

AGENDA ITEM #7: MINUTES

Summary minutes of the TTAC meeting held on June 3, 2015 are attached.

Attachment 7

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting
June 3, 2015**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. in the Ballroom of the David Student Union, Christopher Newport University, 1 University Boulevard, Newport News, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Robert Gey (Chair, VB)	Britta Ayers (NN)	Phil Pullen (VB)
Steve Froncillo (CH)	Jackie Kassel (NN)	Brian Solis (VB)
Steve Lambert (CH)	Bryan Stilley (NN)	Reed Nester (WM)
Earl Sorey (CH)	Robert Brown (NO)	Tim Cross (YK)
Garrey Curry (GL)	Thelma Drake (NO)	Chris Arabia (DRPT)
Lynn Allsbrook (HA)	Jeff Raliski (NO)	Julie Timm (HRT)
Keith Cannady (HA)	Susan Wilson (PO)	Stephen Rowan (VDOT)
John Yorks (HA)	Kevin Wyne (PQ)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Paul Holt (JC)	Sherry Earley (SU)	Jeff Florin (VPA)
Tammy Rosario (JC)	Robert Lewis (SU)	Jamie Jackson (WATA)

TTAC Voting Members Absent:

Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)	Allen J. Murphy, Jr. (JC)	Daniel Clayton (WM)
Brian Lewis (GL)	James Wright (PO)	Steve Martin (WM)
Jamie Oliver (IW)	Ellen Roberts (PQ)	J. Mark Carter (YK)
Michael Stallings (IW)	Debbie Vest (PQ)	Al Maddalena (YK)
Peter Stephenson (IW)	Scott Mills (SU)	Dawn Odom (VDOT)

TTAC Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)	Michael King (Alternate, NAVY)
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TTAC Nonvoting Members Absent:

Tony Cho (FTA)	Rhonda Murray (NAVY)
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HRTPO Staff:

Sam Belfield	James McNamara	Leonardo Pineda, II
Rob Case	John Mihaly	Camelia Ravanbakht
Kathlene Grauberger	Keith Nichols	Seth Schipinski
Theresa Jones	Joe Paulus	Dale Stith
Mike Kimbrel		

Others Recorded Attending:

Frank Papcin (Citizen); Tara Reel (VB); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Unwanna Dabney, Lynn Purnell (PB); Steve Hetrick (Albert Gerken, Inc.); Keisha Branch (HRT); Jim Trogdon (Atkins North America); Phil Lohr (WRA); Shelley Bogue, Ray Hunt, Carl Jackson, Stephanie Lagarile, Darryll Lewis, Jim Long, Bryant Porter (VDOT); Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

Introductions

Ms. Thelma Drake introduced herself as the newest TTAC Voting member representing the City of Norfolk. Mr. Eric Stringfield introduced Ms. Stephanie Lagarile, a VDOT intern.

Public Comment Period

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the TTAC regarding the Virginia Port and the resulting traffic congestion, the need to implement projects more quickly, and his dislike of public-private partnerships.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments in the agenda packet.

Comments and Updates from State and Federal Agencies and the Military

There were no comments from VDOT.

There were no comments from DRPT.

There were no comments from FHWA.

There were no comments from VPA.

There were no comments from the Navy.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Robert Gey asked for additions or deletions to the TTAC Agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Eric Stringfield Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Jeff Florin. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes

Chair Gey reported that the TTAC summary minutes from the May 6, 2015 meeting were included in the June 3, 2015 TTAC Agenda Packet. Chair Gey asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Tim Cross Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Earl Sorey. The Motion Carried.

2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment: HRT

Ms. Julie Timm briefed the TTAC on the HRT request to amend the HRTPO 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to add the construction of the Virginia Beach Light Rail Transit Extension developed from the transit extension study performed under UPCs T9093 and T9108 and based upon the Locally Preferred Alternative adopted by the City of Virginia Beach and the

Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads. The proposed project is still pending final environmental clearance through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

The total cost of the project is \$310 million, funded with \$155 million in state funds and \$155 million in City of Virginia Beach funds. The current schedule calls for completion of the project in December 2019.

The LRTP amendment request has been made available for public review and comment. The public review period began on May 28, 2015 and runs through June 11, 2015.

Mr. Ivan Rucker asked whether VDOT and DRPT were comfortable with the fiscal constraint of the plan once this project is included. Mr. Stringfield and Mr. Arabia replied affirmatively.

Ms. Timm Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the 2034 LRTP Amendment; seconded by Mr. Brian Solis. The Motion Carried.

FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: DRPT

Mr. Chris Arabia briefed the TTAC on the DRPT request to amend the Hampton Roads FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to account for projects and funding approved by DRPT on nine projects.

The TIP amendment request has been made available for public review and comment. The public review period began on May 27, 2015 and runs through June 10, 2015.

Mr. Arabia Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the TIP amendment; seconded by Mr. Paul Holt. The Motion Carried.

Truck Delay Impacts of Key Planned Highway Projects: Final

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, reported that the Truck Delay Impacts of Key Planned Highway Projects draft report was presented to the TTAC and underwent public review in April 22, 2015.

Mr. Lynn Allsbrook Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the final report; seconded by Mr. Bryan Stilley. The Motion Carried.

2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Status Update

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported that the HRTPO, in conjunction with regional stakeholders, has been in the process of updating the LRTP to the horizon year 2040 for the past several years and is in the final stages of a multi-year planning process. At its April 16, 2015 Meeting, the HRTPO Board approved the Project Prioritization scores for the 190+ multimodal candidate transportation projects. Project Prioritization evaluates candidate projects based on their technical merits and regional benefits and is the guiding tool in the development of a fiscally-constrained LRTP. She stated that with the approval of Project Prioritization scores, a

Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects for the 2040 LRTP outlining project priorities has been developed.

Ms. Stith indicated that currently, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) projects are not a part of the draft list, but will be included once HRTAC develops a funding plan for these projects.

She noted there is a \$1 billion balance in forecasted revenues that could be utilized on:

- HRTAC projects
- Transit: Fixed Guideway Projects

The HRTPO Board discussed this item at its May 21, 2015 Annual Retreat and agreed to defer any decision until the development of the funding plan for HRTAC projects.

With regard to the Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects, next steps include:

- HRTPO Board approval of Draft list
- Public Outreach and review of Draft list
- Advisory Committee review of Draft list
- HRTPO Board Approval of Final List

Once the HRTPO Board approves the final, fiscally-constrained list of projects, HRTPO staff will complete documentation of the 2040 LRTP which will then be brought to the HRTPO Board for adoption.

Mr. Rucker inquired whether it is the intention of HRTPO staff to provide the TTAC an opportunity to review the HRTAC funding assumptions. Ms. Stith replied affirmatively.

Dr. Ravanbakht stated the HRTAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been charged with developing a funding plan for the HRTAC projects. The TAC is working aggressively with a consultant and a funding plan recommendation should be provided to HRTAC within three months. She indicated that HRTPO staff will continue to update TTAC with regard to the HRTAC projects.

Chair Gey asked whether the 2040 LRTP was still on schedule for anticipated HRTPO Board approval. Dr. Ravanbakht replied affirmatively and stated the 2040 LRTP is scheduled for HRTPO approval in January 2016. She noted the LRTP is one of the core programs of the HRTPO, and TTAC members have been engaged in the entire process. She urged TTAC members to brief their Board members in order for them to have updated information when attending the Board meeting.

Port of Virginia Update: VPA

Mr. Jeff Florin, VPA Vice President of Port Development, reported that the Panama Canal Expansion, the largest project at the Canal since its original construction, will double the Canal's

capacity. He indicated that as of April 30, 2015, the project is 89% completed and the Port of Virginia has been preparing to take advantage of opportunities that will result from this expansion.

He stated that 2014 was a record year for the Port of Virginia due to:

- 2.4 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) of rail, barge, and truck containers
- Strong volume growth
- Increase of 7.6% compared to 2013
- Virginia International Gateway (VIG) and Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) operating at or near capacity

Mr. Florin described the positive economic impacts of the Port, its high rate of competitiveness compared to other East Coast ports, and the fact that it is served by two Class I railroads. He concluded by discussing several transportation projects that, once complete, will enhance the Port further.

HRTAC Projects – Schedules and Updates: VDOT

Mr. James Long, VDOT Hampton Roads District Major Projects Delivery Director, briefed TTAC on the current status of the nine HRTAC projects as follows:

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| • I-64 Widening – Segment I | Current Estimate is \$122.6 million
Funded Through Construction
Additional Scope Items under Review |
| • I-64 Widening – Segment II | Funded for PE
Right of Way and Construction Phases Not Funded |
| • I-64 Widening – Segment III | Not Funded
No Work Performed |
| • Fort Eustis Blvd. Interchange | Not Funded
No Work Performed |
| • I-64/I-264 Interchange | PE and Right of Way Funded
Construction Phase Not Funded |
| • I-64 Southside Widening
(Including the High Rise Bridge) | PE Partially Funded
Right of Way and Construction Phases Not Funded |
| • Patriots Crossing (Including
Craney Island Connector) | \$9 Million Previously Expended (on Third Crossing)
\$5 million for Supplemental Environmental Impact
Study (SEIS) for Entire Third Crossing Project
PE, Right of Way, and Construction Phases Not Funded
No Work Performed |

- I-664 Widening (Including Bowers Hill Interchange) Included in the SEIS noted in Patriots Crossing
Not Funded
No Work Performed
- Route 460/58/13 Connector Not Funded
No Work Performed

Dr. Robert Case asked whether the Third Crossing SEIS will include all harbor crossings. Mr. Long replied the SEIS will include the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT), Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel (MMMBT), Patriots Crossing, and may include the James River Bridge (JRB).

Mr. Ivan Rucker inquired if it was VDOT’s intent to conduct the analysis from a system-wide perspective since VDOT has expanded the study area to include all harbor crossings. Mr. Long replied affirmatively.

Mr. Long stated a scoping meeting for the Third Crossing SEIS will take place in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht of the HRTPO and Ms. Julie Timm of HRT requested that their staff be able to attend the scoping meeting. Mr. Long replied affirmatively.

Dr. Ravanbakht inquired as to the estimated completion date of the SEIS. Mr. Long replied the SEIS should be completed by December 2017.

Dr. Ravanbakht asked for the timeline for the remaining work on the I-64/I-264 Interchange project. Mr. Stringfield replied that VDOT is conducting a study on the entire interchange which should be completed by the end of the year. Dr. Ravanbakht requested that VDOT brief TTAC upon completion of the study.

2015 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process: Overview and Timeline

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that the HRTPO is responsible for project selection and funding allocation for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). He noted the CMAQ program provides federal funding for projects that primarily help improve air quality while RSTP provides federal funding for a wide variety of projects.

The eligible recipients of CMAQ and RSTP funds in Hampton Roads include:

- Localities
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- Virginia Department of Transportation
- Virginia Port Authority
- Hampton Roads Transit
- Williamsburg Area Transit Authority
- HRTPO

Mr. Kimbrel noted the estimated available funding for FY 2022 is:

- CMAQ Total – \$14,243,448
- RSTP Total – \$26,867,539

Mr. Kimbrel outlined various deadlines with regards to the CMAQ and RSTP schedule, including the July 31, 2015 deadline for the public to submit project ideas and August 14, 2015 as the deadline for applications from eligible recipients.

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Gey highlighted the Correspondence of Interest items in the Agenda.

Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Gey outlined the Three-Month Tentative Schedule for TTAC.

For Your Information

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

Announcements

Chair Gey stated the TRAFFIX Oversight Subcommittee (TOS) will meet immediately following TTAC.

Dr. Rob Case announced that the HRTTO Subcommittee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on June 9, 2015 at Sandy Bottom Nature Park.

Old/New Business

There was no new or old business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.