

ITEM #16: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are invited to address the HRTPO Board. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

ITEM #17: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two submitted public comments. Any written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

Attachment 17

ITEM #18: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS HRTPO MEETING

The transcribed public comments from the February 16, 2017 HRTPO Board meeting are attached.

Attachment 18

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**HRTPO Public Comment**  
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RE: HRT/I64

Name: Ms. Cheryl Davis
Date: March 11, 2017
Subject: HRT/I64

Public Comment Input (Via E-Mail)

On this morning's news, it mentioned that HRT is looking at two Light Rail routes through Ghent, past ODU to NSN. This is a Great idea, but why not before 2024 and why not alongside I64 instead? Though it would be more expensive to build, it would increase riders to NSN from VB and Chesapeake and would give VB and Chesapeake a reason to consider adding Light Rail to their cities. Change is hard and those who use I64 today are more likely to hop on at Newtown Rd headed up I64 (and ease congestion there) than they are to hop on to take I264 to Sentara before turning north to NSN. Additionally, the Outlet Mall will be off of I64, as is Norfolk International Airport, Norfolk Industrial Park, Southern Shopping Center and the revitalized Wards Corner area, Obviously, the best scenario would be to have the Ghent ODU option AND the I64 option, but as a 30 year career federal civil servant, personally (although the routes proposed through Ghent will be more aesthetic initially) it is my belief that an I64 route will bring more riders, improve Norfolk's ability to add the Ghent, ODU route after I64 (because of the increase in riders/revenue) and will give the other cities more of a reason to tap into our hubs to service their own cities. Just my thoughts. Look forward to hearing more about the HRT vision.

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RE: Hybrid Vehicles/HOV to HOT Lanes

Name: Mr. Marcus William White Jr.
Date: March 11, 2017
Subject: Hybrid Vehicles/HOV to HOT Lanes

Public Comment Input (Via Facebook Email)

I am very unhappy about the planned HOV lanes going to HOT lanes & the only group not grandfathered in to ride for free is the hybrid vehicles. We pay extra for the car, extra for the plates, help the environment, and help achieve energy independence. Either make everyone pay or allow hybrids to go free like the other protected groups