

# **Action Summary**

## **Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board Meeting**

### **July 19, 2018**

The Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia

#### **1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:34 a.m.*

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

*Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, requested to add additional items for approval under Consent Agenda Item 19-O – Requests for HRTPO Resolutions of Support – SMART SCALE. He also requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 19-F – FY 2018-2021 TIP Revision: Request to Transfer CMAQ Funding: UPC 103025 until a future HRTPO Board meeting.*

*The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.*

#### **3. Executive Director Report**

*Mr. Robert Crum provided a summary of current work activities of the HRTPO with particular note of the following:*

- *HRTPO staff has scheduled meetings with Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), and Suffolk Transit, along with their respective locality managers/administrators to discuss legislation passed during the 2018 session related to public transit funding and planning requirements.*
- *HRTPO staff plans to submit a \$25 million project application for the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) under the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program and a \$200 million HRBT project application under the SMART SCALE process.*

### **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

#### **4. Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Members Update**

*Mr. John Malbon stated the CTB met on July 17-18 in Northern Virginia and noted that no actions were taken that impacted the Hampton Roads region.*

#### **5. Virginia Department of Transportation Update**

*Mr. Christopher Hall stated that the July 2018 HRTAC Program Development Monthly Executive Report was included at the table as a handout. He indicated that all major projects are progressing on schedule. The contractor has begun work to the outside portion of the interstate on Segment II of the I-64 Peninsula Widening project and will begin shoulder strengthening at the end of the month on Segment III. Work is ongoing on all bridge decks for the I-64/I-264 Interchange Improvements Phase I project with preliminary work activities beginning on Phase 2. Finally, the contractor is currently mobilizing its efforts in order to begin construction on the I-64 Southside Widening and High Rise Bridge – Phase I project.*

#### **6. Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Update**

*Mr. Chris Arabia reported that Director Jennifer Mitchell briefed the CTB on the policy recommendations for transit reform. He noted that DRPT has partnered with the Regional Commission in Roanoke, VA to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a new ride matching system in order to link different systems from across the Commonwealth into one database.*

#### **7. Virginia Port Authority Update**

*Mr. Kit Chope reported that the construction projects at the Virginia International Gateway and the Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) are both on schedule with the Gateway project to be completed in Spring 2019 and the NIT project in approximately two years. He noted that the*

completion of the North Gate/I-564 Intermodal Connector project has removed over 700 trucks per day from side streets. Mr. Chope stated that the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers has issued the Chief's report for the Norfolk Harbor Deepening Study and the Port is in the preliminary engineering/design phase and expect to have dredgers in the water in less than two years.

#### **8. HRT and WATA Updates**

Mr. William Harrell expressed his appreciation to the CTB and DRPT for funding a demonstration grant that will allow HRT to conduct a comprehensive study of its routes in reviewing transit models from around the country. He stated the upcoming transit reforms will provide another opportunity for the region to collaborate and that HRT, WATA, and Suffolk Transit will continue to work together to improve transit service and economic vitality for the entire region.

Mr. Zach Trogdon expressed his appreciation to the General Assembly, the CTB, and DRPT regarding the new transit reforms. He noted that WATA received an award last month for six heavy duty transit buses that will arrive during the third quarter of 2019. He stated that WATA will soon be installing an automatic passenger counting system which will assist in securing data more accurately.

#### **9. Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Update**

Ms. Teresa Danaher reported that CTAC held a special meeting in June regarding community outreach. She indicated that the next CTAC meeting will occur in August.

#### **10. Military Liaisons Updates**

There was no Joint Langley Eustis representative in attendance.

Commander Ken Kosteki of the U.S. Coast Guard reported that Harborfest was held in June with no incidents. He stated that the U.S. Coast Guard held a change-of-command ceremony with Captain Kevin Carroll assuming command of the Sector. He noted that there is a new Elizabeth River Ferry in operation, with more ferries currently in production.

Captain Michael Moore of the U.S. Navy reported that Rear Admiral John C. Scorby, Jr. will retire tomorrow and Rear Admiral Charles W. Rock will assume command of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

#### **11. Regional Connectors Study Consultant Contract – Phase 1: Robert Crum, HRTPO**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, briefed the HRTPO Board on the Phase 1 contract executed with Michael Baker International at a cost of \$359,497 for the Regional Connectors Study and reviewed the five tasks that comprise Phase 1. He stated that the Working Group interviewed candidates for a part-time Project Coordinator to represent the HRTPO and Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht was chosen for the position.

#### **12. Candidate Segments for Road Diets in Hampton Roads: Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO**

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, briefed the HRTPO Board on the Candidate Segments for Road Diets in Hampton Roads study, stating that road diets typically reduce the number of through lanes and reconfigure the available road width for other purposes such as two-way left-turn lanes, parking, and bike lanes.

This item was included in the meeting agenda for approval under item #19-I.

#### **13. Hampton Roads Military Transportation Needs Study: Sam Belfield, HRTPO**

Mr. Sam Belfield, HRTPO Senior Transportation Engineer, briefed the HRTPO Board on the Hampton Roads Military Transportation Needs Study, which updates the data/analysis from Phases I and III of the original study. Mr. Belfield stated this effort identifies the major military and supporting sites, along with roadways serving the military in Hampton Roads, in order to prioritize transportation projects and solutions that will improve military travel.

This item was included in the meeting agenda for approval under Item #19-J.

#### **14. Regional Legislative Agenda: Robert Crum, HRTPO**

*Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, reported that each year the HRTPO develops a legislative agenda for submission to the Hampton Roads Caucus of the General Assembly and the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation. He briefed the Board on past legislative successes and potential legislative priorities for the upcoming session. He stated that the HRTPO and the HRPDC will hold a joint legislative meeting with the Hampton Roads General Assembly Caucus on August 29, 2018 in the Regional Building Board Room to further discuss the priorities.*

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

#### **15. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)**

*A Citizen from Portsmouth discussed several items from the July HRTPO Agenda.*

#### **16. Submitted Public Comments**

*There were no submitted public comments in the agenda packet.*

#### **17. Transcribed Public Comments From Previous HRTPO Meeting**

*This item was for informational purposes.*

#### **18. Nominating Committee: Vacancy Appointments for Annual Election of Officers: Thomas Shepperd, HRTPO Chair**

*Chair Thomas Shepperd appointed Mayor Louis Jones of Virginia Beach, Vice Mayor Barry Cheatham of Franklin, and Mr. Christopher Hall of VDOT to the HRTPO Nominating Committee, along with naming current Nominating Committee member Mayor Kenneth Alexander as Chair of the Committee. The Committee will report back to the HRTPO Board at the October 18, 2018 meeting with its nominations for HRTPO Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer.*

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **19. Approval of Consent Items**

*The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda items as amended under Agenda Item #2 – Approval of the Agenda.*

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **20. HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule**

*This item was for informational purposes.*

#### **21. Correspondence of Interest**

*This item was for informational purposes.*

#### **22. Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings**

*This item was for informational purposes.*

#### **23. For Your Information**

*This item was for informational purposes.*

#### **24. Old/New Business**

*Mayor Kenneth Alexander expressed his gratitude to Ms. Thelma Drake, Norfolk Assistant Public Works Director, who was appointed FTA Director in Washington, D.C. He thanked her for her numerous contributions to the region and especially her advocacy for better public transportation in Hampton Roads.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**