

ITEM #17: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are invited to address the HRTPO Board. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

ITEM #18: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no submitted public comments. Any written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

ITEM #19: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS HRTPO MEETING

The transcribed public comments from the May 16, 2019 HRTPO Board meeting are attached.

Attachment 19

**Transcribed Public Comments from the
May 16, 2019 HRTPO Board Meeting**

*The views and opinions expressed during the public comment period
do not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the HRTPO.*

***John Gergely
Newport News***

My name is John Gergely. I want to comment on the presentation we just saw on the VDOT study. It talked about providing an analytical baseline, but then when Delegate Yancey asked if did it run without any HOT lanes, without any squeezing, changing, just open flow of traffic, you didn't do that run. That would be the baseline. There's no such thing as a baseline when you start with already artificially clogging up the lanes. I'm a piping system designer. Any time you do a piping system, you run the first flows with everything open just to see what happens. Then you start deciding how you change and what you can adjust. So you will not have a baseline unless you do a total run of all these roads you plan on building with no artificial chokes, which is the HOT lanes. Then adjust them as you need it to get your traffic. I just don't see having calling it a baseline if you don't do a true baseline and see what your roads will do if they're naturally allowed to run the way they should be. Thank you.