

ITEM #17: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the HRTPO Board meeting held on June 18, 2015 are attached.

Attachment 17-A

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of June 18, 2015

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:

McKinley Price, Chair (NN)
Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)*
Barry Cheatham (FR)*
Will Moffett (Alternate, HA)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)
Mary Jones (JC)
Paul D. Fraim (NO)
Kenneth I. Wright (PO)*
Herbert Green (Alternate, PQ)
Barry Porter (SH)

Louis Jones (Alternate, VB)
Clyde Haulman (WM)*
Thomas Shepperd (YK)
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)
Senator Mamie Locke (GA)*
Delegate David Yancey (GA)
William E. Harrell (HRT)
James Utterback (VDOT)
Cathie France (Alternate, VPA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

James E. Baker (CH)
Randy Martin (FR)
Sanford B. Wanner (GL)
Brian DeProffio (Alternate, HA)
Anne Seward (IW)
Paul Holt, (Alternate, JC)
James Bourey (NN)
Marcus Jones (NO)
Brannon Godfrey (PO)

Michael Johnson (SH)
Patrick Roberts (SU)*
James K. Spore (VB)
Jackson C. Tuttle, II (WM)
Neil Morgan (YK)
Greg Edwards (CTAC)
Colonel Joseph Laudner (Langley-Eustis)
Capt. Robert Geis (US Navy)

HRTPO Interim Executive Director:

Camelia Ravanbakht

CTB Participant

John Malbon

Other Participants:

Peter Huber (Willcox & Savage, PC)

HRTPO Voting Members Absent:

Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)
John C. Meyer (GL)
George Wallace (HA)
W. Eugene Hunt (PQ)
Linda T. Johnson, Vice-Chair (SU)

William D. Sessoms (VB)
Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)
John Reinhart (VPA)
William C. Porter, Jr. (WATA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:

Mary Bunting (HA)

Bryan Hill (JC)

J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)

Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)

Irene Rico (FHWA)

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)

Tony Cho (FTA)

Terry Garcia-Crews (FTA)

Arthur Moye (FTAC)

Col. John Allen (Langley-Eustis)

Col. William Galbraith (Langley-Eustis)

Wayne Shank (NAA)

Ken Spirito (PAC)

Randall P. Burdette (VDOA)

*Late arrival or early departure

Others Recorded Attending:

John Gergely, Frank Papcin (Citizens); Earl Sorey (CH); Jamie Oliver (IW); Britta Ayers, Cody Joyner, Bryan Stilley, Hayley Todd, Jerri Wilson (NN); Thelma Drake, Brittany Forman, Bryan Pennington, Barbara Reese (NO); Sherri Neil (PO); Eric Nielsen (SU); Tyrone W. Franklin (SY); Bob Matthias, Brian Solis (VB); Michael King, Rhonda Murray (US Navy); Tracy Baynard (McGuire Woods Consulting); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Bert Ramsay (Lane Construction); Ronique Day (Office of Secretary Layne); Martha McClees (VB Vision); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Diane Kaufman, Phillip Pullen (Office of Senator Kaine); Scott Lovell (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Ann Phillips (ODU/HR SLR Pilot Project); David Forster (Virginian-Pilot); Chris Fengier, Zac Little, Angel Vazquez (Whitlock); Rob Cary, Carl Jackson, Paula Miller, Dawn Odom (VDOT); Ray Amoruso, Joe Dillard, Jr. (HRT); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Sam Belfield, Rob Case, Kathlene Grauberger, Rob Jacques', Michael Kimbrel, John Mihaly, Kendall Miller, Keith Nichols, Joe Paulus, Dale Stith (HRTPO Staff); Kelli Arledge, Melton Boyer, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Julia Hillegass, Randy Keaton, Mike Long, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

Chair McKinley Price informed the HRTPO Board of the newly installed Boardroom sound system and a representative from The Whitlock Group addressed the Board regarding its operating instructions.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Price asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Paul Fraim Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Tom Shepperd. The Motion Carried.

Workshop Agenda**Commonwealth Transportation Board Members Comments and Updates**

Mr. John Malbon, CTB Member, reported the CTB approved the FY 2016 – 2021 Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) and approved the HB2 state prioritization process.

Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. James Utterback, VDOT Hampton Roads District Administrator, reported that construction for Segment I of the I-64 Peninsula Widening project should begin in September 2015. He noted that VDOT is working with the contractor to change the scope to have a managed shoulder lane from Jefferson Avenue to Fort Eustis Boulevard to be utilized during peak hour travel times. Regarding Segment II of the project, VDOT has received six potential bidders and an RFP will be released in July.

He stated VDOT is moving forward with the Hampton Roads Crossing Study, formerly known as the old Third Crossing, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). He indicated VDOT could provide a briefing of the study scope to the HRTPO Board next month.

He noted the tiles on the side wall of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) were melted yesterday because of a vehicle fire; however, he stated the incident was cleared quickly due to the fast response time of the Virginia State Police and the City of Hampton Fire and Rescue.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, DRPT Director, reported that \$155 million was approved for the Virginia Beach Light Rail Extension project. She stated the FY 2016 – 2021 SYIP includes \$17.5 million in operating funding and \$14 million for funding of various capital projects. DRPT approved \$14 million in operating funds for the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) and another \$200,000 for capital projects in Williamsburg.

She stated a few highlights from the SYIP include:

- \$20 million for the Newport News Intermodal Facility for passenger rail
- \$117 million for Richmond area CSX network improvements that will open up capacity for an additional two trains to Norfolk in the future
- \$8.6 million for a CSX Branch Facility Site servicing the Virginia Port

She noted that DRPT had several public meetings across the state regarding the Washington DC to Richmond Tier II EIS for high speed rail. The corridor has been mapped and DRPT is in the process of defining various alternatives. The trains will have a maximum speed of 90 miles per hour for that corridor.

Military Liaisons Comments and Updates

Captain Robert Geis of the US Navy expressed his appreciation to the HRTPO Board for the opportunity to participate in its monthly meetings.

Colonel Joseph Laudner of Langley-Eustis expressed his gratitude to the HRTPO Board for the opportunity to contribute to regional discussions each month.

2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment: Virginia Beach LRT Extension

Mr. Ray Amoruso, Chief Planning and Development Officer for Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), reported that the goals of the project include:

- Provide additional mobility opportunities in the east-west corridor
- Expand multi-modal transportation system that supports local land use plans and initiatives (Strategic Growth Areas)
- Develop transportation infrastructure that supports the regional tourism industry

He stated the project consists of a two track extension of LRT from the current Newtown Road Station in Norfolk to Town Center/Constitution Drive in Virginia Beach. The project is approximately 3.2 miles and will include the purchase of four light rail vehicles. 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.

Mr. Amoruso commented that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) had a 45-day public comment period from March 20 – May 5, 2015 and DRPT held four public hearings in April. He stated HRT is requesting to amend the 2034 Fiscally Constrained LRTP to include the Virginia Beach Transit Extension (VBTE) as a fully funded construction project.

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported the 2034 LRTP Amendment request is to:

- Include for construction the Virginia Beach Light Rail Transit Extension from the Newtown Road Station to Virginia Beach Town Center/Constitution Drive

She stated HRTPO staff confirms reasonableness of funding assumptions and recommends the HRTPO Board approve the 2034 LRTP Amendment request. She indicated the amendment will be for HRTPO Board consideration under Agenda Item #13-E in the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Mary Jones questioned whether bus rapid transit would be more economical and asked whether a cost benefit analysis was conducted. Mr. Amoruso replied that while a formal cost benefit analysis was not completed, the criteria required by the FTA were fulfilled. He noted that HRT does review the pros and cons of the different technologies, such as bus rapid transit. Mr. Harrell stated HRT has analyzed the Brookings Study and HRT, at its Board meeting next week, will release additional information regarding the project.

(Mayor Kenneth Wright departs)

2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan – Challenges and Strategies: Draft

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that the 2040 Hampton Roads Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is being produced as a compendium of reports. This draft report highlights the challenges presented in various aspects of the Hampton Roads transportation system, including congestion, active transportation, and safety and the strategies that are in place or planned to alleviate these challenges.

The draft report was made available for public review from May 21, 2015 – June 11, 2015. The report will be for HRTPO Board consideration at the July Board meeting.

(Mr. Patrick Roberts arrives)

Sea Level Rise – Update on HRTPO Efforts

Mr. Sam Belfield, HRTPO Senior Transportation Engineer, reported that Hampton Roads is the second most vulnerable region to sea level rise in the United States behind New Orleans. He stated sea level rise, coupled with storm surge, will continue to increase the risk of major coastal impacts on transportation infrastructure, including both temporary and permanent flooding of roadways, bridges/tunnels, and other facilities. Repetitive flooding at critical transportation facilities can severely impact travel and hurt the regional and local economies.

Mr. Belfield indicated HRTPO staff is currently partnering with HRPDC staff to conduct a vulnerability analysis for potential sea level rise and storm surge impacts to regional roadways by 2045, the next Long-Range Transportation Plan horizon year.

Regionally, the HRTPO has partnered with Old Dominion University, University of Virginia, College of William & Mary, Virginia Tech, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Staff is involved with the Hampton Roads Sea Level Rise Intergovernmental Planning Pilot Project, the Hampton Roads Adaptation Forum, and the Hampton Roads Dutch Dialogues.

He indicated that sea level rise/flooding impacts will be fully incorporated into the HRTPO Transportation Planning Process for FY 2016 and staff will continue its partnership to provide study results/data to localities for future planning efforts.

House Bill 2: Statewide Transportation Prioritization Process Update: VDOT

Mr. Robert H. Cary, VDOT Richmond District Engineer, on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, reported that HB2 is the statewide multimodal prioritization process that was approved by the CTB. He stated there are three parts to the HB2 process:

- VTrans2040 – Identify the needs on the various levels of the regional network and the local development areas. Projects must match up with these needs to move forward. The VTrans2040 document will be used to screen projects and if they

successfully screen against the needs in the document, the projects will be secured under HB2.

- HB2 – How the projects are scored
 - Application Process
 - Weighting Frameworks
 - Evaluation Measures
- HB1887 – Established the statewide priority fund and state of good repair. HB1887 will determine how projects are funded. The bill replaces the traditional funding formula that was created in 1986

Mr. Cary noted there was an extensive outreach program for HB2 as follows:

- 27 CTB hearings on SYIP and HB2
- Stakeholder sessions in each district in 2015
- Individual meetings with every MPO
- Numerous presentations at stakeholder and association conferences

(Senator Mamie Locke and Mayor Clyde Haulman depart)

He summarized several components of HB2, including:

- Application Screening Process
- Evaluation Factors
- Evaluation measures
- Factor Weighting Frameworks

Mr. Cary stated the CTB will utilize the HB2 process for the first round of projects for the FY 2017 – 2022 SYIP update and there will be:

- \$500 million for High Priority Projects
- \$500 for Construction District Grants

Finally, Mr. Cary outlined the anticipated HB2 yearly cycle for implementation.

Mr. Utterback remarked the VDOT Hampton Roads District will conduct two workshops in July on HB2 with the first on July 10, 2015 in the Regional Building Boardroom and the second on July 15, 2015 at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office in Suffolk.

(Dr. Ella Ward and Mr. Barry Cheatham depart)

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment Period

Mr. John Gergely, Newport New Citizen, addressed the HRBT, Patriots Crossing, and the prioritization process. He requested the HRTPO Board minutes contain verbatim public comments.

Mr. Ellis James, Norfolk Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding the proposed EPA ozone regulations.

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board on the HB2 prioritization process.

A transcription of the public comments made orally during this HRTPO Board meeting will be included in the HRTPO Agenda next month. The transcript will also be posted on the HRTPO website when available.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Price 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
- HRTPO Financial Statement
- FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: DRPT
- Truck Delay Impacts of Key Planned Highway Projects: Final
- 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment: Virginia Beach LRT Extension
- Analyzing and Mitigating the Impact of Tolls at the Midtown and Downtown Tunnels: Final
- FY 2015 HRTPO Budget Amendment

Mr. William Harrell Moved to approve the consent agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Louis Jones. The Motion Carried.

HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

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

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Price highlighted the Correspondence of Interest section in the Agenda Packet.

Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings

Chair Price noted there were summary minutes from the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) and the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) included in the Agenda packet.

For Your Information

Chair Price stated there was one item in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Old/New Business

There was no new/old business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Mayor McKinley Price
Chair

Camelia Ravanbakht
Interim Executive Director