

Freight Transportation Advisory Committee of HRTPO
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Rick Morris (Canon Virginia) – Acting Chairman
David White (Virginia Maritime Association)
Yakong Wong (Huntington Ingalls)
Keith Helton (Givens Transportation)

Members Not Present:

Mike Abbott
Patricia Haver (Norfolk Southern)
Lawrence Ewan
Chris Stolle (HRTPO)

Ms. Nelson opened the meeting by thanking Mr. Morris for stepping in as the Acting Chairman in Chairman Ewan's absence. Mr. Helton moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. Morris as Acting Chairman; seconded by Mr. Wong. The motion carried.

I. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Morris at 10:34 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Mr. Morris presented the March 27, 2019 minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Wong moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Helton. The Motion Carried.

IV. 2045 LRTP SURVEY RESULTS AND ACTION

Karen McPherson, consultant to the POV, provided a review of the freight project prioritization survey; the presentation is provided in the link below. Following the presentation and discussion, the FTAC took action with a motion by David White and a second by Yakong Wong to recommend the list of projects on pages 10-11 to the HRTPO for inclusion in the initial scoring of the HTPPO 2045 LRTP. It was agreed that the prioritization of the projects would be undertaken at a future FTAC meeting. It was also the consensus of the committee that VMA could forward the survey to its standing committees for additional input with a goal of receiving any additional responses by May 31.

[https://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/P4-Freight Project Prioritization Survey.pdf](https://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/P4-Freight_Project_Prioritization_Survey.pdf)

V. HIGHWAY – RAIL CROSSING ANALYSIS

Barbara Nelson, POV, provided an update on research that was conducted on the port's behalf by the Commonwealth's Center for Advanced Logistics. The study included an initial evaluation of rail system needs with a focus on crash data from VDOT and the Federal Railroad Administration at rail crossings and in an effort to identify impacts on velocity of freight

movement. This update was provided as informational and as additional information on priority rail corridors becomes available, it will be shared with FTAC. A copy of the presentation can be found in the link below.

https://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/P5-Highway-Rail_Crossings_Analysis.pdf

VI. REGIONAL CONNECTORS STUDY: SCENARIO ALTERNATIVES RELATED TO THE PORT

Barbara Nelson provided an overview of the three growth scenarios that are part of the Regional Connectors Study (RCS). While there are different approaches to scenario planning, this study is utilizing “exploratory” versus a “predictive” modeling approach; the exploratory approach focuses on what we may want to anticipate as possible futures as we know the future cannot be predicted.

The RCS is proceeding on a separate timeline from the 2045 LRTP, however both planning efforts will utilize the results from the scenario planning outputs. The port is specifically reflected in two of the growth scenarios: greater growth on the water and greater suburban/greenfield growth. This item was provided as information and a copy of the presentation can be found at the link below.

https://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/P6-Regional_Scenario_Planning-Port_Related.pdf

<https://www.connectorstudy.org/>

VII. BOWERS HILL INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO, provided an informational briefing on the Bowers Hill Interchange Study. This study timeline was paused to allow for a HRTPO TTAC evaluation of the alternatives before advancing to the policy board for a recommendation.

https://www.hrtpo.org/uploads/docs/P7-Bowers_Hill_Interchange.pdf

VIII. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS AND ACTION ITEMS

A review of the future meeting topics included in the agenda was discussed.

IX. NEXT MEETINGS

July 24, 2019

September 25, 2019

November 20, 2019 (subject to change)

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Helton and a second by Mr. Wong, Mr. Morris declared the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.