

**Summary Minutes of the HRTPO Citizen Transportation
Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting
July 13, 2017**

The HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Regional Building Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO CTAC Members in Attendance:

Terry Danaher, Chair (PO)	Carlton Hardy (NN)
Susan Archer (CH)	Christian Strange (NO)
Cecil Jenkins (CH)	Ron Broughton (VB)
John Kish (CH)	Dianna Howard (VB)
Bernie Whitlock (CH)	Scott MacFarlane (VB)
Clayton Rogers (GL)	Delceno Miles (VB)
Cynthia Taylor (IW)	Ron Fowler (YK)

HRTPO CTAC Members Absent:

Greg Edwards (VB)	Henry Branscome (JCC)
James Openshaw (NO)	Jay Leach (VB)
Lamont Curtis (NN)	Delceno Miles (VB)
Brenda Johnson (NN)	Alvin Sledd (PQ)
Jim Bowie (HA)	Mark Perreault (NO)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

Kevin Page - HRTAC	Bryan Stephens – HR Chamber of Commerce
Tara Walker – HRPDC	Craig Quigley – HRMFFA
Eric Stringfield - VDOT	Michael Kuhns– Peninsula Chamber
	Julia Rust – tHRive HR Chamber of Commerce
	Jemal Harris – Peninsula Chamber

HRTPO Staff:

Robert Crum
Camelia Ravanbakht
Kendall Miller
Sam Braden
Rob Cofield
Shirley Core

Others Recorded Attending:

Shannon Curtin, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Terry Danaher asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Ron Broughton Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Bernie Whitlock. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes of the April 13, 2017 CTAC Meeting

Chair Danaher asked for any additions or corrections to the April 13, 2017 minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Christian Strange Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Bernie Whitlock. The Motion Carried.

Introductions

Chair Danaher read a letter written by former Chair Greg Edwards (VB) to the committee. Mr. Edwards stated he was humbled by the support the committee members offered him and appreciated the passion for transportation in Hampton Roads shown by this committee. He also thanked HRTPO staff for their unwavering support during his tenure as Chair. He then extended congratulations to Ms. Terry Danaher the newly appointed Chair of the CTAC committee.

Chair Danaher welcomed new CTAC members Ms. Delceno Miles (VB) and Ms. Susan Archer (CH).

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director also thanked the CTAC committee for their participation and noted at each place setting was a lapel pin. He explained that Hampton Roads is the first region to adopt a regional flag designed by local schools. He noted staff and committee members wear the pin to represent the Hampton Roads Region when visiting the General Assembly.

Military expansion and new business viability in Hampton Roads panel discussion

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director led a panel discussion on military expansion and business viability and specifically how it relates to transportation in Hampton Roads. Panelist included Bryan Stephens, President and CEO Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Michael Kuhns, President and CEO, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Craig Quigley, Executive Director, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, Ms. Julia Rust, Chair tHRive Young Professional Group Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Jemal Harris, Director of Economic Advancement for the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. When asked how business is impacted by public transit, Bryan Stephens, stated "From a business perspective, we look at the impact transportation has on the business community--it's either an enabler or an inhibitor, we need to make it an enabler." "We have a fantastic planning and funding system for our roads, but you have to look at transportation as a holistic approach, you have to look at rail, light rail, air service, public transportation, etc."

Mr. Craig Quigley, briefed the committee on the needs of the military with regard to transportation. He stated "it's the business of the military to be able to move large quantities of people and stuff into and out of the region as quickly as possible", he added the military previously had concerns about the surface road system in Hampton Roads however that perception has changed since they now see fully funded projects underway. In regards to Public Transportation military members would only be able to use if a viable option was available meaning the stops would need to be near their homes and bases and operate on a schedule that meets their needs.

Mr. Michael Kuhns, fielded a question regarding air service on the Peninsula. Mr. Kuhns responded by stating after the airports legal issues conclude hopefully in September he expects resurgence for the airport. He announced the Convention and Visitor Bureaus, the hospitality industry and the Chamber of Commerce would work together to promote air service on the Peninsula something that hasn't happened in the past.

Ms. Julia Rust, and Mr. Jemal Harris, enlightened the panel with the millennial perspective on transportation in Hampton Roads. They agreed that young professionals are looking for three things when moving into and staying in a region: job opportunities, environment and recreation. Mr. Harris stated that lack of options in Hampton Roads for public transportation is a concern and residents feel like they have to drive everywhere. He also stated that connectivity needs to be a focus; residents need to be able to connect not only to other cities in Hampton Roads and the Peninsula but to other cities with more ease and less cost. Mr. Rust stated that there is a stigma for young professionals traveling across the tunnels. This stigma has an economic impact since millennials will only spend money on their side of the water. A poll conducted among tHRive membership found public and private transportation was at the top of the list of issues that matter most too young professionals in Hampton Roads.

For Your Information

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HTRPO Deputy Executive Director advised the committee that at the October meeting they would be nominating and electing a new vice chair in accordance with CTAC bylaws.

On September 27th, 2017 at 9:30am, VDOT has invited the committee to tour the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel.

Looking forward into November 2017, the committee will have an opportunity to tour the VDOT Traffic control center. More information will be forthcoming.

Old/New Business

Ms. Dianna Howard followed up on the questions she submitted via email to Ms. Kendall Miller, HRTPO Public Involvement and Title VI Administrator, after the last CTAC meeting. Ms. Miller advised that the questions were forwarded to Deputy Secretary of Transportation Grindly Johnson and she was still awaiting a response. Chair Terry Danaher requested the questions be forwarded to her.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.