

Regional Transit Advisory Panel Path Forward

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During the 2020 General Assembly session, the legislature passed House Bill 1726 and Senate Bill 1038 which created the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Fund (HRRTF). As part of this action, the General Assembly included the following provision:

“That the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization shall establish a regional transit advisory panel composed of representatives of major business and industry groups, employers, shopping destinations, institutions of higher education, military installations, hospitals, and health care centers, public transit entities, and any other groups identified as necessary to provide ongoing advice to the regional planning process required pursuant to § [33.2-286](#) of the Code of Virginia on the long-term vision for a multimodal regional public transit network in Hampton Roads.”

RTAP Work Groups

- At the March 31, meeting, the RTAP reviewed the memberships and assignments for nine work groups that would be dedicated to the following topic areas:
- Transit Oriented Development Along the Regional Backbone Network
- Affordable/Accessible Housing
- Bus Stop Amenities
- Transit Advocacy/Ambassadors
- Transit and the Military
- Serving Major Employment Centers
- Transit for the Williamsburg/Virginia Beach Tourism Corridor
- Technology
- Universities/Colleges

The RTAP confirmed the memberships of these work groups and agreed that each work group would develop one to three action steps that could be taken in each topic area to advance/strengthen transit in the Hampton Roads/757 Region

Next Steps

- RTAP Membership Prioritizes Short Term Items
- Prepare RTAP Summary Report for Endorsement by RTAP Members
- Presentation Opportunities
 - Transit Agencies
 - HRT
 - WATA
 - Suffolk
 - HRTPO Board
 - Hampton Roads Caucus