

**ITEM #15: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

**ITEM #16: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**ITEM #17: TRANSCRIBED PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS HRTPO MEETING**

The transcribed public comments from the September 17, 2015 HRTPO Board meeting are attached.

Attachment 17

Transcribed Public Comments from the  
September 17, 2015 HRTPO Board Meeting

Two people requested to address the HRTPO Board at the September 17, 2015 Meeting. Chair Price asked them to limit their comments to three minutes.

**Mr. Jonathan Nye**  
**Norfolk Citizen**

*Good morning. Thank you all. So today Connect Hampton Roads is about a new energy, geared around a triple value system with a focus on ecological and environmental sustainable that strategically grows the economy. We do this via a grass roots educational process. Therefore, we need a multimodal alternative transport, shared system. Today, I arrived hereby bicycle and a shared alternative energy vehicle. I was hoping to use the light rail, but time didn't permit. I would like us to focus on the light rail and multimodal trail because it is a statewide significant and regional network called the South Hampton Roads Trail. Second is the high-speed on the Peninsula construction that can be done in conjunction with your highways. So looking at how you can leverage one project to create a viable future for us millennials. Third, let's not forget about the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. I was looking at elevated highways and stacking along with a parallel tunnel structure that would take that elevated system and run parallel to existing using multimodal, high speed or light rail, including active transportation. Last, regarding the 1.6 factor, which is news to me, me being born in 1982, brain gain is the name. Therefore, to create a magnet around the Hampton Roads, this region, an earth magnet to attract and retain talent, we need to do a few things. One, have a complete story. The small and limited sample that was used, 271 people out of 1.6 million, is not good statistical practices. Also, the study from the national household travel survey is over seven years old. I would like to lend my talent to you all to help you with your planning process so that way you have a very good understanding of what millennials and people of all ages from 8 to 80 are doing. Thank you for your time.*

**Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky**  
**Portsmouth Citizen**

*Good morning, Mr. Chair, honorable commissioners and fellow citizens. I want to express gratitude to the Council of the City of Virginia Beach for taking a step forward toward light rail implementation. The commitment to acquire rail cars through a combined purchase arrangement through the Commonwealth, I think is good news for those of us who believe in public transportation. I'd also like to thank the City of Norfolk. I intend to be present tomorrow for the ribbon cutting on the Elizabeth River Trail. In terms of transportation, you'd probably consider it the scenic route, but certainly it will have recreational benefits and health benefits for those who use it. So thanks to both neighboring communities. With regard to the item that you will consider subsequently relative to the ozone standards, I wish to express my - I wish to urge you not to put in language asking for deferral of those standards. Ozone is a lung irritant. It is particularly aggravating to those with asthma and those with other impairments of lung function. So as low as we can reasonably drive those standards should be our goal, and I would not like to see the region standing in the way of improvements in air quality. Thank you very much.*