain Michael Moore (Navy)  
Col Ed Vedder (Langley-Eustis)

**HRTPO Executive Director:**

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

**Other Participants:**

David Jenkins (NN)  
Bob Baldwin (PO)  
Barb Nelson (VPA)

**HRTPO Voting Members Absent:**

William McCarty (IW)	Paul Freiling (WM)
Eugene Hunt (PQ)	Senator John Cosgrove (GA)
Linda Johnson (SU)	Senator Mamie Locke (GA)

**HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:**

Mary Bunting (HA)  
Lydia Pettis-Patton (PO)  
Patrick Roberts (SU)  
John Malbon (CTB)  
Ivan Rucker (FHWA)

Jeffrey Breeden (FTA)  
Terry Garcia Crews (FTA)  
Robert Bowen (NAA)  
Michael Giardino (PAA)  
Mark Flynn (VDA)

**HRTPO Staff:**

Mike Kimbrel  
Sam Belfield  
Natalie Brown  
Rob Case  
Rob Cofield  
Kathlene Grauberger

Sharon Lawrence  
John Mihaly  
Kendall Miller  
Keith Nichols  
Jeff Raliski  
Dale Stith

\*Denotes late arrival or early departure

**Others Recorded Attending:**

Joe Howell (US Navy); Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Amy Inman, Andria McClellan (NO); Angela Hopkins, Bridjette Parker, Angela Rico, Bryan Stilley (NN); Cole Fisher, Tara Reel (VB); Todd Halacy, Eric Stringfield (VDOT); Sheila Noll (YK); Chad Lohaie (VHB); Lui Zukosky (RK&K); Jimmy LaRoue (Suffolk News-Herald); Doug Wilson (ERC); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); David Wickersham (Congresswoman Luria); Mark Geduldig-Yatrowsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.Org); Keith Cannady, Kelli Arledge, Cynthia Mulkey, Andrew Margason, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur, Sheila Wilson (HRPDC Staff)

**Approval of Agenda**

Chair John Rowe asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, requested to defer Agenda Item 6-A: FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment – UPC 109314: Nike Park Road Extension in Isle of Wight County to the March 19, 2020 Board meeting. He also requested to add HRTPO Resolution 2020-03 – Transportation Conformity to the Agenda before Item 8. Mayor Donnie Tuck Moved to approve the agenda with the requested deletion and addition of the noted agenda items; seconded by Mr. Barry Cheatham. The Motion Carried.

**Executive Director Report**

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

- Working with the region’s Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), HRTPO staff has secured a meeting room at Christopher Newport University (CNU) to convene two HRTPO/HRPDC Board meetings a year. Mr. Crum stated that the May and October Board meetings will be held at CNU this year.

## **Public Comment Period**

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, expressed his concern regarding the Omnibus Transportation Bill (HB1414/SB890) currently in the Virginia General Assembly 2020 Session, noting the broad range of issues addressed in the bill may make it difficult for many people to understand the legislation.

*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 Rowe reported there were no submitted public comments in the Agenda packet.

## **Transcribed Public Comments from Previous HRTPO Meeting**

Chair Rowe reported there were no public comments in the Agenda packet.

## **Workshop Agenda**

## **Commonwealth Transportation Board Member (CTB) Comments and Updates**

Mr. Sheppard Miller, CTB member, reported that at the last CTB meeting, members received briefings on the following:

- A legislative update regarding bills currently in the Virginia General Assembly 2020 Session.
- An update pertaining to the loss of the seabird nesting site at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.
- A State of Good Repair (SGR) update indicating the region will stay at the top of the program's max allocation for this year, and in FY 2025-2026, the State has received a waiver to go beyond the max allocation; however, all of those funds will go towards the South Trestles at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.

## **Virginia Department of Transportation**

Mr. Christopher Hall, VDOT Hampton Roads District Engineer, introduced Mr. Todd Halacy, the District's new Planning and Investment Manager. He then provided a brief update on the Regional Priority Projects stating that with regard to Segment III of the I-64 Peninsula Widening Project, work is almost complete on the Queens Creek Bridge and westbound traffic on I-64 should shift in April 2020. Pile cap construction is continuing in the river for the I-64 Southside Widening, including the High-Rise Bridge project, with bridge girder placement expected in March. Median work has begun on the I-64/I-264 Interchange Improvements Phase II project for preparation of the flyover over I-264 near Witchduck Road.

*Mayor Kenneth Alexander arrives*

## **Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation**

Ms. Jennifer DeBruhl, DRPT Chief of Public Transportation, reported that DRPT is currently evaluating over 400 project requests using its prioritization methodology during its annual allocation process. She stated in December 2019, a major announcement was published regarding the \$3.7 billion Transforming Rail in Virginia Program and an agreement with CSX that includes improvements to the Long Bridge, other track improvements, and the acquisition of 350 miles of rail right-of-way and track which will allow six round trips to Hampton Roads by 2026. She noted that DRPT is still seeking federal and local funds, including INFRA funds, to fill funding gaps for this project. She suggested a representative from DRPT brief the HRTPO Board in the near future regarding the Long Bridge and the Transforming Rail project. Chair Rowe recommended that a DRPT representative brief the HRTPO Board at its next meeting on March 19, 2020.

## **Virginia Port Authority Update**

Ms. Barbara Nelson, VPA Vice-President of Government Affairs/Transportation Policy, had no comments.

## **HRT and WATA Updates**

Mr. William Harrell, HRT President and CEO, reported that HRT is focused on improving multi-modal options in the region, enhancing the core bus network with 15-minute service, and expanding high-capacity transit, such as BRT and the LRT. He stated that HRT hosted an open house in the JANAF area of Norfolk recently with over 60 stakeholders to offer comments on the Naval Station Norfolk Transit Project Corridor and noted that another open house would occur that evening in the Ocean View area of Norfolk.

*Mr. Chip Filer arrives*

Mr. Zach Trogdon, WATA Executive Director, reported that WATA is following the transit legislation currently in the Virginia General Assembly.

## **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update**

Ms. Terry Danaher, CAC Chair, reported that the majority of CAC members support public transit and she stated that it is the Committee's hope that the transit funding legislation moves forward. Ms. Danaher requested that CAC's new bylaws be included on the March 19, 2020 HRTPO agenda for Board approval.

## **Military Liaisons Comments and Updates**

Captain Michael Moore, U.S. Navy, expressed his appreciation for the region's support during the Navy's Force Protection Exercise that occurred over the past several weeks. He stated that it has been his pleasure to serve on the HRTPO Board as this was his last meeting. He noted that Captain Brad Rosen will be attending the TPO Board meetings.

Colonel Ed Vedder, Joint Langley-Eustis, stated that U.S. Vice-President Mike Pence visited Langley Air Force Base yesterday. He noted that AirPower Over Hampton Roads, due to take place on May 16-17, 2020, has been cancelled due to various reasons; however, the air show will return within two years.

*Mr. Phillip Bazzani arrives*

There was no representative in attendance from the U.S. Coast Guard.

### **Airport Representatives Update**

There was no representative in attendance from the Norfolk Airport Authority.

There was no representative in attendance from the Peninsula Airport Commission.

### **FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment: Safety and Transit Performance Measures Update**

Mr. Kimbrel noted that a key feature of MAP-21 (and continued under the FAST Act) is the establishment of national performance goals in the areas of safety, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and reduced project delivery delays. This legislation also requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to prepare and set targets for the following federally-established performance measures:

- Roadway Safety
- Pavement Condition
- Bridge Condition
- Roadway Performance
- Freight Movement
- Transit Asset Management and Safety
- On-road mobile source emissions and traffic congestion for CMAQ Program

MPOs must approve calendar year 2020 regional performance targets in the areas of roadway safety and transit asset management.

Mr. Thomas Shepperd Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the proposed TIP Amendment; seconded by Mr. Michael Hipple. The Motion Carried

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Crum reported that the Consent Agenda, as listed in the Agenda Packet, is as follows:

- A. Minutes
- B. HRTPO Financial Statement
- C. FY 2021-2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Projects and Allocations
- D. Authorizing Resolutions for FY 2021 Federal and State Grant Applications

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

### **HRTPO Resolution 2020-03 – Transportation Conformity**

Mr. Michael Kimbrel, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, reported that due to the development of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in order to comply with federal air quality regulations, HRTPO staff has recommended the HRTPO Board approve HRTPO Resolution 2020-03 to initiate conformity on the FY 2021-2024 TIP and the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). As part of this resolution, the Board authorizes TTAC to approve the project list for transportation conformity and to initiate public review of the draft transportation regional conformity assessment.

Mayor McKinley Price Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the HRTPO Resolution 2020-03; seconded by Mr. Barry Cheatham. The Motion Carried.

### **2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Draft Vision and Goals and Candidate Projects**

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported that HRTPO staff has been working on updating the regional LRTP to the horizon year of 2045, and presented a status update on the Vision and Goals and candidate projects that will be evaluated in the 2045 LRTP.

Ms. Stith stated that as part of the visioning process for the 2045 LRTP, HRTPO staff has engaged the public and other regional stakeholders in identifying regional priorities and concerns. She reported that the feedback that has been received through these efforts was compiled and refined to ensure consistency with Federal and State guidelines. This input was used to develop a draft vision statement, goals and objectives for the 2045 LRTP.

She reported that candidate projects were collected through various regional stakeholders. These candidate projects will be evaluated through multiple future scenarios in an effort to identify projects that provide the most benefit to the region regardless of which future assumption is analyzed.

Mr. Thomas Shepperd asked if this list of candidate projects will be proposed for 2045.

Ms. Stith stated that this is the list of candidate projects that will be evaluated with the prioritization tool.

Mayor Donnie Tuck Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the draft 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan vision statement, goals and objectives and to also recommend HRTPO Board approval of the draft 2045 LRTP list of Candidate Projects; seconded by Mayor Rick West. The Motion Carried.

### **Hampton Roads Congestion Management Process: Part I - Introduction and System Monitoring: Draft Report**

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, provided an update to the Board on the Hampton Roads Congestion Management Process (CMP) which:

- Monitors the regional roadway network
- Identifies congested locations
- Determines the causes of congestion
- Develops strategies to mitigate congestion

He stated that the 2020 CMP report includes a thorough assessment of the roadway system in Hampton Roads, a regional roadway network congestion analysis, a ranking of the most congested corridors, and a list of congestion mitigation strategies, and recommended improvements for the congested corridors

Mr. Nichols outlined the section of the CMP report that includes information on Performance Management and Performance-Based Planning and Programming, the elements of a CMP, CMP goals and objectives, and how the CMP incorporates into the regional transportation planning process. He noted that Part II and Part III of the report will be released in the Spring and Summer of 2020.

Ms. Barbara Nelson reported that since 2008, the Port, in participation with the TPOs in both Hampton Roads and Richmond, launched a barge service that is currently removing approximately 40,000 trucks from the highway system within this region. She stated that in addition to supporting the modal shift, the Port has moved more of their cargo to rail with the participation of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. She stated that the regional truck numbers shown on slide 8 do not include all port travel and the Port is working aggressively from a modal shift perspective to maximize the use of water and rail transport.

Mr. Nichols stated that the number of containers carried by trucks versus rail or barge has shifted more towards barge versus truck, which has an impact on trucks going in and out of the region.

### **FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Draft Document**

Mr. John Mihaly, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, briefed the TPO Board on the HRTPO draft FY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a multi-year program for the implementation of surface transportation projects within a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), developed in cooperation with the State and affected public transportation operators. He stated that the TIP contains all federally-funded and/or regionally significant projects that require an action by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Before any such project can be constructed or conducted in the MPA, it must be included in a current TIP. He provided a summary of steps for development of a TIP which are as follows:

- The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), HRTPO, and local public transit agencies coordinate to develop the draft TIP project list, drawing projects from the approved Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)



- The draft TIP project list is reviewed by staffs of the HRTPO, VDOT, transit agencies, and localities
- The draft TIP document is produced and undergoes a 30-day public review/comment period
- The final TIP document is approved by the HRTPO Board
- The final TIP document is approved by the Governor and included without change, directly or by reference, in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Mr. Mihaly requested HRTPO Board members review the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program draft document and submit any comments to him by Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

*Mayor Rick West departs*

### **Linking Hampton Roads, A Regional Active Transportation Plan: Draft Report**

Mr. Steve Lambert, HRTPO Transportation Planner II, briefed the Board on the draft *Linking Hampton Roads, A Regional Active Transportation Plan* report. He stated that it is HRTPO's first regional active transportation plan and will provide regional recommendations to guide localities, HRTPO staff, and the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Mr. Crum stated that biking and walking is an important part of the multimodal planning at a regional level and recognized Amy Inman, City of Norfolk, for the effort she is leading to develop the city's multimodal plan

He also recognized Mr. Robert Cofield, HRTPO Graphic and Web Designer who designed the Walk Bike Ride 757 logo.

### **HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule**

Chair Rowe highlighted the HRTPO Board three-month tentative schedule in the Agenda packet. Mr. Crum reported that the March 19, 2020 Board meeting will be held at the Regional Board Room and the May 21, 2020 Board meeting will be held at Christopher Newport University.

### **Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings**

Mr. Crum noted there were summary minutes from meetings of HRTPO Advisory Committees in the Agenda packet.

### **For Your Information**

Mr. Crum highlighted the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

### **Old/New Business**

There was no old/new business

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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John L. Rowe, Jr.  
Chair

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Robert A. Crum, Jr.  
Executive Director/Secretary