

Summary Minutes

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Active Transportation Subcommittee and Virginia Department of Transportation Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting

October 2, 2020

The Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by staff at 10:03 AM.

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the subcommittee members, staff, and the general public, the Active Transportation Subcommittee meeting was held electronically via WebEx.

Per the requirements of the Code of Virginia, the agenda was posted for today's meeting and all attachments and supporting documentation on the HRTPO website, and electronic copies were provided of this information to the subcommittee members and other interested parties. Public notice of the meeting was also posted.

In addition, the general public was provided an opportunity to provide comments on today's meeting agenda via two options

1. Members of the public were invited to submit comments to the Active Transportation Subcommittee via email.
2. Members of the public were also invited to call into a dedicated phone line where comments could be recorded for the Active Transportation Subcommittee.

Members of the public were also invited to call in via a dedicated phone line to listen to the meeting live. A recording is being made of today's meeting and will be posted on the HRTPO website.

Members in Attendance:

Ben Camras, Chesapeake
Carolyn Poissant, Newport News
Toluwalase "Tolu" Ibikunle, Newport News
Kimberly Abney, Newport News
Demaris Braswell, Newport News

Carl Jackson, Portsmouth
Carolyn Murphy, Williamsburg
Erin Burke, Williamsburg
Tom Leininger, James City County
Lynn Keenan, Hampton

Non-Members in Attendance:

Eric Stringfield, VDOT
Caleb Brooks, VDOT
Angela Biney, VDOT
Isabella Young, VDOT
Olivia Mobayed, VDOT
Naquana Jenkins, VDOT
Shane Sawyer, Citizen
Mary Pawloski, Citizen
Diane Creek, Citizen

John Bolecek, VDOT
George Roberson, VDOT
Cat Anthony, Virginia Capital Trail
Cheryl White, Elizabeth River Trail
Tom Howard, Tidewater Trail Alliance
Mike Robinson, ODU
Phyllis Terrell, Fort Monroe
CS Fisher, Citizen

HRTPO Staff in Attendance:

Steve Lambert
Dale Stith
Rob Case

2. Approval of Agenda

HRTPO staff requested to add one item to the agenda: a summary of the report *Impacts of Trails and Sidewalks on Nearby Home Values*. A voice vote was called, and the minutes were passed by consensus.

3. Public Comments

Per the public comment submission guidelines due to the COVID-19 crisis, interested persons were invited to submit comments to the PABAC/ATS in advance of the meeting by email to kmiller@hrtpo.org or phone (757) 366- 4370. No public comments were received.

4. Approval of June 17, 2020 Minutes

A voice vote was called, and the minutes were passed by consensus.

5. Birthplace of America Trail (BOAT)

- a. The City of Newport News presented a change to the Birthplace of America Trail's Peninsula route. The proposed changes include changing the route around the Lee Hall area and loops through the city of Newport News back into downtown Hampton.
- b. Tom Howard presented a detailed presentation about the changes in the city of Newport News. A resolution was proposed to the Active Transportation Subcommittee for the changes to the Peninsula route. Mrs. Carolyn Murphy moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Carl Jackson. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed by consensus.

6. Hampton Roads District Bike Project Report / Project Update

Mr. Caleb Brooks updated the committees on current regional bike and pedestrian projects.

7. 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Project Prioritization Update

Ms. Dale Stith updated the committees on the 2045 long range transportation plan and the prioritization of candidate active transportation projects.

8. Impact of trails and sidewalks on home values

Mr. Robert Case presented to the committees the results of the *Impacts of Trails and Sidewalks on Nearby Home Values* report.

9. Trail Program Update

- a. **Elizabeth River Trail Update** – Ms. Cheryl White, Elizabeth River Trail Foundation, updated the committees on the latest additions to the Elizabeth River Trail.
- b. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Design issues update** – Mr. George Rogerson provided a brief update on statewide VDOT design issues.

- c. **State Bicycle Program update** – Mr. John Bolecek provided an update on statewide and regional bike and pedestrian programs.
- d. **Advocate Update** – There was no advocate update at this meeting.

10. Round Table Discussion: Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities

The committees had a brief discussion of bike and pedestrian use across the region.

11. Announcements

Ms. Elaine Lynn updated the committees on the city of Virginia Beach’s active transportation plan.

12. OLD/NEW Business

No discussion

13. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held in January. Date, time, location, and type of meeting dependent on future COVID-19 related decisions.

Adjournment of PABAC/ATS Meeting