

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting
April 6, 2022**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. in the Regional Building Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Carol Rizzio (Vice-Chair, GL)	Dorian Allen (NO)	Tim Cross (YK)
Benjamin Camras (CH)	Deborah Mangiaracina (NO)	Elizabeth Mertz-Guinn (YK)
Troy Eisenberger (CH)	Carl Jackson (PO)	Grant Sparks (DRPT)
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld (CH)	Darryll Lewis (SU)	Keisha Branch (Alternate, HRT)
Sandon Rogers (HA)	Robert Lewis (SU)	Todd Halacy (VDOT)
Tom Leininger (JC)	Jason Souders (SU)	Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)
Angela Hopkins (NN)	David Jarman (VB)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Angela Rico (NN)	Ric Lowman (VB)	Barbara Nelson (VPA)
Bryan Stillely (NN)	Mark Shea (VB)	Ben Goodill (WATA)

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

Carlee Smith (FR)	Tammy Rosario (JC)	Michael Johnson (SH)
Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)	John Stevenson (NO)	Beth Lewis (SH)
Jason Mitchell (HA)	Jeff Harper (PO)	Lynette Lowe (SH)
Wayne Griffin (IW)	James Wright (PO)	Daniel Clayton (WM)
Jamie Oliver (Chair, IW)	Garrett Feagans (PQ)	Aaron Small (WM)
Amy Ring (IW)	Charles Horton (PQ)	Earl Anderson (YK)
Paul Holt (JC)		

TTAC Non-Voting Members Absent:

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Melissa McGill (FTA)
Michael King (NAVY)

HRTPO Staff in Attendance:

Rob Case	Bishoy Kelleny	Pavithra Parthasarathi
Rob Cofield	John Mihaly	Jeff Raliski
Kyle Gilmer	Keith Nichols	Dale Stith
Kathlene Grauberger		

Others Recorded Attending:

Megan Gribble (COVB); Phil Lohr (STV); Erik Johnson, Heather Patel (VDOT); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting)

A quorum was not achieved and therefore, all action items were deferred to the May 4, 2022 TTAC meeting.

Introductions

Ms. Dale Stith, introduced Mr. Kyle Gilmer, HRTPO Transportation Planner II, and acknowledged the promotion of Mr. Bishoy Kelleny to HRTPO Senior Transportation Planner.

Approval of Agenda [Action Required]

The agenda was not approved as there was not a quorum.

Public Comment Period (Limit three minutes per individual)

There were no public comments.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted comments.

Comments and Updates from State and Federal Agencies, Transit Agencies, and Military Liaisons

Mr. Todd Halacy of VDOT reported on the following:

- The date for the in-person FY 2023-2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) public hearing has been moved to May 9, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at VDOT’s Hampton Roads District Office in Suffolk.
- Two public hearings have been scheduled for VDOT’s Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study. The first will be a virtual meeting scheduled for April 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. and the second meeting will be in-person on April 27, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office.
- The General Assembly planned to convene a special session starting April 5, 2022 to continue budget discussions. Items being considered for the budget include:
 - A gas tax temporary suspension
 - Accelerating Revenue Sharing funding
 - I-64 Gap project funding
 - Air Terminal Boulevard Improvements funding
 - A set-aside of \$20 million for year 1 and 2 of the SYIP for multi-use trails from the Transportation Alternatives program

Mr. Eric Stringfield of VDOT stated that the SMART SCALE Round 5 pre-application period closed on April 1, 2022. He noted that 79 applications were received for the VDOT Hampton Roads District and requested applicants continue refining their project scopes.

Ms. Sonya Hallums-Ponton of VDOT stated that the VDOT Locally Administered Program's (LAP) workshop will be held on June 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Newport News.

Mr. Grant Sparks of DRPT reported on the following:

- Secretary of Transportation Miller appointed Ms. Jennifer DeBruhl as Acting Director of DRPT. Ms. DeBruhl most recently served as DRPT's Chief of Public Transportation.
- DRPT is now accepting FY 2023 FTA Section 5303 applications.
- FTA annualized amounts have not been provided to DRPT so MPOs will be provided amounts from FY 2022 for their UPWPs.
- The Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study team will host a virtual forum on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The team will present an update on the study's key findings, spotlight new tools developed to analyze the state of transit in the Commonwealth, provide stories from transit riders, and share preliminary action plan ideas.
- On March 14, 2022, DRPT launched the "Rediscover Your Ride" campaign aimed to safely and confidently encourage Virginians to return to the transit services used prior to the pandemic.
- DRPT has developed a statewide marketing campaign that will consist of a unified message to most appropriately attract riders back to Virginia transit systems, reiterating the presence of safety measures, and providing an explanation on why public transportation is a safe and viable option.

There was no Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representative in attendance.

There were no comments from the Virginia Port Authority (VPA).

There was no U.S. Navy representative in attendance.

Approval of Consent Items [Action Requested]

- A. Minutes from the March 2, 2022 Meeting
- B. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: HRT
STIP ID HRT0113 – Transit Bus Expansion
- C. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC 15827 – Holland Road – Upgrade to 4 Lanes in Virginia Beach

The Consent agenda was not approved as there was not a quorum.

FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Draft

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, stated that HRTPO staff, in coordination with Hampton Roads Transit, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, Suffolk Transit, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, is developing the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for

fiscal year (FY) 2023. The UPWP describes the mutual responsibilities of the aforementioned entities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process for Hampton Roads.

Ms. Parthasarathi outlined the key planning activities of the draft FY 2023 UPWP as:

- Transportation Equity
- Scenario Planning
- Resilience of the Transportation System
- Active Transportation
- Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options
- Emerging Transportation Technologies

Special studies included in the FY 2023 draft UPWP are as follows:

- Regional Connectors Study
- Regional Procedures for Planned Closures at River Crossings Update
- Multimodal Connectivity Toolbox
- Passenger Rail Planning
- Hampton Roads Gateways Study
- Background Analysis/Research on Specific IIJA Grant Programs
- Research for Cities and Counties
- City of Hampton Comprehensive Transportation Study
- Hampton Roads Rail Crossing Study

The draft UPWP will be available on the HRTPO website for review by TTAC and other advisory committees of the HRTPO, as well as the general public, from April 6, 2022 through April 20, 2022. Ms. Parthasarathi requested comments be submitted to Mr. John Mihaly at jmihaly@hrtpo.org by COB April 20, 2022.

Funding of Upgrading Private Roads to VDOT System: Final [Action Requested]

The final report *Funding of Upgrading Private to VDOT System* was not approved as there was not a quorum.

Hampton Roads Gateway Analysis

Dr. Robert Case, HRTPO Chief Transportation Engineer, reported that improvements have been proposed for many of the corridors that provide access to and from Hampton Roads, including widening I-64 between Richmond and Williamsburg, replacing all or portions of Routes 58 and 460 with limited access facilities, and building I-87 to and from North Carolina. HRTPO staff has compared the proposed improvements on these corridors based on the overall collective impact on the Hampton Roads region.

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reviewed the data analysis of vehicle volumes, truck volumes, and safety rates along the various regional gateways.

Dr. Robert Case discussed the transportation impacts on the following five candidate gateway projects:

- US 58 – Mostly Limited Access
- I-58 – Upgrade facility to interstate
- I-87 – Virginia
- I-87 – North Carolina
- I-64 Gap

Project costs were analyzed for each candidate project, along with the number of additional trips to and from Hampton Roads for vehicles and trucks, and evacuation impacts.

Dr. Case stated that future study work includes:

- Forecast Volumes and Congestion
- Quality of Life
- Community Impacts
- Economic Development Opportunities
- Return on Investment

VDOT Truck Parking Study

Mr. Erik Johnson, VDOT Freight Planning Specialist, reported that in 2015, VDOT prepared a statewide truck parking study to identify areas where commercial truck parking is needed to provide safe places for truckers to rest. He stated that VDOT has prepared a Phase 2 Study as a follow-up to the original study.

Mr. Johnson discussed the following aspects of the Phase 2 Study:

- Project Need
- Data Analysis
- Methodology
- Hot Spot Analysis

He indicated that a Phase 3 Study will be conducted in the future which will focus on:

- Developing messaging for the business case of truck parking
- Conducting a deeper dive into I-81 and I-95 data and needs

Three-Month Tentative Schedule

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

For Your Information

Vice-Chair Rizzio highlighted the items in the For Your Information section in the Agenda Packet.

Announcements

Vice-Chair Rizzio summarized the items in the Announcements section in the Agenda Packet.

Ms. Dale Stith requested TTAC provide feedback and comments to an email that HRTPO staff plans to transmit to members regarding the Hampton Roads Regional Trails report.

Mr. Darryl Lewis stated that the Unified Construction Initiative (UCI) Stakeholder meeting will be held on April 7, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at 272 Benton Road in Suffolk.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.