

ITEM #21: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the HRTPO Board meeting held on September 21, 2017 are attached.

Attachment 21-A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of September 21, 2017

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 09:33 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:

Linda T. Johnson, Chair (SU)
Thomas Shepperd, Vice Chair (YK)
Ella Ward (CH)
Frank Rabil (FR)
Donnie Tuck (HA)
Rex Alphin (IW)
Michael Hipple (JC)
McKinley Price (NN)
Kenneth Alexander (NO)*
John Rowe (PO)
Herbert Green (Alternate, PQ)
Barry Porter (SH)

William Sessoms (VB)
Paul Freiling (WM)
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)
William Harrell (HRT)
James Utterback (VDOT)
Jeff Florin (Alternate, VPA)
Zack Trogdon (WATA)
Senator Mamie Locke (GA)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)*
Delegate David Yancey (GA)
Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

James Baker (CH)
Randy Martin (FR)
Brent Fedors (GL)
Mary Bunting (HA)
Randy Keaton (IW)
Bryan Hill (JC)
Cynthia Rohlf (NN)
Randy Wheeler (PQ)
Michael W. Johnson (SH)

Patrick Roberts (SU)
Dave Hansen (VB)
Neil Morgan (YK)
Marvin Collins (WM)
CDR Ken Kostecki (USCG)
CDR Susanne Weinrich (U.S. Navy)
John Malbon (CTB)
Sandy Wanner (Peninsula Airport Commission)

HRTPO Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

Other Participants:

Grindly Johnson (Commonwealth of Virginia)
Nick Donohue (Commonwealth of Virginia)
Wynter Benda (NO)

HRTPO – Voting Members Absent

Alan Krasnoff (CH)
Barry Cheatham (FR)

W. Eugene Hunt (PQ)
John Reinhart (VPA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:

Doug Smith (NO)

Lydia Pettis-Patton (PO)

Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)

Terry Garcia Crews (FTA)

Art Moye (FTAC)

Jessie Yung (FHWA)

Randall P. Burdette (VDOA)

Capt. Richard Wester (U.S. Coast Guard)

Capt. Michael Moore (U.S. Navy)

Col. Herbert Joliat (Langley-Eustis)

Teresa Danaher (CTAC)

HRTPO Staff:

Camelia Ravanbakht

Sam Braden

Rob Case

Shirley Core

Kathlene Grauberger

Andrea Grayer

Steve Lambert

John Mihaly

Kendall Miller

Keith Nichols

Joe Paulus

Dale Stith

Others Recorded Attending:

Dawn Odom, Eric Stringfield, Jack Beilhart, Len Tierney (VDOT); Sherri Neil, Bob Baldwin, (PO); Donna Sayegh (Citizen); Gary Webb (Parsons Transportation); Linny Shan, David Miller, (PFM); Bob Matthias (VB); Jerri Wilson, Bryan Stilley, Britta Ayers, (NN); Ellis James (Sierra Club & NEC); Brian DeProfio, Jimmy Gray, (HA); Doug Beaver, Jeffrey Ralski, Thelma Drake, (NO); Rhonda Murray (Navy Region Mid-Atlantic); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Scott Retar, Jim Calpin, (BofAML); Dianna Howard (VBTP, TLP, VBTA); Charles Southall (PQ); Jordan Pascale (VA Pilot); Leroy Bennett (SU); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouth City Watch), Kevin Page, Jennifer Coleman, (HRTAC); Keith Cannady, Nancy Collins, Kelli Arledge, Whitney Katchmark, Matt Smith, Mike Long, Sharon Lawrence (HRPDC).

Approval of Agenda

Chair Linda Johnson asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Michael Hipple Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Barry Porter. The Motion Carried.

Meeting Agenda**Public Comment Period**

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Citizen, expressed her concern regarding the Commonwealth Transportation Board's proposed SMART SCALE policy changes and the Transportation Improvement Program's procedures.

*Senator Wagner arrives

Mr. John Gergley, Newport News Citizen, voiced opposition regarding the conversion of the HOV-2 lanes to I-64 Express/HOT Lanes, scheduled to open in December 2017.

*Mayor Alexander arrives

Mr. Ellis James, Norfolk Citizen, expressed concern regarding funding cuts for port security.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Portsmouth Citizen, shared his concern that Hampton Roads could lose 50,000 potential jobs from Amazon due to lack of transit options.

A transcription of the public comments made orally during HRTPO Board meetings will be included in the HRTPO Agenda each month. The transcript will also be posted on the HRTPO website when available.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Johnson reported there was one submitted public comment placed as a handout at each seat.

SMART SCALE: Proposed Policy Changes for Round 3

Mr. Nick Donohue, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, briefed the board on the proposed changes to the SMART SCALE process. He noted Rounds 1 and 2 were implemented so quickly and with scores for the next round not being submitted until January 2019, staff felt it was an opportune time to evaluate the first two rounds. Looking back at Round 1, \$1.4 billion was allocated, with Hampton Roads receiving the largest amount of funding with a total of \$332.4 million. Of the allocated funds for Round 1, 91.99% were used for Highway Projects.

During Round 2, 81.28% of funds were used for highway projects, with Hampton Roads receiving \$250 million the second largest amount. He reported during Round 2, the success rate did decrease due to more applications and less funding. In Round 2, 80% of funds went to highway projects, while 9% went to a rail/transit project to upgrade the commuter line near I-95. He stated there was a 36% increase in the number of projects submitted between Round 1 and Round 2. The High Rise Bridge and Southside Widening project did not make the first round but easily made the second round and was the highest scoring project in the Commonwealth. Deputy Secretary Donohue reported the number of projects by size funded through SMART SCALE is in line with the number of projects by size funded in the FY06-11 Six-Year Improvement Program. He also stated the amount of funding going to projects of a certain size funded through SMART SCALE is in line with the amount of funding going to projects of a certain size funded in the FY06-11 Six-Year Improvement Program. He announced each construction district received more money under SMART SCALE and the State of Good Repair program than with the previous 40-30-30 funding formula.

Deputy Secretary Donohue outlined proposed changes to the process which include: application intake beginning on March 1, 2018; a June 1, 2018 deadline for creation of an application and August 1, 2018 is the application submission deadline. Transportation meetings will be held in September and October to provide training, outreach and to receive public comment on proposed changes. He noted October 20, 2017 is the deadline to submit comments on the Draft SMART SCALE Technical Guide. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will review the proposed policy changes for consideration of approval at the October meeting.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- A. Minutes
- B. FY 2015-2018 TIP Revision – RSTP Transfer Request – HRTPO
- C. FY 2015-2018 TIP Revision – RSTP Transfer Request – VDOT
- D. FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment – VDOT
- E. FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment – VDOT
- F. FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment – VDOT
- G. FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment – VDOT
- H. FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment – 12 Projects – HRT
- I. FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment
- J. Hampton Roads Annual Roadway Performance Report: Final
- K. Hampton Roads 2040 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan: Final
- L. Identifying Candidate Streets for Conversion from One-Way to Two-Way: Final

Mr. William Harrell Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Tom Shepperd. The Motion Carried.

HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Johnson outlined the HRTPO Board three-month tentative schedule in the Agenda Packet.

For Your Information

Chair Johnson highlighted the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Old/New Business

Mr. James Utterback, VDOT Hampton Roads District Administrator, stated he was cautiously optimistic regarding the contract for the I-64 Southside Widening and High-Rise Bridge project. He announced the notice of intent to award had been released the day prior to the TPO Board meeting. The award will go through a ten day challenge/protest period, with the CTB potentially awarding the contract in October. He announced VDOT received very good bids and the top bid of \$405 million is significantly less than the estimated \$600

million budgeted for the project. He also updated the board on the I-64 Segment 3 Peninsula Widening project stating the project will open in procurement as well as proposals in October. VDOT anticipates the contract to be awarded at the December CTB meeting. He explained VDOT extended the I-64/I-264 Interchange bids until the middle of November. He noted eight contractors are currently tied up on the High Rise Bridge project and they would be bidding on this project. He reported the bids will be opened November 15th and will potentially be awarded at the December CTB meeting. He announced the CTB could award \$700 million in projects in the next two to three months. He noted VDOT's planning a ribbon cutting for the first phase of the I-64 Peninsula Widening project. The project is due to be completed December 1st. More information will be forthcoming.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Mayor Linda Johnson
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director/Secretary