

AGENDA ITEM #5: SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 29, 2015 CTAC MEETING

SUBJECT:

Summary Minutes of the January 29, 2015 CTAC meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Summary Minutes of the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held on January 29, 2015.

Attachment 5

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Citizen Transportation
Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting
January 29, 2015**

The HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. in the Regional Building Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO CTAC Members in Attendance:

Shepelle Watkins-White, Chair (CH)	Randy Lougee (NO)
Cecil Jenkins (CH)	James Openshaw (NO)
John Kish (CH)	Theresa Danaher (PO)
Bernie Whitlock (CH)	Kirsten Tynch (PO)
Philip Olekszyk (GL)	Alvin Sledd (PQ)
James Bowie (HA)	Greg Edwards (VB)
Michael Jones (IW)	Jay Leach (VB)
Don Cherry (JC)	Allan Parrott (VB)
Lamont Curtis (NN)	Henry Lewis (YK)
Carlton Hardy (NN)	Dewey Hurley (WM)
Yukari Hughes (NN)	

HRTPO CTAC Members Absent:

Wayne Coleman (NO)	Dianna Howard (VB)
Angie Bezik (VB)	Delceno Miles, Vice-Chair (VB)
Casey Funk (VB)	

HRTPO Staff:

Camelia Ravanbakht	Jimmy McNamara
Kendall Miller	Brian Miller

Others Recorded Attending:

Robert Brown, Frank Papcin, Donna Sayegh (Citizens)

Public Comment Period

Mr. Robert Brown, Chesapeake Citizen, addressed the CTAC regarding the Third Crossing and the General Taylor Freeway, his proposed alternative to the Third Crossing.

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the CTAC pertaining to transportation funding and a comparison of HRTAC versus HRTPO funding. He questioned how the HRTAC funding is funneling in for the different regional projects.

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Citizen, addressed the CTAC regarding bills before the General Assembly pertaining to tolling and the Port of Virginia.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Shepelle Watkins-White asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Dewey Hurley requested to discuss the feedback from the recent CTAC survey. Dr. Don Cherry requested an update on the Route 460 project. Mr. Hurley Moved to approve the agenda with the two amendments; seconded by Ms. Terry Danaher. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes of October 9, 2014 CTAC Meeting

Chair Watkins-White asked for any additions or corrections to the October 9, 2014 minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Kirsten Tynch Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Cherry. The Motion Carried.

CTAC Membership Update

Chair Watkins-White introduced Mr. Cecil Jenkins of Chesapeake, Mr. Jim Bowie of Hampton, and Mr. Lamont Curtis of Newport News as CTAC's newest members, indicating they had received approval by the HRTPO Board.

Chair Watkins-White stated that with regards to membership terms, all members could serve 3-year terms. She requested the members respond to an upcoming email by Ms. Kendall Miller, HRTPO Principal Public Involvement and Title VI Administrator, regarding their desire to remain on CTAC for a 3-year term.

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) Update

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, reported that HRTAC, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, is primarily funded with HB 2313 revenue approved by the 2013 General Assembly.

She stated the purpose of HRTAC is to develop a funding plan for planned projects and work with VDOT to deliver those projects. The Commission is able to:

- Procure, finance, build and operate highway, bridge and tunnel projects in Hampton Roads
- Use Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) monies for construction projects on new or existing highways, bridges and tunnels
- Issue bonds to finance projects and use HRTF monies to support those bonds

She noted that HRTAC project implementation takes into account Project Prioritization by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO).

Dr. Ravanbakht summarized the HRTF Candidate projects supported by the HRTAC:

- I-64 Peninsula 6-Lane Option (Segment 1, 2, 3, and Fort Eustis Blvd. Interchange)
- Third Crossing (Patriots Crossing and I-664 Widening)
- I-64 Southside (includes High Rise Bridge)
- I-64/I-264 Interchange
- U.S. 460/58/13 Connector (Suffolk Bypass to I-664, includes SPSA and Hampton Roads Executive Airport Interchanges)

Chair Watkins-White requested the HRTPO staff to provide HRTAC funding information to CTAC members.

Long-Range Transportation Plan: Draft

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, stated that the HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool was developed in 2010 and designed to assist the HRTPO in prioritizing regionally significant transportation projects based on their technical merits and regional benefits in light of scarce financial resources. The Tool was designed to be comprehensive and objective, measuring a project's utility (effectiveness), economic vitality (potential for economic gain), and viability (project readiness).

She indicated that at the June 19, 2014 meeting, the HRTPO Board endorsed the 2040 LRTP candidate projects and directed the HRTPO staff to begin the process of project evaluation and prioritization. These candidate projects include highway, transit, rail, ferry, and active transportation projects. The list of approximately 200 projects was developed using the 2034 LRTP projects as a base, and was then expanded to include public input received via the 2040 LRTP Visioning Survey as well as local stakeholder input received through work with the LRTP Subcommittee. Over the past several months, HRTPO staff has been collecting and developing the necessary data to enable evaluation of the candidate projects using the HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool.

She noted that HRTPO staff will share the preliminary findings of the 2040 LRTP Project Prioritization Tool and CTAC will have the opportunity to review the draft scores and provide feedback until February 12, 2015.

FY 2016 UPWP Planning Priorities: Draft

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, 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.

He 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

He noted that the Draft FY 2016 UPWP would be presented to TTAC and the HRTPO Board in March with public review and comment from February 25, 2015 – March 11, 2015. Anticipated HRTPO Board approval is for April 16, 2015.

Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP)

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) focuses on the interstate, primary, rail, and public transit systems. It is the program utilized by Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to allocate funding for rail, public transportation, commuter assistance, and bicycle, pedestrian, interstate and primary highway transportation projects over the next six years.

Mr. Kimbrel stated 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

He concluded by outlining the six year projections for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) SYIP.

CTAC Survey and Feedback (Additional Agenda Item)

Ms. Kendall Miller, HRTPO Principal Public Involvement and Title VI Administrator, introduced Mr. James McNamara as the HRTPO's newest staff member. She provided an update on future activities of the public involvement team and how those activities would impact CTAC.

Route 460 Update (Additional Agenda Item)

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, informed CTAC members about the special Route 460 project webpage on the VDOT website. She stated that VDOT, FHWA, the U.S. Corp of Engineers, and the Secretary of Transportation have agreed on the preferred alternative, a four lane divided highway from Suffolk to west of Windsor approximately 17 miles in length. The CTB will officially vote for the preferred alternative in February.

Future CTAC Meeting Agenda Items

Chair Watkins-White highlighted the future agenda items for the April 2015 CTAC meeting. Mr. Henry Lewis requested a briefing by VDOT pertaining to smart transportation technologies.

For Your Information

Chair Watkins-White reviewed the For Your Information items in the Agenda Packet.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.