

September 13, 2021

Memorandum #2021-134

TO: HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee

BY: Keith Nichols, PE – Principal Transportation Engineer

RE: HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

The next HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, September 20, 2021, at the **Virginia Port Authority, World Trade Center 6th Floor, 101 W. Main Street, Norfolk**. The agenda is attached.

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Attachments

Agenda
HRTPO
Freight Transportation Advisory Committee
September 20, 2021

1. Call to Order (*targeted for 10:00 a.m.*)
2. FTAC Officers Election (*10 minutes*)
3. Public Comments
 - A. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)
 - B. Submitted Public Comments
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of the May 4, 2021 Minutes
6. Federal Infrastructure Program (*20 minutes*)
Presented by Robert Crum, HRTPO
7. HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Agenda (*15 minutes*)
Presented by Robert Crum, HRTPO
8. HRTPO Regional Gateway Study Update (*10 minutes*)
Presented by HRTPO Staff
9. Statewide Freight Advisory Committee – Update (*10 minutes*)
Presented by David White, FAC Chair
10. Primary Highway Freight System Redesignation (*15 minutes*)
Presented by Keith Nichols, HRTPO
11. Hampton Roads 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Plan Adoption (*10 minutes*)
Presented by Dale Stith, HRTPO
12. Future Work Efforts of FTAC (*30 minutes*)
Presented by HRTPO and VPA Staff

13. Future Meeting Topics and Action Items *(5 minutes)*

- A. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan
- B. Bowers Hill Interchange Study
- C. Truck Tolling - Express Lanes
- D. HRTPO CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process
- E. Regional Connectors Study
- F. VDOT Truck Parking Study
- G. High Speed Charging Stations for Electric Trucks
- H. Safety around trucks (Georgia law/signage)

14. Old/New Business

15. Next Meeting

The next FTAC meeting will likely be scheduled for Winter 2021/2022.

16. Adjournment *(targeted for 12:00 p.m.)*

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: FTAC OFFICERS ELECTION

The updated Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) Bylaws, which were approved by the HRTPO Board at their May 20, 2021 meeting, changes the FTAC officer structure from two Co-Chairs to a Chair and Vice-Chair. The FTAC will need to appoint a new Chair and Vice-Chair at this meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve a Chair and Vice-Chair of the FTAC for two-year terms.

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

B. Submitted Public Comments

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

AGENDA ITEM #4: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires action from the FTAC should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under "Old/New Business."

AGENDA ITEM #5: MINUTES

Summary minutes of the FTAC meeting held on May 4, 2021 are attached.

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Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM #6: FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Discussions are ongoing regarding a potential Federal Infrastructure Program. If enacted, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act would provide additional funding for various transportation infrastructure projects including roads, bridges, rail, ports, airports, and transit.

HRTPO staff made a presentation to the FTAC at the May 2021 meeting detailing efforts to work with a group of regional organizations to position Hampton Roads for the anticipated program.

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO, will provide an update to the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #7: HRPDC/HRTPO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Each year, the HRPDC/HRTPO adopts a regional legislative agenda to convey to the Hampton Roads Caucus of the General Assembly and the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of the Hampton Roads region. At a previous meeting, FTAC members indicated an interest in being involved in future legislative agenda updates.

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

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Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #8: HRTPO REGIONAL GATEWAY STUDY UPDATE

Improvements have been proposed for many of the corridors that provide access to and from Hampton Roads. Some of these improvements include widening I-64 between Richmond and Williamsburg, replacing all or portions of Routes 58 and 460 with limited-access facilities, and building I-87 to and from North Carolina.

HRTPO staff is preparing a study in FY22 to compare proposed improvements to these corridors based on the overall collective impact on the Hampton Roads region.

HRTPO staff will provide an update to the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #9: STATEWIDE FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - UPDATE

In an effort to ensure that freight is considered continuously and comprehensively, the Secretary of Transportation recently established a statewide Freight Advisory Committee (FAC). The FAC provides a forum to communicate and engage with public and private partners to understand needs, inform policy, and advocate for freight to achieve a dynamic transportation system that creates economic opportunity for Virginia and the nation. The FAC held their initial meetings on March 23rd and June 4th and will have their next meeting on September 29th.

Mr. David White, FAC Chair, will provide an update to the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #10: PRIMARY HIGHWAY FREIGHT SYSTEM (PHFS) REDESIGNATION

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act designated the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS), which is a network of highways intended to reflect the most critical highway portions of the U.S. freight transportation system. The PHFS is a component of the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) and currently consists of 41,518 centerline miles of roadway. In Hampton Roads, the PHFS only includes portions of I-64, I-664, and selected Intermodal Connectors.

On August 25, 2021, a Federal Register notice was published to solicit input for the redesignation of the PHFS, which occurs every five years. During this redesignation, the total mileage of the PHFS may be increased by up to 3 percent.

Statewide Freight Advisory Committees are requested to provide feedback and a letter of support on changes to the PHFS requested by their state. Responses need to be provided to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by October 25, 2021.

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Attachments 10A and 10B

Recommended Action: Provide feedback to the Statewide FAC on redesignating the Hampton Roads portion of the PHFS.

**AGENDA ITEM #11: HAMPTON ROADS 2045 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION
PLAN: PLAN ADOPTION**

On June 17, 2021, the HRTPO Board adopted the Hampton Roads 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The 2045 LRTP was developed over a 5-year period through a collaborative process involving many regional stakeholders, including FTAC, and the public to identify, prioritize, and fiscally constrain needed transportation investments. Using the [Regional Scenario Planning Framework](#) and the updated [HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool](#), the 2045 LRTP identifies \$17 billion to maintain the existing transportation system and an additional \$13.7 billion for multimodal projects and studies that will help improve the movement of people and goods.

The 2045 LRTP is documented through a series of reports, which are available on the [2045 LRTP webpage](#).

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #12: FUTURE WORK EFFORTS OF FTAC

The Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) was created by the HRTPO Board in 2009 to provide an opportunity for the freight industry to participate in and contribute to the regional transportation planning process. The Mission of the FTAC is to “Advocate on behalf of the systematic needs for the transport and movement of freight in the region. The committee will act as an advocate for freight issues and bring awareness of those issues to the public, key stakeholders and policy makers.”

HRTPO and Virginia Port Authority staff will initiate a discussion on future roles for the FTAC, including a possible FTAC work program.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #13: FUTURE MEETING TOPICS AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. 2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**
- B. BOWERS HILL INTERCHANGE STUDY**
- C. TRUCK TOLLING – EXPRESS LANES**
- D. HRTPO CMAQ/RSTP PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS**
- E. REGIONAL CONNECTORS STUDY**
- F. VDOT TRUCK PARKING STUDY**
- G. HIGH SPEED CHARGING STATIONS FOR ELECTRIC TRUCKS**
- H. SAFETY AROUND TRUCKS (GEORGIA LAW/SIGNAGE)**

AGENDA ITEM #14: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #15: NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT