

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
March 11, 2021**

The HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting was called to order at noon. Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the Committee members, staff, and the general public, the CAC Meeting was held electronically via Zoom. These electronic meetings are required to complete essential business on behalf of the region. A recording of the meeting is available on the website.

**HRPDC/HRTPO CAC Members in Attendance:**

Terry Danaher, Chair (PO)	Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO)
Carlton Hardy, Vice-Chair (NN)	Garry Harris (PO)
John Kish (CH)	George Mears (SU)
Jim Bowie (HA)	Dianna Howard (VB)
Cynthia Taylor (IW)	Scott MacFarlane (VB)
Nina Britton (NN)	Delceno Miles (VB)
Lamont Curtis (NN)	Waverly Woods (VB)
Christian Strange (NO)	

**HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:**

Robert A. Crum, Jr.  
Keith Cannady  
Pavithra Pavasthrati  
Dale Stith  
Brandon Rogers  
Kendall Miller  
Joe Turner  
Robert Cofield

**Others in Attendance:**

Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Int'l)  
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)  
Tim Haynam (VDOT)

Following Chair Terry Danaher's calling the CAC meeting to order, Ms. Kendall Miller, HRPDC/HRTPO Office of Community Affairs and Civil Rights Administrator, read a statement detailing the Commonwealth of Virginia Governor's ongoing declaration of the Commonwealth's state of emergency due to COVID-19, and its impact on public meetings. Ms. Miller conducted attendance via roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

## Public Comment Period

The public was provided an opportunity to comment in advance of the meeting by email or phone. There were no comments received via either option as of 48 hours before the meeting.

## Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

## Approval of Agenda

Chair Danaher asked for a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda as presented.

**Motion:** Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Moved to add an item to the March CAC agenda, allowing for discussion on the issue of continued electronic meetings; seconded by Ms. Cynthia Taylor.

**Motion:** Ms. Dianna Howard Moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Delceno Miles.

With no questions or comments, a roll call vote was conducted and the votes were recorded as follows:

Susan Archer	Absent
Jim Bowie	Aye
Henry Branscome	Absent
Nina Britton	Aye
Brandon Carter	Absent
Lamont Curtis	Aye
Terry Danaher	Aye
Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky	Aye
Carlton Hardy	Aye
Garry Harris	Aye
Dianna Howard	Aye
Cecil Jenkins	Absent
John Kish	Aye
Jay Leach	Absent
Scott MacFarlane	Aye
Brad Martin	Absent
George Mears	Aye
Delceno Miles	Aye

Mark Perreault	Absent
Christian Strange	Aye
Cynthia Taylor	Aye
Waverly Woods	Aye

The Motion Carried with 15 votes in favor, none against, and no abstentions.

**Summary Minutes of the January 14, 2021 CAC Meeting**

Chair Terry Danaher asked for a motion to approve the summary minutes of the January 14, 2021 CAC meeting as presented.

**Motion:** Ms. Dianna Howard Moved to approve the summary minutes of the January 14, 2021 CAC meeting as presented; seconded by Ms. Waverly Woods.

With no questions or comments, a roll call vote was conducted and the votes were recorded as follows:

Susan Archer	Absent
Jim Bowie	Aye
Henry Branscome	Absent
Nina Britton	Aye
Brandon Carter	Absent
Lamont Curtis	Aye
Terry Danaher	Aye
Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky	Aye
Carlton Hardy	Aye
Garry Harris	Aye
Dianna Howard	Aye
Cecil Jenkins	Absent
John Kish	Aye
Jay Leach	Absent
Scott MacFarlane	Aye
Brad Martin	Absent
George Mears	Aye
Delceno Miles	Aye
Mark Perreault	Absent
Christian Strange	Aye
Cynthia Taylor	Aye
Waverly Woods	Aye

The Motion Carried with 15 votes in favor, none against, and no abstentions.

### **Regional Connector Study (RCS) Update**

Mr. Craig Eddy, Consultant Project Manager, Michael Baker International, provided an update on the Regional Connector Study (RCS). He shared public survey results on the following topics:

- The strengths and weaknesses of the current transportation system
- Trends that negatively impact congestion in Hampton Roads
- The most common travel activities in Hampton Roads
- The most common transportation problems in Hampton Roads
- The rate of travel between the Peninsula and Southside

Mr. Eddy went on to outline the results of stakeholder interviews done on the current transportation system in Hampton Roads.

Ms. Dianna Howard noted that the region's stakeholders had identified light rail transit as a strength in the current transportation system and asked if Virginia Beach's vote to not implement light rail would impact the RCS. Mr. Eddy responded that due to the amount of positive feedback received on light rail, it was included as a strength.

Mr. Garry Harris asked if the survey tried to extract what respondents would be willing to pay or accept to alleviate congestion in Hampton Roads (i.e. are they willing to move to rideshare or more increased transit or transit-oriented development). Mr. Eddy said yes, that information was asked for and answers were provided, but in the interest of time, he opted not to include those findings in his presentation to the CAC.

Mr. Eddy continued with an overview of the scenario planning aspect of the RCS, explaining that the goal of scenario planning was not to predict the future but to have arrived at plausible alternative futures against which to test transportation. He shared three different scenarios that had been examined:

- Greater Growth in Urban Centers
- Greater Suburban/Greenfield Growth
- Greater Growth on the Water

He concluded with a list of alternatives that would be presented to the RCS Working Group and provided a Phase-3 schedule for the RCS through 2021.

### **2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Fiscally Constrained List of Projects**

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, presented the LRTP Draft Fiscally Constrained Project List. Ms. Stith explained that the LRTP was the blueprint for the region's transportation future and identified all regionally significant transportation projects. With a

planning horizon of 20 years, the LRTP must be fiscally constrained, demonstrating how projects would be funded.

Ms. Stith thanked the CAC for their input in the development of the fiscally constrained list of projects and shared that the list would be presented to the HRTPO Board at a special Board meeting to be held on March 29, 2021.

Chair Danaher said that if the CAC did endorse the Fiscally Constrained List of Projects, then it would be done via a Resolution of Support

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky stated he did not feel he could vote in support of this resolution because he felt the region would not receive as good of a long-term return on investments, as it has in the past, for roadway expansion projects occurring in the future.

With no additional questions or comments, Chair Danaher asked Ms. Kendall Miller to conduct a roll call vote to approve the Resolution of Support for the Fiscally Constrained List of Projects as presented and the votes were recorded as follows:

Susan Archer	Absent
Jim Bowie	Aye
Henry Branscome	Absent
Nina Britton	Aye
Brandon Carter	Absent
Lamont Curtis	Aye
Terry Danaher	Aye
Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky	Nay
Carlton Hardy	Aye
Garry Harris	Aye
Dianna Howard	Aye
Cecil Jenkins	Absent
John Kish	Aye
Jay Leach	Absent
Scott MacFarlane	Aye
Brad Martin	Absent
George Mears	Nay
Delceno Miles	Aye
Mark Perreault	Absent
Christian Strange	Absent
Cynthia Taylor	Aye
Waverly Woods	Aye

The CAC voted to approve the Resolution of Support for the Fiscally Constrained List of Projects as presented with 13 votes in favor, two against, and no abstentions

### **Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network Update**

Mr. Tim Haynam, VDOT Project Management Office Director, briefed the CAC on the Regional Express Lanes Network, which is a consistent HOT-2 network beginning on I-64 at Jefferson Avenue in Newport News, proceeding along I-64 through Bowers Hill in Chesapeake, and continuing along I-664 to I-64 in the vicinity of the Hampton Coliseum. Noting that the HRTPO Board adopted a resolution endorsing the Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network, he said that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will administer the projects that comprise the Express Lanes Network and is currently in the design phase for Segments 1, 4A/4B, and 4C. He went on to say that these projects are scheduled to have construction completed by the end of 2025.

Mr. Carlton Hardy indicated that last fall he tried to switch from E-ZPass to E-ZPass Flex but was not able to due to COVID-19 closures. He asked if any effort was being made to work with DMV to facilitate changing the E-ZPass to E-ZPass Flex in anticipation of the coming tolls and in light of pandemic closures. Mr. Haynam said that he would check with the appropriate person to gain an answer to Mr. Hardy's question.

### **Executive Director Update**

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, provided the CAC with an overview of the 2021 Virginia General Assembly session focusing on the items of interest to the Hampton Roads region. He told the CAC about the important decisions made during the recently completed general assembly session relative to the HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Agenda, including Precipitation Predictions; Flooding Disclosure; SMART SCALE; Vaccinations, and I-64 Gap between Hampton Roads and Richmond. Due to time constraints, Mr. Crum said he would have his presentation emailed to the CAC following the meeting.

### **Electronic Meetings**

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky stated that he believed that electronic meetings should continue to occur after the emergency measures put into place due to the COVID-19 pandemic are no longer in effect. He said he believed that the continuance of electronic meetings would save travel time over congested highways.

Mr. Crum indicated that at the beginning of the closures due to the pandemic, electronic meetings were not allowed under the state code. However, legislation was passed allowing a public body to meet by electronic communication means without a quorum physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency, provided that the nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location. He recommended that the CAC advise the PDC and TPO Boards of their position at the next regularly-scheduled meetings in April 2021.

### **Old/New Business**

There was no old or new business.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.