

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting
June 1, 2022**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. in the Regional Building Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Jamie Oliver (Chair, IW)	Angela Rico (NN)	Ric Lowman (VB)
Troy Eisenberger (CH)	Bryan Stilley (NN)	Mark Shea (VB)
Tracy Jones-Schoenfeld (CH)	Dorian Allen (NO)	Tim Cross (YK)
Carlee Smith (FR)	Deborah Mangiaracina (NO)	Keisha Branch (Alternate, HRT)
Carol Rizzio (Vice-Chair, GL)	Carl Jackson (PO)	Todd Halacy (VDOT)
Sandon Rogers (HA)	Beth Lewis (SH)	Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)
Amy Ring (IW)	Darryll Lewis (SU)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Paul Holt (JC)	Robert Lewis (SU)	Barbara Nelson (VPA)
Tom Leininger (JC)	Jason Souders (SU)	Ben Goodill (WATA)
Toluwalase Ibikunle (Alternate, NN)	David Jarman (VB)	

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)	Jeff Harper (PO)	Daniel Clayton (WM)
Jason Mitchell (HA)	James Wright (PO)	Aaron Small (WM) *
Wayne Griffin (IW)	Garrett Feagans (PQ)	Earl Anderson (YK)
Tammy Rosario (JC)	Charles Horton (PQ)	Elizabeth Mertz-Guinn (YK)
Angela Hopkins (NN)	Michael Johnson (SH)	Grant Sparks (DRPT)
John Stevenson (NO)	Lynette Lowe (SH)	

TTAC Non-Voting Members Absent:

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

HRTPO Staff in Attendance:

Theresa Brooks	Kathlene Grauberger	Pavithra Parthasarathi
Rob Case	Steve Lambert	Jeff Raliski
Rob Cofield	Keith Nichols	Dale Stith
Kyle Gilmer		

* Watched via live stream – voting not enabled via live stream

Others Recorded Attending:

Robert Weber (SU); Megan Gribble (VB); Heather Patel (VDOT); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); John Harbin (HRPDC)

Approval of Agenda [Action Required]

Chair Jamie Oliver asked for additions or deletions to the TTAC Agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Bryan Stilley Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Robert Lewis. The Motion Carried.

Public Comment Period (Limit three minutes per individual)

There were no public comments.

Submitted Public Comments

There was one submitted public comment.

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

Mr. Todd Halacy stated that VDOT will present its FY 2023-2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at the CTB's June meeting. VDOT will also present its preferred alternative, endorsed by the HRTPO Board, for the Bowers Hill Interchange Study. He noted that the General Assembly has re-convened to consider approval of the state budget, which includes funding for the I-64 Gap.

There was no Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) representative in attendance.

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

Ms. Barbara Nelson of the Virginia Port Authority stated that World Bank released its list of top performing ports. The Port of Virginia ranked as the top performing port in North America.

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

Approval of Consent Items [Action Requested]

- A. Minutes from the May 4, 2022 Meetings
- B. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC 110804 – Indian River Road Widening – Phase 7B
- C. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: VDOT
UPC 121258 – I-64 EB-WB Exits 278-284

Mr. Tim Cross Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written; seconded by Ms. Angela Rico. The Motion Carried.

2045 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan: Final [Action Requested]

Ms. Theresa Brooks, HRTPO Transportation Engineer III, stated that the draft report of the *2045 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan* was presented to the TTAC on May 4, 2022 and made available for public review and comment from April 21, 2022 through May 4, 2022. Public comments received were addressed in the final report.

The Rural Transportation Working Group recommended TTAC and HRTPO Board approval of the 2045 RL RTP report.

Ms. Carlee Smith Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the final report; seconded by Ms. Beth Lewis. The Motion Carried.

Hampton Roads Regional Trails Report: Draft

Mr. Steve Lambert, HRTPO Transportation Planner II, stated that the objectives of the *Hampton Roads Regional Trails Report* are to:

- Promote the area's regional, statewide, and national trails
- Spotlight existing segments
- Identify funded segments
- Create potential new regional trails
- Provide a Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Analysis on key segments of these trails

Mr. Lambert indicated that the report highlights regional trails in particular, but also promotes State and National trails. The report includes pictures, maps, and information on select existing segments for the regional trails as well as maps to depict the funded projects along these trails. A Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) Analysis was also included as part of the report on specific segments of the regional trails, including proposed future trails.

Mr. Lambert noted that the next steps include:

- Assisting localities with implementing features on existing/planned trails to reduce LTS scores
- Developing marketing/branding plans for the South Hampton Roads Trail (SHRT) and the Birthplace of America Trail/Virginia Capital Trail Extension (BoAT/VCTE) in coordination with localities
- Promoting ferry routes as official routes
- Continuing to encourage the connection of regional trails to other significant trails, state parks, and federal lands

Mr. Lambert requested that TTAC members review the draft report and submit comments to him by COB June 15, 2022.

Regional Performance Measures – System Performance Report 2022 Update: Draft

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that federal legislation requires that States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) prepare and use a set of federally-established performance measures. Each MPO must also set regional targets in the areas of roadway safety, transit asset management, transit safety, pavement condition, bridge condition, roadway performance, and freight. The HRTPO established initial targets in most of these areas throughout 2018, and updates targets in certain areas on an annual basis.

Mr. Nichols stated that the *Regional Performance Measures – System Performance Report* includes a description of the methodology used to calculate each measure, historical data trends for each of the areas, information on statewide targets, a description of the targets that have been established by the HRTPO, and the progress being made towards meeting the established targets.

Mr. Nichols highlighted several targets that the region either surpassed or missed from the targets set for 2020, including:

- Surpassed the 2020 Target:
 - Transit Asset Management – Rolling Stock (except bus and cutaway buses)
 - Percentage of Pavement in Hampton Roads in Good Condition (Interstate)
 - Percentage of Pavement in Hampton Roads in Poor Condition [Interstate and Non-Interstate (NHS)]
 - Freight – Truck Travel Time Reliability Index

- Missed the 2020 Target:
 - Safety – Number of Fatalities
 - Safety – Number of Serious Injuries
 - Safety Injury Rate (Per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT))
 - Percentage of NHS Bridge Deck Area in Hampton Roads in Good Condition
 - Percentage of Pavement in Hampton Roads in Good Condition (Non-Interstate NHS)

Mr. Nichols noted that the draft version of the report is available for public review and comment from June 1, 2022 through June 17, 2022. He indicated that the final report will be on the July TTAC Agenda for approval.

Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study Kickoff

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that HRTPO staff prepares the Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study on a recurring basis. The Regional Safety Study includes information on regional crash data and trends, a detailed analysis of crash locations, methods to improve roadway safety, and an analysis of high crash locations with crash countermeasures.

Mr. Nichols stated that HRTPO staff plans to prepare an update to the Regional Safety Study throughout FY 2023. He noted that as part of this update, a study task force, comprised of TTAC members, will be formed to assist with the development and implementation of the plan. He indicated that an email would be transmitted to TTAC members regarding the study task force.

Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Oliver outlined the Three-Month Tentative Schedule in the Agenda Packet, including the tentative cancellation of the August TTAC meeting.

For Your Information

Chair Oliver highlighted the items in the For Your Information section in the Agenda Packet.

Announcements

Chair Oliver summarized the items in the Announcements section in the Agenda Packet.

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi stated that HRTPO staff is currently in Seattle, WA presenting a poster on the Safe Routes to School report. She noted that staff will brief TTAC on the report at its July meeting.

Old/New Business

Dr. Robert Case stated that as part of the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), HRTPO staff plans to assist Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant applicants by laying the groundwork for their applications. In particular, IIJA's focus in addressing climate change and healthy communities presents an opportunity to advance efforts related to:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Reconnecting Communities

Dr. Case indicated that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be released this summer for the Reconnecting Communities grant. He noted that HRTPO staff plans to assist in research or analysis that may help in identifying places that create barriers in communities. He requested TTAC members serve on a working group for this grant and the following volunteered:

- Troy Eisenberger – Chesapeake
- Jamie Oliver – Isle of Wight
- Angela Rico – Newport News
- Carl Jackson – Portsmouth
- Robert Lewis – Suffolk
- David Jarman – Virginia Beach
- Ric Lowman – Virginia Beach
- Eric Stringfield – VDOT
- Ben Goodill – WATA

Mr. Eric Stringfield of VDOT stated that there were 72 Hampton Roads SMART SCALE applications submitted for Round 5. He noted that one application was not accepted and another was pending acceptance. He indicated that the portal was now open to finalize all applications.

Ms. Dale Stith informed TTAC that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) planned to brief TTAC at its July meeting on the proposed second maintenance plan for Hampton Roads, which was drafted due to the expiration of the current plan. The public comment period on the draft plan will open on June 20, 2022 and HRTPO staff will provide a link to the plan when available.

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.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.