

**AGENDA ITEM #5: COMMENTS AND UPDATES FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND MILITARY LIAISONS**

Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Military are invited to provide comments and updates to the TTAC.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires an action from the TTAC should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under “Old/New Business”.

**AGENDA ITEM #7: MINUTES**

Summary minutes of the TTAC meeting held on June 5, 2019 are attached.

Attachment 7

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the minutes.

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Transportation  
Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting  
June 5, 2019**

The HRTPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Regional Building Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**TTAC Voting Members in Attendance:**

Robert Lewis (Chair, SU)	Rhonda Russell (NN)	Tim Cross (YK)
Earl Sorey (CH)	Robert Brown (NO)	Chris Arabia (Alternate, DRPT)
Carol Rizzio (GL)	Frank Brown (PO)	Jamie Jackson (HRT)
Mike Hayes (HA)	Carl Jackson (PO)	Sonya Hallums-Ponton (VDOT)
Angela Rico (Alternate, HA)	Dannan O'Connell (PQ)	Dawn Odom (VDOT)
Richard Rudnicki (IW)	LJ Hansen (SU)	Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Benjamin Sullivan (IW)	Jason Souders (Alternate, SU)	Barbara Nelson (VPA)
Paul Holt (JC)	Tara Reel (VB)	Joshua Moore (WATA)
Bridjette Parker (NN)	Mark Shea (Alternate, VB)	

**TTAC Voting Members Absent:**

Benjamin Camras (CH)	Amy Inman (NO)	Phil Pullen (VB)
Troy Eisenberger (CH)	James Wright (PO)	Daniel Clayton (WM)
Donald Goodwin (FR)	Ellen Roberts (PQ)	Carolyn Murphy (WM)
Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)	Debbie Vest (PQ)	Aaron Small (WM)
Jason Mitchell (HA)	Michael Johnson (SH)	Earl Anderson (YK)
Jamie Oliver (IW)	Beth Lewis (SH)	Joe Sisler (YK)
Tammy Rosario (JC)	Lynette Lowe (SH)	Tiffany Dubinski (DRPT)
Bryan Stilley (NN)	Rick Lowman (VB)	

**TTAC Nonvoting Members in Attendance:**

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)  
Michael King (NAVY)

**TTAC Nonvoting Members Absent:**

Melissa McGill (FTA)

**Other Participants:**

Ron Hodges (TRAFFIX)

**HRTPO Staff:**

Sam Belfield	Uros Jovanovic	Kendall Miller
Theresa Brooks	Mike Kimbrel	Keith Nichols
Natalie Brown	Steve Lambert	Leonardo Pineda
Rob Case	Sharon Lawrence	Jeff Raliski
Kathlene Grauberger	John Mihaly	Dale Stith

**Others Recorded Attending:**

Jim Long, Lui Zukosky (RK&K); Kirsten Tynch (VHB); Keisha Branch (HRT); Bob Matthias (VB); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Angela Biney, Karen Bourne, Mike Davis, Michael Glass, Robin Grier, Andrew Griffey, Sharonda Hawkins, Darryll Lewis, Audrey Moruza, Bryant Porter, Chessica Villaflores, Isabella Young (VDOT); Dustin Rinehart (POV); Emily Moser (Kimley-Horn); Karen Samuel Hayes (Moffatt & Nichol); Matt Agnes (Clark Nexsen); Will March, Justin Dietrick (SU); Bob Camras (CH); Lynn E. Allsbrook (Whitman, Requardt & Assoc.)

**Recognition**

Chair Robert Lewis acknowledged the May 31, 2019 attack at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center and requested a moment of silence for the victims and their families.

**Introduction**

Chair Lewis introduced William March and Justin Detrick, engineering interns with Suffolk's Department of Public Works. Ms. Dawn Odom introduced Mike Davis, VDOT's Deputy District Engineer for Project Development and Delivery. Mr. Eric Stringfield introduced Michael Glass, VDOT intern from Virginia Tech.

**Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments.

**Comments and Updates from State and Federal Agencies and the Military**

Ms. Sonya Hallums-Ponton from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) reported that pre-applications for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set - Aside and Revenue Sharing Programs are due July 1, 2019.

Mr. Chris Arabia from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) reported that the statewide integrated mobility study was complete and now located on DRTP's website. He also stated that the multi-model system design guideline has been updated to show the new mobility concepts and lessons learned through SMART SCALE.

There were no comments from VPA.

There was no representative in attendance from FHWA.

There were no comments from the U.S. Navy.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Lewis asked for additions or deletions with regard to the TTAC Agenda. Hearing none, Mr. LJ Hansen Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Eric Stringfield. The Motion Carried.

## **Summary Minutes**

Chair Lewis reported that the TTAC summary minutes from the May 1, 2019, meeting were included in the Agenda Packet. Chair Lewis asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Carl Jackson Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Ms. Angela Rico. The Motion Carried.

## **Bowers Hill Interchange Improvement Study: Working Group Appointments - Chair Lewis:**

Chair Lewis reported that the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvement Study Working Group will consist of:

- Robert Lewis (SU)
- Jason Sauders (SU)
- Earl Sorey (CH)
- Carl Jackson (PO)
- Barbara Nelson (VPA)
- Rob Brown (NO)
- HRTPO and VDOT Staff

## **FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Request: STIP ID WAT0062**

Mr. Joshua Moore reported that the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is requesting to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the obligations on one project. The specifics of the request are described below:

- STIP ID WAT0062 – Intelligent Transportation System Study
- Add FY 2019 FTA Section 5307 funds of \$48,000
- Add FY 2019 Local funds of \$12,000

This amendment does not include new transit routes, and therefore, the projects are not deemed regionally significant, and as such are exempt under 40 CFR 93.126 under the following category of Mass Transit – purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet, operating assistance to transit agencies, reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals, and ancillary structures)

This request was made available for public review and comment from May 29, 2019 through June 12, 2019.

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

### **FY 2018-2021 TIP Revision: Request to Transfer CMAQ Funding: UPC T11780**

Mr. Joshua Moore reported that the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is requesting to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to transfer a total of \$75,000 in Regional Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds from one completed project to another eligible project. The specifics of the request are described below:

- UPC T11780 – Purchase Replacement Buses
- Receive \$21,968 of FY 2018 CMAQ funds, plus \$5,492 State Match, from completed project Mounts Bay Route (UPC T10862)
- Receive \$38,032 of FY 2019 CMAQ funds, plus \$9,508 State Match, from completed project Mounts Bay Route (UPC T10862)

This amendment does not include new transit routes, and therefore, the projects are not deemed regionally significant, and as such are exempt under 40 CFR 93.126 under the following category of Mass Transit – purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet, operating assistance to transit agencies, reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures (e.g., rail or bus buildings, storage and maintenance facilities, stations, terminals, and ancillary structures)

Should the HRTPO Board approve the funding transfers described above, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be amended to update the funding information associated with the projects. This request was being made available for public review and comment from May 29, 2019 through June 12, 2019.

Mr. LJ Hansen Moved to recommend HRTPO Board approval of the proposed funding transfers and associated TIP amendment; seconded by Mr. Paul Holt. The Motion Carried.

### **VTrans Update**

Mr. Chris Wichman, Senior Transportation Planner with the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), reported that the next update of VTrans – Virginia’s mid- and long-range multimodal transportation plan – provides the overarching vision for development, preservation, and maintenance of Virginia’s transportation system. He stated that VTrans identifies transportation needs that are used as eligibility criteria for SMART SCALE and other funding programs. The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) is assisting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in the development of the VTrans update.

Mr. Wichman provided details on the identification of VTtrans Needs along with the measures, methods, and upcoming timeline for engagement at the regional and local level.

Mr. Wichman elaborated on the mid-term needs approach, which are to:

- Validate and build upon needs identified in VTrans2040
- Introduce new/improved data sources and new measures in line with federal performance reporting requirements
- Tie measures to VTrans Goals and Objectives
- Coordinate with regional and local stakeholders to update needs

He also provided information on VTrans Goals as follows:

- Goal A: Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity
- Goal B: Accessible and Connected Places
- Goal C: Safety for All Users
- Goal D: Proactive System Management
- Goal E: Healthy Communities and Sustainable Transportation Communities

He noted that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is expected to adopt updated VTrans Needs at its December 2019 meeting.

### **Congestion Management Process (CMP): Update**

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that the HRTPO staff will be updating the CMP report in FY 2020 and will include a thorough assessment of the roadway system in Hampton Roads, a regional roadway network congestion analysis, a ranking of the most congested corridors, and a list of congestion mitigation strategies and recommended improvements for the congested corridors. He stated that, for the first time, the 2020 CMP will include an analysis of changes in travel times in critical corridors throughout the region and an assessment of the impacts of a number of recently completed roadway projects on travel times and congestion levels. The 2020 CMP will also provide data and a list of candidate projects for consideration in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Project Prioritization Process.

### **Centerville Bridge Rehabilitation Project - Traffic Impacts and Mitigation Efforts**

Mr. Earl Sorey, Assistant Director of Public Works, City of Chesapeake, reported that the Centerville Turnpike Bridge is a single swing span, two-lane drawbridge located where Centerville Turnpike crosses the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway north of Mount Pleasant Road in the City of Chesapeake. He stated the bridge was constructed in 1955, carries approximately 16,000 vehicles per day, and is operated by the City. The bridge is in need of major structural repair and is currently weight-restricted.

Mr. Sorey stated that a complete rehabilitation of the bridge began this month and is expected to last approximately 16 months. The most significant impact to traffic will begin on July 28, 2019 when the bridge will be closed completely for approximately six months to accommodate reconstruction of the pivot pier and several other structural elements. He discussed mitigation strategies and recommended localities inform their citizens about the closure and encourage them to travel during off-peak hours. He noted that the City plans to coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard to request temporarily eliminating scheduled Great Bridge drawbridge openings during AM and PM peak hours.

### **2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Status Update**

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported that HRTPO staff has been working on updating the regional LRTP to the horizon year of 2045. As part of the 2045 LRTP, scenario planning is being employed to investigate plausible alternate futures and their potential impacts on the transportation system. She stated that in addition to developing the 2045 baseline scenario, three additional future scenarios are being developed through a collaborative regional stakeholder process. She mentioned candidate transportation projects will be evaluated through each of the alternative scenarios in an effort to identify those projects that provide the most benefit to the region regardless of which future assumption is analyzed, thereby highlighting smart investments for Hampton Roads. Ms. Stith reported that HRTPO staff will seek a recommended action from the TTAC at its July 10, 2019 meeting to take to the HRTPO Board.

### **A Guide to Funding Options Available to Virginia Jurisdictions**

Ms. Audrey Moruza, Senior Research Scientist, Virginia Transportation Research Council, reported that in mid-2012, VDOT's Transportation and Mobility Planning Division requested a comprehensive guide on ways in which local Virginia jurisdictions could raise funds for local priority transportation projects. Ms. Moruza stated that once the study launched, several factors impacted the study, including:

- New Federal Transportation Authorization
- Several Signature Acts of the Virginia General Assembly
- New Governor's Priorities
- Recodification of Title 32
- Addition of the Revenue Sharing grant program
- Addition of VDOT's Local Assistance Division

The research was then reviewed, updated, vetted by a legal expert, and edited for publication. She noted that the completed guide could be viewed by utilizing the following link [http://www.viriniadot.org/vtrc/main/online\\_reports/pdf/19-R1.pdf](http://www.viriniadot.org/vtrc/main/online_reports/pdf/19-R1.pdf).

### **Three-Month Tentative Schedule**

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the next TTAC meeting will be July 10, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Building. The August 7, 2019 TTAC meeting is canceled.

### **For Your Information**

Chair Lewis highlighted the items in the For Your Information section in the agenda packet.

### **Announcements**

Chair Lewis announced that the TRAFFIX Subcommittee will meet immediately following the TTAC meeting.

### **Old/New Business**

Mr. John Mihaly stated the Transportation Programming Subcommittee (TPS) will meet on June 21, 2019 and that requests for FY 2026 CMAQ and RSTP, Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP), and CMAQ/RSTP Reserve Account Funding is due by COB on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Mr. Stringfield stated there will be multiple reps from VDOT participating on the working group for the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.