

ITEM #18: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Minutes from the April 18, 2019 HRTPO Board meeting are attached.

Attachment 18-A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

B. HRTPO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the activities of March 2019 is attached. This statement reflects the financial status of the HRTPO as a whole.

Attachment 18-B

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept the HRTPO Financial Statement.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of April 18, 2019

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:

Thomas Shepperd, Jr. Chair (YK)
John Rowe, Vice Chair (PO)
Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)
Rick West (CH)*
Barry Cheatham (FR)
Phillip Bazzani (GL)
Donnie Tuck (HA)
Joel Acree (IW)
Michael Hipple (JC)
McKinley Price (NN)

Barry Porter (SH)
Leroy Bennett (SU)
Robert Dyer (VB)
Jennifer DeBruhl (Alternate, DRPT)
Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)
Delegate David Yancey (GA)*
Christopher Hall (VDOT)
Cathie Vick (Alternate, VPA)*
Zach Trogdon (WATA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

James Baker (CH)
Amanda Jarratt (FR)
J. Brent Fedors (GL)*
Randy Keaton (IW)
Scott Stevens (JC)
Cynthia Rohlf (NN)
Doug Smith (NO)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)

Michael W. Johnson (SH)
Patrick Roberts (SU)
Dave Hansen (VB)
Neil Morgan (YK)
Terry Danaher (CTAC)
Michael Giardino (PAC)
CAPT Samson Stevens (U.S. Coast Guard)
CDR Susanne Weinrich (Alternate, U.S. Navy)

Invited Participants:

John Malbon (CTB)
W. Sheppard Miller (CTB)

HRTPO Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

Other Participants:

Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)
Brian DeProfio (Alternate, Hampton)
David Jenkins (Alternate, NN)
Jamie Jackson (HRT)

HRTPO Voting Members Absent:

Kenneth Alexander (NO)
Paul Freiling (WM)
W. Eugene Hunt (PQ)

Senator John Cosgrove (GA)
Senator Mamie Locke (GA)
William Harrell (HRT)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:

Mary Bunting (HA)

Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)

Andrew Trivette (WM)

Mark Flynn (FAA)

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)

Ryan Long (FTA)

COL William Galbraith (Langley-Eustis)

Robert Bowen (NAA)

Randall Burdette (VDA)

HRTPO Staff:

Natalie Brown

Rob Case

Rob Cofield

Kathlene Grauberger

Mike Kimbrel

Sharon Lawrence

John Mihaly

Kendall Miller

Keith Nichols

Joe Paulus

Jeff Raliski

Dale Stith

* Late arrival or early departure

Others Recorded Attending:

Earl Sorey (CH); Bridjette Parker, David Ress, Rhonda Russell, Bryan Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Amy Inman, Morgan Whayland (NO); Bob Baldwin (PO); Bob Matthias, Tara Reel (VB); Sheila Noll (YK); Michael King (U.S. Navy); Eitan Altsheler (NAVFAC); Barbara Nelson (VPA); Caleb Smith (Office of Congresswoman Luria); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Atlantishr.US); Jimmy LaRoue (Suffolk News-Herald); Doug Wilson (ERC); Jim Long (RK&K); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Robin Grier, Dawn Odom, Jennifer Salyers, Scott Smizik (VDOT); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Kelli Arledge, Keith Cannady, Andrew Margason, Cindy Mulkey, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur, Sheila Wilson (HRPDC Staff)

Approval of Agenda

Chair Thomas Shepperd asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor John Rowe Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Michael Hipple. The Motion Carried.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, introduced the following new employees:

- Ms. Natalie Brown – HRTPO Administrative Assistant II
- Mr. Andrew Margason – General Services Manager

Mr. Crum reported that the Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC) Task Force convened its first meeting on February 25, 2019. The Task Force will work with the Secretary of Transportation, the VDOT Commissioner, and the Attorney General's Office to continue the discussion.

Workshop Agenda

Commonwealth Transportation Board Member (CTB) Comments and Updates

Mr. John Malbon reported that the State developed a dedicated revenue stream of \$2 billion to fund improvements to I-81, I-95 and I-64.

Mr. Shep Miller reported Virginia legislators have directed the CTB to review the ERC agreement at the state level. He noted the importance of the CTB and the Task Force communicating and working together.

Mayor Rick West and Mr. Brent Fedors arrive

Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. Christopher Hall, VDOT Hampton Roads District Engineer, reported that he will brief the HRTPO Board next month on the draft results of the Express Lanes analysis regarding the operational impact of Express Lanes from the I-664 Interchange in Hampton through Bowers Hill and provide an assessment of the traffic operations of the new projects. He noted that HRTPO Board comments from the January 2019 meeting will be addressed.

Mr. Hall then provided a brief update on the Regional Priority Projects, stating that all lanes of the I-64 Peninsula Widening Segment 2 project are operational with a ribbon cutting ceremony to be scheduled for late May or early June. Construction is taking place in the median, along with the replacement of the Queens Creek Bridge on Segment 3 of the I-64 Peninsula Widening project. The bridge over the collector lane of the I-64/I-264 Interchange Improvements Phase I project is under construction with this phase of the project on track to be completed in October 2019. The I-64 Southside Widening project, including the High-Rise Bridge, is underway as pier construction has begun.

Ms. Cathie Vick arrives

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Ms. Jennifer DeBruhl, DRPT Chief of Public Transportation, reported that the DRPT draft Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) is out for public review and comment. She noted the draft SYIP includes six electric transit vehicles, including the supporting infrastructure, for Hampton Roads Transit. Also of note in the draft SYIP is funding for Long Bridge, the rail connector between Virginia and Washington, D.C. She stated that the second AMTRAK train from Norfolk became operational on March 4th and has had over 2,700 passengers since its start date.

Virginia Port Authority Update

Ms. Cathie Vick of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) reported that that the final rail bundle will be completed by the end of May at Virginia International Gateway with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 23, 2019. She stated that the Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) project is progressing through Phase 2, with Phase 3 starting on September 1, 2019. She

stated the Port received \$2.5 million from the President's budget for engineering and design which is moving forward. Dredging will begin in January 2020 on the west side of Thimble Shoals Tunnel, and the Port will be eligible for construction funding from the President's budget. The Port is working closely with the Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tunnel Commission so that it does not impact any of the tunnels.

HRT and WATA Updates

Ms. Jamie Jackson of Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) reported that as it expands its fleet, HRT is evaluating autonomous vehicles and how they may be used in Hampton Roads in the future. She noted that the Peninsula Bus Rapid Transit project is moving forward, along with the expansion of high capacity transit in Norfolk.

Mr. Zach Trogdon of Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), reported that it has six buses ready to go into production with delivery in June 2019. He noted that WATA has also recently ordered three light duty buses.

Delegate David Yancey arrives

Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Update

Ms. Terry Danaher, CTAC Chair, reported that CTAC met last month with an interactive briefing from HRTPO staff which allowed CTAC members to provide input on the weighting of measures for the HRTPO Prioritization Tool.

Military Liaisons Comments and Updates

Captain Samson Stevens, US Coast Guard, reported that he attended a resiliency conference with Mayor Kenneth Alexander in Norfolk. He stated that hurricane season begins June 1st and noted that a joint committee has been formed to review how to best recover if the Port received a direct hurricane strike. He stated that the Coast Guard is working closely with VDOT with regard to the I-64 HRBT Expansion project. Captain Stevens expressed his appreciation to the localities for donations to service members during the government shutdown.

CDR Susanne Weinrich, US Navy, had no comments.

There was no representative in attendance from Joint Langley-Eustis.

Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study: Update

Ms. Jennifer Salyers, VDOT Location Studies Project Manager, provided an update to the Bowers Hill Interchange Project. The purpose of the study is to:

- Address current operational deficiencies, such as inefficient access configurations, while improving safety within weaving and transition areas, at the junction of I-664, I-264, I-64, U.S. Route 460, U.S. Route 58, U.S. Route 13, and VA Route 191.

Additionally, the purpose also addresses current and future travel demand within the interchange.

Ms. Salyers outlined the alternatives retained for analysis:

- No-Build Alternative
- Alternative 1 – Eastbound and Westbound U.S. 58 Braided Ramps
- Alternative 2 – Full Interchange Reconstruction

She indicated that the Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently available for public review and comment through May 19, 2019. Ms. Salyers stated that VDOT plans to recommend Alternative 1 as the Preferred Alternative and will request agency concurrence on the Preferred Alternative on June 12th. VDOT plans to recommend the Preferred Alternative to the CTB on June 18, 2019.

The HRTPO Board agreed to provide comments on a preferred alternative for this study at its May 16, 2019 meeting.

Hampton Roads Regional Bridge Study

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that the 2018 update of the Hampton Roads Regional Bridge Study builds on the original 2007 study and the update released in 2012. The Study provided a regional analysis of bridge topics such as bridge inspections and ratings, deficient bridges, bridge funding and projects, and the impacts that the closure of major bridges would have on Hampton Roads travel patterns.

A few key results from the study are as follows:

- 60 bridges (4.7%) are structurally deficient in Hampton Roads as of April 2019, down from 80 bridges in 2014, including the westbound Hampton Roads Bridge - Tunnel (HRBT).
- As of 2017, 4.4% of the bridges statewide that are 70+ years old are in Hampton Roads.
- HRTPO staff calculated as a “worst-case” scenario, \$4.5 billion will be necessary to fund the maintenance of bridges in Hampton Roads through 2045.

FY 2020 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Michael Kimbrel, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, reported 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, has developed the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for fiscal year (FY) 2020. The UPWP describes the mutual responsibilities of the aforementioned entities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process for Hampton Roads.

He stated that the draft UPWP was made available on the HRTPO website for public comment and review from April 3, 2019 through April 17, 2019. The final UPWP will be on the May HRTPO Board agenda for approval.

Economic Impact of Bicycle Facilities – Phase One: Final Report

Dr. Robert Case, HRTPO Chief Transportation Engineer, stated that Phase One of the Economic Impact of Bicycle Facilities report was prepared by HRTPO staff at the request of the City of Williamsburg, focused primarily on the tourist areas of the Historic Triangle and Virginia Beach, and utilized existing data sources to examine:

- Key findings for studies of paths in other regions
- Income, mode share, spending by visitors, bike shops, etc. in Hampton Roads

The draft report was presented to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) on January 9, 2019 and was made available for public review and comment from January 9, 2019 through January 23, 2019. Comments received were addressed in the appendices of the final report. The TTAC has recommended approval of the report.

This item was included in the meeting agenda for approval under Item #18-K

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment Period

There were no public speakers.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Shepperd reported there were no submitted public comments in the Agenda packet.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda, as listed in the Agenda Packet, is as follows:

- Minutes
 - December 13, 2018 Joint HRTPO/HRTAC Meeting Minutes
 - February 21, 2019 HRTPO Board Meeting Minutes
- HRTPO Financial Statement
- FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Request: UPC 104905
I-64 Peninsula Widening – Segment 1
- FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Request: STIP ID HRT0107 & HRT0108
Hampton Roads Transit
- FY 2018 2021 TIP Amendment Request: 11 Projects
Suffolk Transit
- FY 2018-2021 TIP Revision: Request to Transfer RSTP Funding: UPC 17633
Richmond Road Multi-Use Trail in James City County

- FY 2018-2021 TIP Revision: Request to Transfer Funding: UPC 102944, 71616 Centerville Road/News Road Intersection Improvements in James City County
- Richmond Road Corridor Improvements in James City County
- Regional Performance Measures – System Performance Report: Final
- Southampton County Active Transportation Plan: Final
- HRTPO 2018 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process Report: Final
- Economic Impact of Bicycle Facilities – Phase One: Final Report
- HRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC): Membership

Mayor Rowe Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written; seconded by Delegate Christopher Stolle. The Motion Carried.

HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Shepperd outlined the HRTPO Board three-month tentative schedule in the Agenda Packet.

Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings

Chair Shepperd noted there were summary minutes from several advisory committees in the Agenda packet.

For Your Information

Chair Shepperd summarized the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director/Secretary