

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
August 11, 2022**

The August 11, 2022 meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)/ Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director Robert Crum in Board Room A/B of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320, with the following in attendance:

CAC Members in Attendance:

Cecil Jenkins (CH)	Garry Harris (PO)
John Kish (CH)	Anthony Piglowski (SU)
Jim Bowie (HA)	Catherine Correll Walls (SY)
Frank Cotrupi (NN)	Dianna Howard (VB)*
Sharon Anderson (PO)	Scott MacFarlane (VB)
Zakkiyya Anderson (PO)	Waverly Woods (VB)

CAC Members Absent:

Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Chair (PO)	Kanama Bivins (SU)
Lamont Curtis, Vice-Chair (NN)	Mike Sawchuck (SU)
Brandon Carter (CH)	Shawnta Howard-Spence (VB)
Richard Parison (HA)	Jay Leach (VB)
Jim Collins (IW)	Brad Martin (VB)
Henry Branscome (JC)	

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.	Matthew Harrington
Pavithra Parthasarathi	Matt Klepeisz
Shernita Bethea	John Mihaly
Rob Cofield	Dmitry Rekhter
Deidre Garrett	Joe Turner

**Denotes late arrival or early departure*

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, called the meeting to order and asked for concurrence from the CAC members for him to chair the meeting noting the absence of the CAC Chair and Vice-Chair. The CAC members approved Mr. Crum's request.

Public Comments

- **Submitted Public Comments**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, reported that there were no submitted public comments.

- **Public Comment Period**

Members of the public were invited to address the CAC. There were no in-person requests to provide public comment.

CAC Membership Update

Mr. Crum introduced the CAC's newest member, Ms. Catherine Correll Walls, Surry County, and requested a round of introductions from all the meeting attendees to welcome the new member.

Summary Minutes

Mr. Crum referenced the Summary Minutes of the April 14, 2022 CAC Meeting and the June 9, 2022 CAC Meeting.

Mr. Jim Bowie Moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the April 14, 2022 and June 9, 2022 CAC Meetings as presented; seconded by Mr. Cecil Jenkins. The Motion Carried.

Agenda/Modification of Agenda

Mr. Crum reviewed what would be included in the agenda and asked if anyone had any revisions or changes to the agenda. There were no revisions or changes.

HRPDC Housing Program Overview

Ms. Shernita Bethea, HRPDC Housing Administrator, provided an overview of the regional Housing & Human Services programs. The HRPDC's Housing and Human Services Department staff serves as regional representatives on various committees and advisory boards in the areas of housing and human services, provides support for the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium as well as administers the HOME funds for the regional loan program.

Ms. Bethea elaborated on some of the regional housing and human services programs including the Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program (DPA) designed to make homeownership more affordable for low to moderate-income first-time homebuyers. In

addition, Virginia Housing's SPARC Program provides a 1% mortgage rate reduction to eligible first-time homebuyers in the HRPDC service areas.

Additionally, Ms. Bethea described other available regional resources and initiatives such as the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium; the Virginia Housing/Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions' Housing Creation Initiative, etc. designed to promote regional approaches to housing and enhance collaboration between regional and local stakeholders to address housing issues and facilitate affordable housing.

**Dianna Howard arrives*

Ms. Bethea then described the current housing climate and current trends in the housing market that are adding to the challenges of homeownership and opened up the discussion to the CAC members for their feedback on creating and supporting adequate housing for all.

The discussion among the Committee members touched upon the importance of understanding the underlying causes impacting homeownership in the Hampton Roads region, and the need for holistic approaches to tackling housing infrastructure including addressing living wages, providing financial literacy training, and sustaining career options for school students, as well as looking at best practices to better ensure that housing services are reaching the people that need it the most. The robust discussion by the committee members reiterated that housing is a quality of life issue and a regional approach combined with collaboration among the localities is critical to addressing housing in the region.

CMAQ and RSTP Project Selection Process Update

Mr. John Mihaly, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, provided an update on the 2022 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Project Selection Process (PSP).

Mr. Mihaly started his briefing with a brief overview of the 2022 CMAQ and RSTP process including background information on the annual process and a description of the PSP schedule and timeline. Mr. Mihaly noted that the HRTPO staff will evaluate and score the projects requesting CMAQ/RSTP funding. The list of projects selected for funding will be developed in coordination with the HRTPO subcommittee/committee stakeholders using the project scores as a guide. The HRTPO Board makes the final decision on the projects to receive funds and the amount of funding awarded to each project.

Mr. Mihaly wrapped up his presentation by highlighting that, as part of the process, the public is encouraged to submit project ideas for consideration. He requested that the CAC members review and submit any project ideas using the online form on the HRTPO [website](#).

The briefing was opened up for questions from the CAC members. Mr. Mihaly responded to questions on the types of projects funded by CMAQ vs. RSTP, the maximum allowed funding request, clarification on how the scoring process addresses equity impacts, and a request for

follow-up on the type of pollutants addressed and the major contributors to air quality pollutants with regards to CMAQ funding.

Regional Legislative Update

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, provided an update on the Regional Legislative priorities for the Hampton Roads region. As background, for the past six years, the HRPDC and HRTPO Boards have adopted a regional legislative agenda to convey to the Virginia General Assembly and Federal Delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of Hampton Roads.

Mr. Crum provided an overview of the process and timeline to develop recommendations for a regional legislative agenda to be considered by the HRPDC and HRTPO Boards at their October meeting ahead of the 2023 session of the Virginia General Assembly. As part of the briefing, Mr. Crum also highlighted priorities from last year's regional legislative agenda and some of the related actions taken by the General Assembly at their 2022 session.

Mr. Crum listed potential topics for this year's Regional Legislative Agenda, including the following:

- Full funding for the I-64 Gap between Hampton Roads and Richmond
- Elizabeth River Crossings Toll Agreement
- Enhanced Passenger Rail Service from Hampton Roads to the I-95 Corridor
- Coastal Resiliency - Structure for State Coordination for Resiliency/Flood Prevention
- Dedicated State/Federal Funding for Coastal Resiliency
- State Support for Jefferson Lab
- Support for Offshore Wind
- Economic Development Site Readiness
- Public Safety
- Housing

Mr. Crum solicited input and feedback from the Committee members on the above list as well as additional considerations for the Hampton Roads region. The CAC members noted general agreement with the above list but requested additional briefings on select topics including offshore wind and coastal resiliency at the October CAC meeting to help with a better understanding of the identified priorities.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CAC will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the CAC, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.