

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order by the Chair at approximately 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are invited to address the HRTPO Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

AGENDA ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires an action from the HRTPO Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under "Old/New Business".

AGENDA ITEM #4: MINUTES

Approval of the summary minutes from the December 18, 2014 Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee meeting and the September 25, 2015 HRTPO Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee meeting.

Attachment 4-A

Attachment 4-B

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

Summary Minutes
Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee
Meeting of December 18, 2014

Mayor Linda Johnson called the meeting of the Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Regional Building Board Room with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members in Attendance:

Linda T. Johnson, Chair (SU)
Delegate David Yancey (GA)*
Robert Matthias (VB Legislative Liaison)
Jerri Wilson (NN Legislative Liaison)

HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members Absent:

McKinley Price (NN)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)

HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members in Attendance:

Kenneth Wright, Chair (PO)
Ella P. Ward (CH)
Bryan Pennington (NO)
Sherri Neil (PO)

HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members Absent:

Mary Anne Saunders (CH)
Robert Dyer (VB)
Clyde Haulman (WM)

HRTPO/HRPDC Staff:

Camelia Ravanbakht	Greg Grootendorst
Randy Keaton	Julia Hillegass
Shernita Bethea	Whitney Katchmark
Jennifer Coleman	Mike Kimbrel
Kathlene Grauberger	John Sadler

Other Participants:

Peter Huber (Willcox & Savage)

* Late Arrival or Early Departure

Others Recorded Attending:

Anna D'Antonio (CH); Rob Catron (SU); Angela Bezik (HRT/VB/Williams Mullen); Jeff Keever (Keever Consulting); Laura Bateman (Bateman Consulting/HA); Joe Dillard, Jr., Brian Smith (HRT); Jonathan Nye (HRPTA); Melton Boyer, Mike Long, John Mihaly, Chris Vaigneur (HRTPO/HRPDC)

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Linda Johnson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Dr. Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes from the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Meeting of September 11, 2014

Mayor Johnson asked for corrections or amendments to the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Jerri Wilson Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Robert Matthias. The Motion Carried.

Summary Minutes from the HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Meeting of October 10, 2014

Mayor Johnson asked for corrections or amendments to the minutes of the October 10, 2014 meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Sherri Neil Moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mayor Wright. The Motion Carried.

Research on Potential Funding Sources for Public Transportation

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, reported that the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee, at its September 11th meeting, requested staff research transit funding sources. He stated there are endless options; however, many potential revenue sources are outlined by the American Public Transportation Association. The most common sources of dedicated local revenue for public transportation throughout the United States are:

- Sales Taxes – 78.4%
- Property Taxes – 9.4%
- Gasoline Taxes – 2.7%
- Other Taxes – 8.2%
- Income Taxes – 1.3%

He noted that every metropolitan area has its own set of taxes and funding strategies used for transit and many have created criteria by which these strategies are evaluated, including but not limited to:

- Potential revenue
- Predictability and sustainability
- Public Acceptance
- Ease of Implementation

He summarized the following four categories of transit funding strategies:

- Changes to the Existing Major Revenue Sources
- Stand Alone Taxes and Increases to Minor Existing Taxes
- Fees
- Other

Mr. Grootendorst requested the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee members review the complete handout of potential funding strategies and recommend specific strategies for further analysis by the HRTPO staff.

Mr. Matthias stated the General Assembly is required to approve certain funding sources and recommended this be added to the evaluation criteria. Dr. Ravanbakht replied affirmatively.

(Delegate Yancey arrives)

Development of Strategy for the 2015 General Assembly Session

Chair Johnson reported that in preparation for the 2015 General Assembly (GA) Session, the HRTPO Board adopted its 2015 Legislative Agenda in October 2014.

Discussion ensued regarding the following HRTPO priorities to bring forth to the Hampton Roads Caucus:

- HRTAC projects and prioritization
- Senator Frank Wagner's bill to update the 1984 Study of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC)
- Appointment of Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) members by Congressional Districts rather than by VDOT Construction Districts
- Present the "Business Case" for public transportation funding

Chair Wright led the discussion pertaining to the 2015 HRPDC Legislative Agenda including priorities to be brought forth to the Hampton Roads Caucus. The HRPDC staff emphasized the following priorities:

- Support of a Water Resources JLARC study exploring the management of state water resources
- Oppose the bill that would exempt religious groups from Stormwater fees – would cause multiple impacts to the localities.
- Overall Water Quality funding is a priority

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

There being no more business before the Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committees, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Summary Minutes
HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee
Meeting of September 25, 2015

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, called the meeting of the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Building Board Room with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members in Attendance:

Delegate David Yancey (GA)*
Robert Matthias (VB Legislative Liaison)
Jerri Wilson (NN Legislative Liaison)

HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Members Absent:

Linda T. Johnson, Chair (SU)
McKinley Price (NN)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)

HRTPO Staff:

Robert Crum
Camelia Ravanbakht
Kathlene Grauberger
John Mihaly

Other Participants:

Andrew Fox (CH)
Peter Huber (Willcox & Savage)
Sheri Neil (PO)
Bryan Pennington (NO)
Mary Ann Saunders (CH)
Brian Smith (HRT)

* Late Arrival or Early Departure

Others Recorded Attending:

Frank Papcin (Citizen); Thelma Drake (NO), Joe Dillard (HRT); Kevin Page (HRTAC); Hollis Ellis (CAE, Inc./HRPTA); Ron Broughton, Will Christopher, Jonathan Nye (HRPTA); Mike Long, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC)

Public Comment Period

Mr. Jonathan Nye of the HRPTA addressed the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee regarding past funding policies.

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee regarding opposition to tolls.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Robert Crum reported the Committee will meet in work session as a quorum has not been achieved.

Summary Minutes from the Joint HRTPO/HRPDC Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Meeting of December 18, 2014

This item is deferred since a quorum is not present.

Research on Potential Funding Sources for Public Transportation

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, reported that the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee requested staff research potential revenues and determine whether to pursue any of these sources more aggressively in the future.

Mr. Grootendorst noted that for this presentation, he concentrated his research efforts on the gas and sales tax for Virginia explained how these taxes are utilized by the Commonwealth, and indicated the State could increase its taxable sales if it did not exempt items in the Services category.

(Delegate David Yancey arrives)

Review of the HRTPO 2015 Legislative Agenda

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, outlined the items from the HRTPO 2015 Legislative Agenda that were not addressed during the 2015 General Assembly session.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed to carry over the following State items to the 2016 HRTPO Legislative Agenda:

- Pursuit of federal/state funding for Tier II EIS for higher-speed passenger rail between Hampton Roads and Richmond.
- Identification of a dedicated source of funding for public transportation for the Hampton Roads region.
- Amendment of HRTAC enabling legislation to allow the use of HRTF monies for HRTAC staff and administration expenses.
- Amendment of HRTAC enabling legislation to allow the CEO of a locality to designate another member of the council or board of supervisors to cast votes for the CEO on behalf of the locality at HRTAC meetings in the event of an emergency that prevents the CEO of a locality from attending an HRTAC meeting.

The Committee also decided to add two new State items to the 2016 Legislative Agenda as follows:

- Pursuit of federal/state funding for Trains 2 & 3 to Norfolk.
- Amendment of HB 1402 (Highway maintenance: payments to City of Richmond for moving-lanes converted to bicycle lanes) to include any local government.

Development of the HRTPO 2016 Legislative Agenda

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, outlined three federal items for consideration by the Legislative Ad-hoc Committee to move forward for inclusion in the 2016 Legislative Agenda. Discussion ensued and the Committee decided to include these items in the Legislative Agenda as follows:

- Support Congressional approval for a long-term surface transportation funding authorization act.
- Support Congressional approval for the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA).
- Support Congressional recognition of regions that increased local taxes to bridge the gap between federal transportation funding and regional transportation infrastructure needs by providing bonus funding to these metropolitan regions.

Mr. Crum stated staff will be presenting the draft 2016 HRTPO Legislative Agenda to the HRTPO Board at its October 15, 2015 meeting for approval. He indicated that the HRTPO plans to present its proposed legislative items to the Hampton Roads General Assembly Caucus in December.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

There being no more business before the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committees, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.