

## **ITEM #21: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

### **A. MINUTES**

Minutes of the HRTPO Board meeting held on June 16, 2016 are attached.

Attachment 21-A

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the minutes.

## **Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of June 16, 2016**

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

### **HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:**

Linda T. Johnson, Chair (SU)	Thomas Shepperd (YK)
George Wallace, Vice-Chair (HA)	Chris Arabia (Alternate, DRPT)
Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)	Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)
Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)	Delegate David Yancey (GA)
Rudolph Jefferson (Alternate, IW)	Senator Frank Wagner (GA)
Michael Hipple (JC)	Ray Amoruso (Alternate, HRT)
McKinley Price (NN)	James Utterback (VDOT)
Herbert Green (Alternate, PQ)	Jeff Florin (Alternate, VPA)
William D. Sessoms (VB)	Todd Tyree (WATA)
Clyde Haulman (WM)	

### **HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:**

James E. Baker (CH)	Patrick Roberts (SU)
Mary Bunting (HA)	Dave Hansen (VB)
Sanford Wanner (IW)	Neil Morgan (YK)
Jason Purse (Alternate, JC)	Greg Edwards (CTAC)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)	Capt. Richard Wester (U.S. Coast Guard)
Lydia Pettis Patton (PO)	Capt. Robert Geis (U.S. Navy)

### **Participating Jurisdictions**

Barry Cheatham (FR)	Barry Porter (SH)
Randy Martin (FR)	

### **CTB Participant:**

John Malbon

### **HRTPO Executive Director:**

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

### **HRTPO Voting Members Absent:**

Phillip Bazzani (GL)	Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)
Rex Alphin (IW)	Senator Mamie Locke (GA)
Paul D. Fraim (NO)	William Harrell (HRT)
W. Eugene Hunt (PQ)	John Reinhart (VPA)
Kenneth I. Wright (PO)	

**HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:**

J. Brent Fedors (GL)

Bryan Hill (JC)

Marcus Jones (NO)

James Bourey (NN)

Marvin Collins (WM)

Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)

Wayne Fedora (FHWA)

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)

Terry Garcia-Crews (FTA)

Ryan Long (FTA)

Arthur Moye (FTAC)

Col. William Galbraith (Langley-Eustis)

Wayne Shank (NAA)

Ken Spirito (PAC)

Randall P. Burdette (VDOA)

**HRTPO Staff:**

Camelia Ravanbakht

Rob Case

Kathlene Grauberger

Theresa Jones

Michael Kimbrel

John Mihaly

Kendall Miller

Keith Nichols

Joe Paulus

David Pritchard

Seth Schipinski

Dale Stith

Amy Thurston

\* Late arrival or early departure

**Others Recorded Attending:**

Earl Sorey (CH); Lynn Allsbrook, Donnie Tuck (HA); Jamie Oliver (IW); Spencer Norman, Cynthia Rohlf, Bryan Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Thelma Drake, Jeff Raliski, Ron Williams (NO); Sherri Neil (PO); Kyle Cherry, Dannan O'Connell (PQ); Leroy Bennett, Eric Nielsen (SU); Bob Matthias (VB); Jeff Wassmer (YK); Michael King (U.S. Navy); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Jim Long (RK&K); Nick Antonucci, Anil Sharma (HNTB); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Mark Osenbaugh (E.V. Williams, Inc.); Ellis W. James (Sierra Club and NEC Observer); Shannon Moody (Allan Myers); Gary Webb (Parson, Inc.); Frank Papcin (CTAC); Angel Deem, Tony Gibson, Paula Miller, Dawn Odom, Scott Smizik, Eric Stringfield (VDOT); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Kelli Arledge, Nancy Collins, Randy Keaton, Sharon Lawrence, Mike Long, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

**Resolutions of Appreciation**

Chair Linda Johnson presented Resolutions of Appreciation to Mayor Paul Fraim of Norfolk, Mayor Clyde Haulman of Williamsburg, and Mayor George Wallace of Hampton for their dedication and years of service to the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO).

**Approval of Agenda**

Chair Johnson asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Jim Utterback requested to add an agenda item regarding a possible grant opportunity for VDOT. He stated that VDOT will be submitting an FHWA Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) Grant in the amount of \$9 million for the I-64 Active Traffic Management (ATM) project. VDOT plans to leverage funds from an

existing project to cover the required 50% match. He indicated the project will improve mobility on I-64 between I-564 and the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel by:

- Implementing an Active Traffic Management (ATM) System for I-64
- Providing real time travel information for commercial vehicles leaving the Port facilities
- Improving tunnel lighting for the westbound tunnel tube
- Installing infrastructure to support the connected vehicle efforts

Delegate Chris Stolle Moved to approve the agenda with the one amendment; seconded by Mr. Jeff Florin. The Motion Carried.

Chair Johnson indicated this agenda item will be added to the Consent Agenda as *Item 17-J: I-64 ATM – FHWA VDOT ATCMTD Grant Endorsement Letter.*

### **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, reported that the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee held its first meeting this year in preparation for the upcoming General Assembly session. He stated the Committee has identified several legislative priorities that the Committee will bring forward to the HRTPO Board for discussion and consideration for approval. He noted HRTPO staff is working with the area's local liaisons to convene a meeting of the Hampton Roads Caucus to review these priorities.

Mr. Crum stated that at the invitation of Secretary Aubrey Layne, he will be providing an update to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) next month regarding the status of transportation planning in Hampton Roads.

### **Workshop Agenda**

#### **Commonwealth Transportation Board Member (CTB) Comments and Updates**

Mr. John Malbon, CTB member, reported that he was unable to attend the CTB meeting this week, but acknowledged that the CTB adopted the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

#### **Virginia Department of Transportation**

Mr. James Utterback reported that the CTB-approved SYIP contains a total of \$14.4 billion. He stated that HB2 has now been re-branded as the System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART) SCALE. SCALE stands for the six road project scoring attributes: Safety, Congestion mitigation, Accessibility, Land use, Environmental and Economic development.

He indicated that 21 projects in Hampton Roads were selected for SMART SCALE funding for approximately \$334 million through the following two programs:

- \$178 million – District Grant Funds
- \$154 million – High Priority Projects Funds

Mr. Utterback noted the SYIP also contains \$155 million in State of Good Repair funds for Hampton Roads.

He commented that Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC) is scheduled to open one lane of the Midtown Tunnel tomorrow after its final safety inspection. He indicated the second lane should open later this summer when it will be fully operational and substantially complete from that standpoint.

Finally, he remarked that VDOT released an amendment and extended the time period to receive bids on the first segment of the I-64/I-264 Interchange project. The amendment not only clarified various design changes, but also shortened the schedule and provided an incentive to complete the project ahead of schedule.

### **Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation**

Mr. Chris Arabia of DRPT reported that Director Jennifer Mitchell was not in attendance due to a conflicting meeting of the Transit Capital Project Revenue Advisory Board which was established by the General Assembly in the 2016 Session. He stated that the CTB approved DRPT's SYIP and noted the project agreements will be released shortly. He indicated that Ms. Jennifer DeBruhl will be DRPT's Chief of Public Transportation starting June 27th.

### **Virginia Port Authority Update**

Mr. Jeff Florin of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) reported that the Governor announced \$350 million of bonds for the Norfolk International Terminals (NIT). Mr. Florin expressed his gratitude to the Administration and the General Assembly for their support of NIT.

He indicated VPA is working on Phase II of the Gateway Terminal expansion which will add an additional one million container capacity to the Port's capability.

Mr. Florin noted VPA is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to deepen the Norfolk Harbor to 55 feet.

### **HRT and WATA Updates**

Mr. Ray Amoruso of Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) reported that HRT will be holding an all-day Transformational Transit Summit on June 27, 2016 at The Westin Town Center in Virginia Beach. It will feature guest speakers from Phoenix, AZ, St. Paul, MN, and Charlotte, NC.

Mr. Todd Tyree of the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) reported that WATA recently conducted public hearings to discuss a number of changes to its rules. These rules were then presented to its Board and WATA is moving forward with implementation on August 15, 2016.

### **Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Update**

Mr. Greg Edwards, CTAC Chair, reported that the next regularly scheduled meeting of CTAC is July 14, 2016 where a briefing is planned by VDOT regarding the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). He noted that CTAC members will engage in the public comment period providing comments to VDOT and then in turn share that opportunity with their fellow constituents in the localities that they represent.

### **Military Liaisons Comments and Updates**

Captain Robert Geis of the U.S. Navy reported that he will be retiring this month. He noted that in August, his permanent replacement for the HRTPO Board will be Captain Michael Moore. He thanked the HRTPO Board for including the U.S. Navy and expressed his appreciation for the Board's efforts to make a better transportation infrastructure for Hampton Roads.

Captain Rick Wester of the U.S. Coast Guard reported that the North Landing Bridge, which joins Chesapeake and Virginia Beach over the Intracoastal Waterway, was recently struck a second time and is now only able to open for water traffic once a day. He stated this will have a great impact on motorists travelling over the bridge. Captain Wester indicated the U.S. Coast Guard recently attended a meeting with the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) Commission with regards to the planned additional tunnel underneath the Thimble Shoals Channel.

### **2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Fiscally-Constrained Projects**

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, reported that for the past four and a half years, HRTPO staff, in partnership with regional stakeholders, has been updating the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to the horizon year of 2040, with the goal of identifying multimodal projects and studies aimed at improving the economic vitality and quality of life for residents, businesses, and industries across Hampton Roads.

Ms. Stith stated that over the next 24 years, the Hampton Roads region is forecasted to receive approximately \$12 billion in transportation revenues dedicated to maintaining the existing transportation system and another \$12 billion for new construction. The draft list of projects for the 2040 LRTP, approved by the HRTPO Board at its March 17, 2016 meeting, identifies \$12 billion in critical transportation investments for the region. This draft list was selected based on a thorough analysis of approximately 200 candidate projects using the HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool (evaluates projects based on their technical merits and regional benefits) as well as fiscal-constraint guidelines established to help maximize the use of forecasted revenues across various modes of transportation.

She stated that as part of the development of the 2040 LRTP, HRTPO staff reviewed the Plan in how it will impact the future region by reviewing performance measures, namely in terms of vehicle hours travelled, vehicle miles traveled, congested speed, transit boardings, and average delays, specifically for the region's water crossings. She indicated that with the implementation of the 2040 LRTP, there will be a decrease of approximately 26% in severe congested travel times.

She noted that along with the technical analysis, extensive public outreach has been conducted throughout the development of the 2040 LRTP. During April and May, the draft list of projects was made available for review by the public, stakeholder, and HRTPO Advisory Committees review. She indicated that during this review period, the City of Virginia Beach submitted a request to add Phase 3 of the I-64/I-264 Interchange Regional Priority Project as a study to the 2040 List of Projects and proposed transferring \$10 million from its Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt Study to cover the cost of the new study.

Ms. Stith indicated that the Final Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects is for Board consideration under Consent Agenda Item 17-H.

### **Hampton Roads Crossing Study: SEIS Update**

Mr. Scott Smizik, VDOT Project Manager, reported that VDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has initiated the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Mr. Smizik stated that since he addressed the HRTPO Board in March, the following progress has occurred:

- All technical documents and pre-Draft SEIS completed and distributed to Cooperating Agencies
- FHWA legal review is underway
- Technical documents and pre-Draft SEIS continue to be reviewed and refined

He summarized Alternatives A–D and noted that the alternatives could be implemented in Operationally Independent Sections (OIS) through individual Records of Decisions (RODs). He then discussed the process which will be used for identifying the preferred alternative and noted the CTB will make the final determination.

Mr. Smizik stated the Draft SEIS will be published in August 2016 for a 45-day public comment period with public hearings to be held in September. The CTB will take formal action and determine the preferred alternative in November. The Final SEIS is anticipated to be published in the Spring/Summer of 2017 and the first ROD in Summer of 2017.

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, stated the Board will need to have regional deliberations with regards to the HRCS SEIS and the preferred alternative options during its September and October meetings.

## Meeting Agenda

### Public Comment Period

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding his opposition to tolls coming to the region.

Mr. Ellis W. James, Norfolk Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding the need to have a light rail extension to Old Dominion University/Norfolk Naval Station rather than to Sentara Leigh Hospital.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Portsmouth Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding his concerns about the diminishing returns on the area's transportation investments.

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

### Submitted Public Comments

Chair Johnson reported there were no submitted public comments in the Agenda packet; however, there was a handout of one submitted public comment at the table.

### Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- Minutes
- HRTPO Financial Statement
- FY 2016 HRTPO Budget Amendments
- FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment – DRPT
- HRTPO CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process Guide
- 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Funding Plan, Project Information Guide, and Plan Performance Reports
- 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Public Involvement Report
- 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Final Fiscally-Constrained Projects
- IT Managed Services
- I-64 ATM – FHWA VDOT ATCMTD Grant Endorsement Letter (*New Agenda Item*)

Mayor Alan Krasnoff Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Tom Shepperd. The Motion Carried.

### HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

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



## **Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings**

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

### **For Your Information**

Chair Johnson highlighted the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

### **Old/New Business**

There was no old/new business.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Mayor Linda Johnson  
Chair

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Robert A. Crum, Jr.  
Executive Director/Secretary