

AGENDA ITEM #15: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. Long-Range Transportation Plan Subcommittee Minutes

The minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee are attached.

Attachment 15A

B. Long-Range Transportation Plan Subcommittee Minutes

The minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee are attached.

Attachment 15B

C. Hampton Roads Transportation Operations Subcommittee Minutes

The minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting of the Hampton Roads Transportation Operations (HRTO) Subcommittee are attached.

Attachment 15C

D. TRAFFIX Subcommittee Minutes

The minutes from the July 6, 2022 meeting of the TRAFFIX Subcommittee are attached.

Attachment 15D

E. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Regional Priorities Public Survey

HRTPO staff has initiated work on the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). As part of the development of the 2050 LRTP, HRTPO staff plans to conduct multiple web-based surveys at key planning milestones. The first of these surveys will be active during the month of October 2022 and is intended to capture regional priorities and concerns. The survey responses, along with Federal and State planning factors and technical stakeholder input, will be used to develop the vision and goals of the 2050 LRTP.

The Regional Priorities public survey will be active from October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Survey link: <https://metroquestsurvey.com/nzv61>

F. Amended Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP Regional Conformity Assessment – Finding of Conformity

On August 17, 2022, FHWA and FTA issued a joint statement confirming that the Amended Hampton Roads 2045 LRTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP demonstrate conformity as prescribed by EPA's Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93), subsequent amendments, and guidance issued by EPA in November 2018 for areas affected by the

February 2018 South Coast court decision. The EPA, by letter dated August 10, 2022, concurred on the overall conformity determination.

Attachment 15F

G. HRTAC Program Development Monthly Executive Report

VDOT provides monthly reports to the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) staff on the status of the Regional Priority Projects. The report for September 2022 is attached.

Attachment 15G

DRAFT HRTO Subcommittee Minutes – July 12, 2021

Meeting held via Webex.

The meeting was chaired by Mike Miller (VDOT). The meeting started at 9:32 am.

A roll call vote was conducted and the following represents the attendance of the meeting:

Chesapeake - Kevin Eppley

Hampton – Leo Blades, Carol Bowen

Newport News - Randy Cooper

Norfolk - Brian Fowler

Portsmouth - None

Suffolk - None

Virginia Beach – Frank Hickman, Mike Shahsiah

York – Steve Kopczynski

VDOT – Dwayne Cook, Mike Corwin, Mike Miller, Ken Coody, Cathy McGhee

VPA – Barbara Nelson

HRT - None

HRTPO – Pavithra Parthasarathi, Keith Nichols, Sam Belfield

Others – Jon Chambers (Kimley-Horn)

1. Approval of Agenda

- No changes were made to the agenda.

2. Minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion for approval was made by Mr. Blades, and Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. HRTO Subcommittee Meetings

- Mr. Nichols provided information on changes to the operation of HRTPO Committees and Subcommittees as of July 1st. Details include:
 - HRTPO Board Committees (including TTAC, FTAC, CAC, CAO, etc.):
 - Must meet in person.
 - Must be open to the public.
 - Presentations/recordings are posted to the HRTPO website.
 - HRTPO Subcommittee and Working Group meetings (including HRTO):
 - May be held in person or virtually.
 - Public requests to attend will be accepted.
 - Posting meeting presentations/recordings on the HRTPO website will be optional.
 - Processes for minutes and associated meeting materials are currently being finalized.

4. HRTO Subcommittee Dates/Times

- Mr. Miller introduced the topic by noting that certain members of the committee have a conflict at the current scheduled time of meetings, which is the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am.
- Mr. Miller asked if, rather than the morning, the afternoon on the second Monday of each month would work for committee members. Most committee members indicated that that date and time would work, but there were a few members with short-term and long-term conflicts.
- After further discussion, Mr. Nichols indicated that he would send out a poll to committee members in the next week or two to determine if there is a scheduled date/time that will work for most of the committee members.

5. VDOT Research and Innovation

- Ms. Cathy McGhee, VDOT Director of Research and Innovation, made a presentation on VDOT's operational goals and technology projects. Topics of her presentation included a discussion of Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund (ITTF) projects, other funding allocations to innovative transportation projects, and VDOT's efforts to use technology to enhance transportation operations.
- Ms. McGhee wrapped up her presentation by mentioning that there is a line item in the ITTF program for projects that are proposed by localities for innovative initiatives. VDOT is currently working on a framework for submitting and evaluating these projects, which should be ready by the fall.
- Ms. McGhee also highlighted the opportunity to use the ITTF as a cost share/matching opportunity with grant programs such as the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program (ATCMTD).
- Mr. Cooper asked what the turnaround time is for ITTF projects, based on concerns with the impacts of the HRBT project. Ms. McGhee noted that it depends on the size of the project and whether it would need to be approved by the CTB.
- Mr. Hickman asked about the Return on Investment (ROI) scale shown during the presentation and if locality projects will be scored using the same ROI criteria. Ms. McGhee replied that the I-81 ROIs are based on existing literature. Evaluation criteria for locality projects have not been developed yet, but that localities will at least need to estimate the benefits of the project.
- Mr. Chambers asked if procedurally that localities should apply for other funding programs such as ATCMTD before applying for the state's ITTF funds. Ms. McGhee noted that having matching funds in place helps with obtaining federal grants, and the state can assist with that.
- Mr. Corwin asked if the costs that are shown in the presentation only include construction or if they also include operations and maintenance costs. He added that funding maintenance is difficult when it comes to these types of projects. Ms. McGhee

noted that the state has the position that they will fund deployment and a year or two of O&M costs.

- Mr. Nichols noted that zipper merging is listed as a candidate ITTF project, and asked if the state was looking at having a policy of using zipper merge. Ms. McGhee replied that research indicates that zipper merges are the most efficient type of merge in work zones, but that the state has not taken a position on using it yet.

6. HRTPO Update

- Mr. Belfield notified the committee that he is updating the Operations Contacts for Emergencies distribution list, and that he sent out an email to those on the distribution list last week.

7. For Your Information and Old/New Business

- No topics were introduced during this item.

8. Meeting Schedule

- The next HRTPO meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9th, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.