

AGENDA ITEM #23: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 10, 2013 and February 11, 2014 meetings of the Hampton Roads Transportation Operations Subcommittee (HRTTO) are attached.

Attachment 23-A

Attachment 23-B

DRAFT Minutes of the December 10, 2013 HRTTO Subcommittee Meeting

Regional Building, Chesapeake, 9:30am

Attendees

Robert Case, HRTPO
Frank Hickman, Va. Beach
Keith Nichols, HRTPO
Daniel Rydzewski, Norfolk
Brian Fowler, Norfolk
Robert Lewis, Suffolk
Robert Trachy, VDOT
Susan Baldwin, HRT
Eric Reddeck, EGH
Scott Cowherd, VDOT
Sam Belfield, HRTPO
Martin Willson, Hampton
Mike Miller, VDOT
Steve Kopczynski, York

1. Public Comment Period

Erik Reddeck (Everyone Goes Home) enquired about the status of the regional signal pre-emption plan. He was informed that the program is still on-track but the program administration issue still needs to be resolved. The funding allocation is still one year out.

Erick also had a general comment about the overall effectiveness of the “2 tenths mile markers” being used on the High Rise Bridge.

2. Minutes of October 8, 2013 Meeting

No modifications of the minutes – approved.

3. Plans for Regional Operations Center under Serco Leadership

Brian Fariello (Serco) was unable to present due to weather.

4. FHWA Regional Traffic Signal Operations Assessment

Frank Hickman (Va. Beach) spoke on the possibility of getting FHWA representatives Rick Denny and Paul Olson here for the February meeting and doing a two day signal system effectiveness class as well. The body agreed with the proposal. Rob Case asked for

comments on the Regional Traffic Signal Assessment report by January 15, 2014 to forward them to Rick Denny for review prior to the February meeting.

5. HRTO Leadership for 2014 and 2015

Robert Lewis (Suffolk), chair of ad-hoc nomination committee, led the discussion. Brian Fowler (Norfolk) has agreed to be a co-chair, and Mike Miller (VDOT) indicated that VDOT would settle on a VDOT co-chair for HRTO by the February HRTO meeting. It was decided therefore that Dan Rydzewski (Norfolk) and Frank Hickman (Va. Beach) will serve until the February meeting.

6. HRTPO Staff Updates

Rob Case (HRTPO) indicated that:

- a. VDOT's latest hurricane evacuation traffic control plan includes leaving the MMMBT open during evacuation (as recommended by HRTO motion and VCTIR study).
- b. HRTPO will prepare a dummy email address for usage by the five river crossing operators in communicating planned river crossing closures.
- c. The TPS subcommittee of HRTPO's TTAC approved the usage of \$400,000 in RSTP funds for development of a regional operations strategic plan. HRTPO staff will lead this effort, coordinating with HRTO members.

7. Real-Time System Management Information Program (RTSMIP)

Scott Cowherd (VDOT) and Larry Trachy (VDOT) led an FHWA 1201 Gap Analysis discussion regarding federal and state agencies providing highway status information. It is a two stage implementation: 1) all interstates to be done by November 2014; 2) Metropolitan Routes of Significance (as identified by states in collaboration with local agencies) by November 2016.

Information to be made available is:

- Construction lane and road closures
- Road or lane blocking traffic incidents
- Hazardous conditions & road or lane closures due to adverse weather
- Travel times (in metropolitan areas/ greater than 1 million people)

The discussion focused on finding regional municipal points of contact to begin the establishment of this information flow.

8. Next Meeting Schedule, Location, and Agenda Items

Dan Rydzewski (Norfolk) led a discussion of items for the next meeting. The following were suggested:

- HRTO leadership
- Rick Denney (FHWA) presenting the FHWA regional signal review.
- Brian Fariello (Serco) presenting Serco plans for Hampton Roads.
- A representative from CBBT.
- A representative from ERC.
- A representative from UVA's Smart Travel Lab
- An update on SJR 277 from Steve Kopczynski

The next HRTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., at the Regional Building.

DRAFT Minutes of the February 11, 2014 HRTO Subcommittee Meeting
Regional Building, Chesapeake, 9:30am

Attendees

Robert Case, HRTPO
Frank Hickman, Va. Beach
Keith Nichols, HRTPO
Daniel Rydzewski, Norfolk
Brian Fowler, Norfolk
Robert Lewis, Suffolk
Oliver Rose, VDOT
Kamlesh Chowdhary, HRT
Eric Reddeck, EGH
Mike Corwin, VDOT
Sam Belfield, HRTPO
Mike Miller, VDOT
Steve Kopczynski, York
Jeff Brummond, Iteris
Steve Froncillo, Chesapeake
John Hendrickson, PB
Richard Denney, FHWA
Steve Hetrick, Albeck Gerken
Jon Chambers, Kimley-Horn
Jackie Kassel, Newport News
Ken Coody, VDOT

1. Public Comment Period

No comments.

2. Minutes of December 10, 2013 Meeting

No modifications of the minutes – approved.

3. HRTO Leadership

HRTO voted to affirm Mike Corwin (VDOT) and Brian Fowler (Norfolk) as co-chairs for 2014. Leadership for 2015 will be discussed at the October 2014 meeting (and established at the December 2014 meeting).

4. HRTPO Staff Updates

Rob Case (HRTPO) reported:

- a. HRTPO Board approved the river crossing closure procedures document at its January meeting.
- b. HRTPO staff developed a webpage with river crossing closure files and a dummy email address for disseminating, via Outlook “meetings”, river crossing closure times.
- c. HRTPO Board approved the allocation of \$400,000 of RSTP funds for a Transportation Operations Strategic Plan for the Cities of Hampton Roads. Next steps: CTB approval of the allocation; revision of PL agreement between VDOT and HRTPO to include the \$400,000.

Sam Belfield reported on the Dec. 11, 2013 RCTO-TIM meeting and the large number of Hampton Roads’ responders who have taken the SHRP2 incident management responder training.

5. FHWA Regional Traffic Signal Operations Assessment

Richard Denney (FHWA) led a discussion of his recent report and responses to it from HRTPO members who are city representatives. He said that:

- HRTPO should make operations projects more visible to the HRTPO Board, e.g. in the Long Range Transportation Plan process
- HRTPO should show the Board that signal timing adds capacity and is therefore an alternative to lane addition
- HRTPO should establish a process whereby operations projects flow from a plan based on strategies (with performance measures) based on objectives, based on regional (political) goals.

6. FHWA NHI Training: Evaluating the Performance of Traffic Signal Systems

Frank Hickman (VB) discussed the FHWA training he arranged for HRTPO in response to the traffic signal operations assessment. Training will be held March 5 and 6 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Advanced Technology Center, 1800 College Crescent, Va. Beach.

7. Next Meeting Schedule, Location, and Agenda Items

Dan Rydzewski (Norfolk) suggested a discussion at the April 8 HRTPO meeting (location TBD) of shifting dollars from Opticom project to the Operations Strategic Plan.