

**ITEM #22: MINUTES OF HRTPO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**A. RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE (RPTTF)**

The summary minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting of the Rail and Public Transportation Task Force are attached.

Attachment 22-A

**B. TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC)**

The summary minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee are attached.

Attachment 22-B

**Summary Minutes of the  
HRTPO Rail and Public Transportation Task Force Meeting  
September 26, 2017**

The HRTPO Passenger Rail Task Force Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**Members:**

Benjamin Camras (CH)  
Porter Stevens (HA)  
Jackie Kassel (NN)  
Thelma Drake (NO)  
Leroy Hansen (SU)  
Brian Solis (VB)  
Andrew Trivette (WM)  
Susan Wilson, PO

Tim Cross (YK)  
Randy Marcus (CSX)  
Ray Amoruso (HRT)  
William Harrell (HRT)  
Jamie Jackson (HRT)  
Brian Smith (HRT)  
John Edwards (Norfolk Southern)  
Cheryl Openshaw (DRPT)

**Members Absent:**

Rick West (CH)  
C. Earl Sorey, Jr. (CH)  
Garrey W. Curry, Jr. (GL)  
Jamie Oliver (IW)  
Paul Holt (JC)  
McKinley Price (NN)  
Jeffrey Raliski (NO)  
James Wright (PO)  
Mark Shea (VB)

Marvin Collins (WM)  
Carolyn Murphy (WM)  
Tom Shepperd (YK)  
Jay McArthur (Amtrak)  
John Friedmann (Norfolk Southern)  
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)  
Josh Moore (WATA)

**HRTPO Executive Director**

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

**HRTAC Executive Director**

Kevin Page

**HRTPO Staff:**

Camelia Ravanbakht  
Rob Case  
John Mihaly

Leonardo Pineda, II  
Steve Lambert

**Other Participants:**

Ron Jordan, HRT

Tara Reel, VB

**Others Recorded Attending:**

Julie Dixon (The Planning Council); Jordan Dillard (HRT); Kate Mishkin (Daily Press); Jordan Pascale (Virginian-Pilot);

## **Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

## **Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no objections to the agenda.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, reported that the summary minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting of the HRTPO Passenger Rail Task Force were included in the agenda. He asked for corrections or amendments to the minutes.

Ms. Jackie Kastle noted that in the For Your Information section, the ROW acquisition for repairs is for the maintenance facility. Brian Solis noted that in the Old/New Business section that he was not the person who mentioned the Tier II RFP Process.

Mr. Ray Amoruso Moved to approve the minutes with the noted changes; seconded by Ms. Thelma Drake. The Motion Carried.

## **Regional Transportation Development Plan**

Mr. Ray Amoruso, HRT Chief Planning and Development Officer, discussed the Transit Development Plan that is being developed by Hampton Roads Transit. Mr. Amoruso provided updates on public outreach, the existing conditions, bus service recommendations, and their next steps. There was some discussion on the methodology and presentation to city councils and the HRTPO board. Mr. Amoruso welcomed the opportunity to present to the HRTPO board.

## **Core 20 Plan Development to Implement New Core Regional Bus Network**

Brian Smith, HRT Assistant to the President and CEO for Organizational Advancement, discussed the Core 20 Plan and its development. The plan focuses on providing better regional connectivity with a reliable core bus network. Following the presentation, there was discussion about HRT's current fleet, its efficiency, and funding. There was also a suggestion to phase out the funding, which HRT acknowledged and addressed. Lastly, there was dialogue between HRT, Suffolk Transit, and Williamsburg Area Transit Authority about the region's transit system and its funding. Suffolk and Williamsburg agreed to give updates on their transit systems at the next Rail and Public Transportation Task Force (RPTTF) meeting.

## **Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Marketing Working Group - Update**

Ms. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Marketing Working Group meetings. Ms. Ravanbakht reviewed the work that had been done by the group and its current work activities.

## **Hampton Roads to Richmond Tier II EIS - Update**

Ms. Cheryl Openshaw, DRPT Deputy Director, presented an update on the Hampton Roads to Richmond Tier II EIS Study Cost Estimate. Ms. Openshaw went over their methodology, the estimated cost, potential funding sources, and DRPT's rail investments. Following the presentation, there was discussion of the importance of the Hampton Roads to Richmond Tier II EIS and its funding.

Mr. William Harrell Moved for HRTPO support of replacing the capital funding for the state relative to transit needs; seconded by Mr. Leroy Hansen. The Motion Carried.

## **For Your Information**

### *Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Guide - Updated*

The updated guide was attached to the agenda and includes Amtrak services, schedules, and fares in the Hampton Roads Region.

### *Richmond to D.C. Tier II EIS – Update*

A description of the DC2RVA project and its draft Tier II EIS was included in the agenda.

## **Old/New Business**

No old/new business was discussed.

## **Adjournment**

There being no more business before the Rail and Public Transportation Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.