

ITEM #14: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the HRTPO Board meeting held on October 16, 2014 are attached.

Attachment 14-A

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of October 16, 2014

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:41 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:

McKinley Price, Chair (NN)
Linda T. Johnson, Vice-Chair (SU)
Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)*
Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)
Barry Cheatham (FR)
George Wallace (HA)
Mary Jones (JC)
Paul D. Fraim (NO)
Kenneth I. Wright (PO)
Barry Porter (SH)
Charles Brown (Alternate, SU)

William D. Sessoms (VB)
Clyde Haulman (WM)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)*
Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)*
Delegate David Yancey (GA)
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)
William E. Harrell (HRT)
James Utterback (VDOT)
Cathie France (Alternate, VPA)
Jamie Jackson (Alternate, WATA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

James E. Baker (CH)
Randy Martin (FR)
Mary Bunting (HA)
Anne Seward (IW)
Bryan Hill (JC)
James Bourey (NN)
Marcus Jones (NO)
John Rowe (PO)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)

Michael Johnson (SH)
Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)
James K. Spore (VB)
Jackson C. Tuttle, II (WM)
James O. McReynolds (YK)
Shepelle Watkins-White (CTAC)
Lt. Col. David Huber (Alternate, Langley-Eustis)
Capt. Robert Clark (US Navy)

HRTPO Interim Executive Director:

Camelia Ravanbakht

CTB Participant

John Malbon

Other Participants:

Peter Huber (Willcox & Savage)
Grindly Johnson (Commonwealth)*

HRTPO Voting Members Absent:

John C. Meyer (GL)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)
W. Eugene Hunt (PQ)
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr. (YK)

Senator Thomas Norment (GA)
John Reinhart (VPA)
Kevan Danker (WATA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:

Brenda Garton (GL)	Arthur Moye (FTAC)
Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)	Col. John Allen (Langley-Eustis)
Irene Rico (FHWA)	Col. William Galbraith (Langley-Eustis)
Ivan Rucker (FHWA)	Wayne Shank (NAA)
Tony Cho (FTA)	Ken Spirito (PAC)
Reginald Lovelace (FTA)	Randall P. Burdette (VDOA)

* Late arrival or early departure

Others Recorded Attending:

John Gergely, Pamela Jamieson, Donna Sayegh (Citizens); Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Britta Ayers, Bryan Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Brittany Forman, Bryan Pennington, Jeff Raliski, Ron Williams (NO); Sherri Neil (PO); Dallas Jones (SH); Eric Nielson (SU); Bob Matthias, Brian Solis (VB); Ellis W. James (NEC and Sierra Club Observer); David Forster (Virginian-Pilot); Diana McFarland (Daily Press); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Trey Agnew (Suffolk News-Herald); Generra Peck (McGuire Woods Consulting); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Deborah Brown, John Hendrickson (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Hollis Ellis (CAE, Inc.); Rhonda Murray (US Navy); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Barrett Hardiman (Luck Stone Corp.); Dianna Howard (VBTA, VBTP, TLP); Martha McClees (VB Vision); Will Christopher (HRPTA); Leslie Roberts (Goodman, Hughes, Dixon); Megan O'Reilly (US Route 460 Corridor Improvements Project); Steven Fox (Hampton Roads Executive Airport); Mark Osenbaugh (EV Williams); Tara Reel (VA Tech Transportation Institute); Angel Deem, Tony Gibson, Dawn Odom, Laurie Simmons, Scott Smizik (VDOT); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Sam Belfield, Rob Case, Brian Chenault, Kathlene Grauberger, Danetta Jankosky, Theresa Jones, Michael Kimbrel, John Mihaly, Brian Miller, Kendall Miller, Keith Nichols, Joe Paulus, Seth Schipinski, Chris Wichman (HRTPO Staff); Kelli Arledge, Melton Boyer, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Greg Grootendorst, Randy Keaton, Mike Long, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

Approval of Agenda

Chair McKinley Price asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mayor Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the agenda as written; seconded by Mayor Linda Johnson. The Motion Carried.

Employee Recognition

Chair Price recognized several employees for their outstanding service to the HRTPO and for reaching milestone anniversaries between November 1, 2013 and October 31, 2014.

Workshop Agenda

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Member Comments and Updates

Mr. John Malbon, CTB Member, reported that the CTB approved the Limited Access Enhancement to the I-64/I-264 Interchange to facilitate the project construction. He noted the CTB received a briefing regarding an update to the P3 process to ensure more accountability and transparency to Virginia's P3 initiatives. Lastly, he stated the CTB continues to develop the prioritization elements for House Bill (HB) 2.

Virginia Department of Transportation Comments and Updates

Mr. James Utterback, VDOT Hampton Roads District Administrator, reported that VDOT will brief the HRTPO Board today on an update to the Route 460 SEIS and the I-64 Southside Widening (including the High-Rise Bridge) in November. He noted that re-paving work continues on I-264 eastbound.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Comments and Updates

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, DRPT Director reported that DRPT is currently holding SYIP Public Hearings around the Commonwealth. She noted that changes have occurred in the capital and operating formula funds as a result of revenue reductions; however, DRPT has been able to offset those impacts. She indicated that DRPT has reallocated flexible STP funds from around the state in order to provide 96% funding for an HRT project for the Norfolk Naval Base. She stated that Scoping meetings have begun for the Richmond-Washington D.C. High-Speed Rail Tier II.

Military Liaisons Comments and Updates

Lt. Col. David Huber of Langley-Eustis thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in its monthly meetings.

Captain Robert Clark of the U.S. Navy reported that Fleet Fest will be held this upcoming weekend and noted there may be more traffic in the area. He encouraged the Board members to bring their families as it is open to the public with no admission charge.

FY 2014 Audited Financial Report

Ms. Leslie Roberts, Partner with Dixon, Hughes, Goodman, LLP, reported that the FY 2014 Financial Statements of the HRPDC and their Independent Auditors' Report states that they present fairly, in all material respects, the basic financial statements of the HRPDC, the fiscal agent for the HRTPO. She noted there were no material weaknesses or deficiencies in any of the internal controls or processes of the financial activity, and all information was free of any material misstatements.

(Dep. Sec. Johnson arrives)

**HRTPO Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee Report
HRTPO 2015 Legislative Agenda – HRTPO Board Resolution**

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, reported the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee has recommended the following priorities for inclusion in the 2015 Legislative Agenda:

- Pursue Federal funding for Tier II EIS for higher-speed passenger rail service between Richmond and Hampton Roads
- Reconstitute CTB membership based on congressional districts
- Distribute Highway Maintenance and Operations Funds to reduce reliance upon toll dollars for maintenance of toll facilities
- Identify dedicated source of funds for public transportation
- Make Transit an eligible use of Hampton Roads Transportation Fund
- Pursue options to cover loss of state transit capital funding resulting from expiration of Capital Projects Revenue Bonds
- JLARC review of equity of transportation funding
- Full implementation of recommendations of 2010 Transportation Programs Performance Audit (HB42/SB201)
- Continued funding of Virginia Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund
- Amend HRTAC and HRTF legislation to allow for the use of HRTF moneys to fund HRTAC staff and administration
- Amend HRTAC legislation to allow Chief Elected Officers (CEO) to designate another member of council or board of supervisors to cast votes in place of CEO
- Amend HRTAC legislation to use decennial census population figures for year of census and Weldon Cooper Center population estimates for each year between census years
- Support that additional revenues from an increase in the Virginia wholesale gas tax be allocated the same way Marketplace Fairness Act revenues would have been allocated under HB2313

(Senator Wagner and Delegate Stolle arrive)

After discussion, Mayor Krasnoff Moved to remove Item #5 – *Make Transit an eligible use of Hampton Roads Transportation Fund* from the FY 2015 HRTPO Legislative Agenda; seconded by Delegate Christopher Stolle.

A roll call vote was conducted.

<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Voting Member</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chesapeake	Alan P. Krasnoff	Yes	
Gloucester	John Meyer		Absent
Hampton	George Wallace	No	
Isle of Wight	Delores Darden		Absent
James City	Mary K. Jones	Yes	

Newport News	McKinley L. Price	No	
Norfolk	Paul D. Fraim	No	
Poquoson	W. Eugene Hunt, Jr.		Absent
Portsmouth	Kenneth I. Wright	No	
Suffolk	Linda T. Johnson	No	
Virginia Beach	William D. Sessoms	No	
Williamsburg	Clyde A. Haulman	No	
York	Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.		Absent
Franklin	Randy Martin	No	
Southampton	Barry Porter	Abstain	
General Assembly	Senator Frank Wagner	Yes	
General Assembly	Senator Thomas Norment		Absent
General Assembly	Delegate Christopher Stolle	Yes	
General Assembly	Delegate David E. Yancey	Yes	
TDCHR	William E. Harrell	No	
WATA	Jamie Jackson	No	
VDOT	James Utterback	Abstain	
DRPT	Jennifer Mitchell	No	
VPA	Cathie France	Yes	

The Motion Failed.

Long-Term National Transportation Funding Authorization – HRTPO Resolution

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, reported that the current federal surface transportation funding authorization, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), was signed into law in July 2012. Currently, the U.S. Congress is considering short-term extensions of the Act. She stated the HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee has recommended an HRTPO Board Resolution urging the U.S. Congress to pass a long-term surface transportation funding authorization act.

She indicated the HRTPO Board Resolutions for both the HRTPO 2015 Legislative Agenda and the Long-Term National Transportation Funding Authorization are recommended for approval in the Consent Agenda.

**Six-Year Improvement Program Status Report and HRTPO Priority Projects
Revised Draft FY 2015-2020 SYIP**

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported that the August update to the Commonwealth’s revenue collections and future expectations necessitated revisions to the FY 2015-2020 SYIP to account for a reduction in revenues available for construction. In addition, the CTB is adjusting the FY 2015-2020 SYIP to transition to a new statewide project prioritization process established by the codification of House Bill 2 (HB2). He stated that with regard to HB2, \$416 million has been removed from 62 projects in the current SYIP. He noted that due to criteria included in the legislation, these projects are required to go through the prioritization process to determine whether they will be funded.

Priority Projects for FY 2016-2021 SYIP

Mr. Kimbrel stated that HRTPO staff has assembled a list of priority projects in Hampton Roads to be considered during the development of the FY 2016-2021 SYIP. He noted that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) has recommended approval of the project list. Upon approval by the HRTPO Board, it will be submitted to VDOT and DRPT during the public comment period.

HRTPO Staff used the following methodology to arrive at the list of priority projects:

- Reviewed the CTB priorities for the SYIP
- Reviewed the 2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- Listed projects in order by HRTPO Prioritization Score per Prioritization Category

USDOT Request for Public-Private Partnership (P3) Project Proposals

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, reported the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has introduced the “Build America Investment Initiative, a new Government-wide effort to support and expand the use of innovative financing strategies, such as public-private partnerships (P3s), to help fill the Nation’s infrastructure deficit.” The USDOT has requested assistance in identifying “a pipeline of projects that can best benefit the most from our collective attention, ideally projects that are still relatively early in the planning process.”

He noted that HRTPO staff has assembled a list of potential Hampton Roads P3 projects for submittal in response to the USDOT request and that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) has recommended approval of the list. Upon approval by the HRTPO Board, the list and a brief summary of each project will be submitted to the USDOT Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation.

U.S. Route 460 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: VDOT

Ms. Angel Deem, VDOT Location Studies Program Manager, reported that the Route 460 project is designed to improve safety, increase mobility and evacuation services, and accommodate more freight traffic. The draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) evaluates potential social, economic, and environmental impacts of five alternatives to improve transportation on the 55-mile section of Route 460 between Suffolk and Petersburg.

Ms. Deem outlined the SEIS findings, including the potential environmental consequences for each of the five build alternatives. She indicated the SEIS public hearings are currently taking place and that the public comment period will close in November. She noted that once the Commonwealth Transportation Board reviews the preferred alternative recommendation, a final SEIS will be issued in the Spring of 2015.

Senator Frank Wagner inquired as to the amount of money already paid to the Contractor. Ms. Deem replied the Contractor was compensated at just under \$300 million.

Senator Wagner then inquired about the unused portion of the Contractor's \$300 million and questioned whether that amount could be reallocated to another project. Ms. Deem replied that she was unsure. Mr. Utterback stated it was his understanding that no portion of the \$300 million could be reapplied to another project.

Mayor William Sessoms requested VDOT return to the November HRTPO Board meeting with an update on the Route 460 project and provide a status regarding any funds that could be utilized for another project. Mr. Utterback replied affirmatively.

Hampton Roads Congestion Management Process: System Performance and Mitigation Report

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Senior Transportation Engineer, reported that as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Hampton Roads, Virginia region, HRTPO is required by federal law to maintain a Congestion Management Process (CMP). The Hampton Roads CMP is an on-going systematic process for managing congestion that provides information and analysis on multimodal transportation system performance and on strategies to alleviate congestion and enhance the mobility of persons and goods regionwide. During this process, HRTPO works with state and local agencies to develop these strategies and mobility options.

He stated the report provides a thorough assessment of the roadway system in Hampton Roads, updates the regional Level of Service (LOS) congestion analysis (using the 2013 Existing and the 2034 Roadway Network), ranks the most congested corridors, and provides congestion mitigation strategies and recommended improvements for the congested corridors.

Regular Agenda

Public Comment Period

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Portsmouth Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding the FY 2015 Legislative Agenda.

Ms. Dianna Howard, representing the VBTP, VBTA, and the TLP, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding the FY 2015 Legislative Agenda.

Mr. John Gergely, Newport News Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding the construction of Patriots Crossing using HRTF monies.

Mr. Ellis James, Norfolk Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding the need to build the Third Crossing.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Price reported there was one submitted public comment in the Agenda packet.

Approval of Consent Items

- Minutes
- HRTPO Financial Statement
- Budget Amendment: Carry-Over Funding
- HRTPO FY 2014 Audited Financial Report

- HRTPO Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Items
 - HRTPO 2015 Legislative Agenda – HRTPO Board Resolution
 - Long-Term National Transportation Funding Authorization – HRTPO Board Resolution
- HRTPO Priority Projects for FY 2016-2021 Six-Year Improvement Program
- USDOT Request for Public-Private Partnership (P3) Project Proposals
- Transportation Alternatives Program: Endorsement of Project Proposals
- Hampton Roads Congestion Management Process: System Performance and Mitigation Report

Mayor Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written; seconded by Mr. William Harrell. The Motion Carried.

Election of HRTPO Board Officers

Mayor Paul Fraim, HRTPO Nominating Committee Chair, reported the HRTPO Board Bylaws state that the HRTPO Board election of officers is to take place during the first meeting after October 1st of each year. He stated the HRTPO Nominating Committee recommends Mayors McKinley Price and Linda Johnson continue for a second one-year term in their positions of HRTPO Chair and Vice Chair, respectively and Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht as Secretary.

Mayor Fraim Moved to approve the nominations of Mayors McKinley Price and Linda Johnson as HRTPO Chair and Vice-Chair and Dr. Ravanbakht as Secretary; seconded by Mayor George Wallace. The Motion Carried.

(Mayor Krasnoff departs)

HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Price outlined the HRTPO Board three-month tentative schedule, including the cancellation of the December HRTPO Board meeting.

Correspondence of Interest

Chair Price highlighted the correspondence of interest in the Agenda Packet.

For Your Information

Chair Price noted the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Mayor McKinley Price
Chair

Camelia Ravanbakht
Interim Executive Director