

Action Summary
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board Meeting
July 21, 2022

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:32 a.m.

Chair Donnie Tuck introduced Portsmouth City Manager Tonya Chapman and Southampton County Administrator Brian Thrower as the newest HRTPO non-voting members.

2. Approval of Agenda [Action Requested]

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the agenda as amended, removing Agenda Item 21: FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment: Multi-Jurisdictional – UPC T27344 – Hampton Roads Express Lanes – Segment 2B – Unveiling Project per VDOT's request.

3. Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

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There were no in-person public comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, provided a summary of current work activities of the HRTPO and stated the Executive Director report was included in the July HRTPO Agenda packet. He introduced Mr. Matthew Klepeisz as the HRPDC/HRTPO Communications Administrator.

5. Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Members Update

Mr. Wayne Coleman briefed the HRTPO Board on the CTB's activities, particularly as related to the Hampton Roads region.

6. Virginia Department of Transportation Update

Mr. Todd Halacy updated the HRTPO Board on the Regional Priority Projects and noted that more detailed information could be found in the VDOT/HRTAC Program Development Monthly Executive Report included in the July HRTPO Agenda packet.

7. Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

There was no DRPT representative in attendance.

8. Virginia Port Authority (VPA) Update

Ms. Barbara Nelson briefed the HRTPO Board on the Port's activities.

9. HRT and WATA Updates

Mr. William Harrell briefed the HRTPO Board on HRT's programs and activities.

Mr. Zach Trogdon briefed the HRTPO Board on WATA's programs and activities.

10. Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) Update

There was no FTAC representative in attendance.

11. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update

There was no CAC representative in attendance.

12. Military Liaison Updates

CAPT John Hewitt briefed the HRTPO Board on the latest activities of the U.S. Navy.

LCDR Ashley Holm briefed the HRTPO Board on the latest activities of the U.S. Coast Guard.

13. Airport Representatives Update

There were no Airport representatives in attendance.

14. Executive Director's Evaluation [Action Requested]

Chair Tuck briefed the HRTPO Board on the Executive Director's annual evaluation and the related recommendation of the Joint HRPDC/HRTPO Personnel and Budget (P&B) Committee to approve a 5% salary increase; with an additional 2.5% increase, which will go to his deferred compensation; and a monthly cell phone allowance increase from \$50 per month to \$100 per month

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the recommendation as proposed by the P&B Committee.

15. HRTPO Bylaws [Action Requested]

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, briefed the HRTPO Board on the proposed amendments to the HRTPO Bylaws. He noted that the first reading of the proposed Bylaws was at the May 19, 2022 HRTPO Board meeting. He indicated that per the HRTPO Bylaws, no vote shall be taken on the proposed amendments until the meeting that follows the meeting at which time the written amendments were provided to the HRTPO Board. He also indicated that the public was provided access to inspect the proposed amendments. Approval of the amendments shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting membership of the HRTPO Board.

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the proposed HRTPO Bylaws.

16. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chair Donnie Tuck requested that the HRTPO Nominating Committee convene and report back to the HRTPO Board at the January 19, 2023 meeting with its nominations for HRTPO Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

17. 2045 LRTP Proposed Amendments [Action Requested]

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, briefed the HRTPO Board on the following three proposed 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments:

- HRTAC 2045 Long Range Plan of Finance – June 2022 Update Amendment
- I-64 Peninsula Widening – Segment 4 Amendment
- Bridge Road (Route 17) Amendment

More information can be found in the Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP Amendments and Current List of Projects report which can be accessed on the HRTPO website using the direct link below:

https://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/HR_2045LRTP_Amendments.pdf

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the proposed 2045 LRTP Amendments.

18. Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT) Expansion Project: Update

Mr. James Utterback, VDOT Project Manager, briefed the HRTPO Board on the progress of the HRBT Expansion project. The project is currently under construction which will widen and

improve nearly ten miles of roadway between Norfolk and Hampton. It is primarily funded with Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) monies managed by the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) and is scheduled for completion in 2025.

19. Chesapeake Bay-Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel Construction and Parallel Chesapeake Tunnel Preliminary Engineering (PE): Updates

Mr. Michael Crist, CBBT District Deputy Executive Director, briefed the HRTPO Board on the progress of both the Parallel Thimble Shoal and Parallel Chesapeake Tunnels. The Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel will carry two lanes of traffic southbound thereby improving the safety in the corridor. Currently, the two islands are being modified in order to create the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) launching and receiving pits. The TBM is in transit from Germany and will arrive soon. The project is estimated to cost \$756 million and is scheduled for completion in 2027. The Parallel Chesapeake Tunnel project is in the PE phase and will complete the overall project of a four-lane facility from toll plaza to toll plaza. The Parallel Chesapeake Tunnel project is ready for construction, pending funding identification.

20. Regional Legislative Update

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, briefed the Board on the last year's Regional Legislative Agenda and related actions by the General Assembly. He noted that potential 2023 Regional Legislative Priorities to be considered by the HRTPO Board could include:

- Full Funding for I-64 Gap
- Elizabeth River Crossings Toll Agreement
- Enhanced Passenger Rail Service from Hampton Roads to I-95 Corridor

21. FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment – Multi-Jurisdictional UPC T27344 – Hampton Roads Express Lanes – Segment 2B – Unveiling Project (child project of UPC 112923)

This item was removed from the agenda under Agenda Item #2 – Approval of the Agenda.

22. Approval of Consent Items [Action Requested]

The HRTPO Board unanimously approved the Consent Items as presented.

23. HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

This item was for informational purposes.

24. Minutes of HRTPO Committee Meetings

This item was for informational purposes.

25. For Your Information

This item was for informational purposes.

26. Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

ADJOURNMENT

To view the livestream of the July 21, 2022 HRTPO Board meeting, use the following direct link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4zCWhifLnM>