

Agenda
Freight Transportation Advisory Committee of the HRTPO
December 12, 2018
The Virginia Port Authority Waterside Conference Room

- I. Call to Order and Welcome and Introductions (*15 minutes*)
 - a. FTAC Members
 - b. HRTPO
 - c. The Port of Virginia

- II. Public Comment Period
Members of the public are invited to address the FTAC. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

- III. Approval of the March 31, 2017 Minutes (*5 minutes*)

- IV. Hampton Roads Regional Connectors Study (*15 minutes*)

- V. 2045 HRTPO Long-Range Transportation Plan Update (*15 minutes*)
 - a. Overview and Schedule
 - b. Freight Data Inputs: Truck Zones, TEU Projections, Gate Trip Distribution

- VI. HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool (*30 minutes*)

- VII. Future Meeting Topics and Action Items (*5 minutes*)
 - a. December 13, 2018 HRTPO/HRTAC Joint Board Meeting
 - b. January 17, 2019 HRTPO Board Meeting
 - c. Regional Connectors Study Update
 - d. Scenario Planning (LRTP and RCS)
 - e. 2045 Candidate Project Solicitation
 - f. State of Freight: Hampton Roads, VDOT, VTrans2045
 - g. Planning Studies: Route 58, Bowers Hill Interchange
 - h. SMART SCALE Preliminary Results – Freight Projects
 - i. Economic Development: Mega-site Survey by HRPDC
 - j. Port Reservation System
 - k. Interested Parties Invitations

- VIII. Next Meeting

- IX. Adjournment

I. Call To Order

Meeting is called to order by the Chair at 10:30 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

Members of the public are invited to address the FTAC. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

III. Minutes

Summary minutes of the FTAC meeting held on March 31, 2017 are attached.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

IV. Hampton Roads Regional Connectors Study

The purpose of the Hampton Roads Regional Connectors Study is to evaluate the feasibility, permitability, and transportation benefits of the alternatives presented in the Hampton Roads Crossing Study (HRCS) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) that were not included in the Preferred Alternative approved by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, which was to widen I-64 to a consistent six-lane facility between I-664 in Hampton and I-564 in Norfolk and a bridge-tunnel parallel to the existing Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel. The current project description is to expand the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel to allow for 8-lanes of capacity across the Hampton Roads Harbor and to widen the I-64 corridor to provide 6-lanes of capacity from the Settlers Landing Road interchange in Hampton to the I-564 interchange in Norfolk.

The HRCS SEIS Alternatives to be evaluated include, but are not limited to:

- VA 164
- I-564 Connector
- VA 164 Connector
- I-664 Connector
- I-664 from I-64 in Hampton to US 460/58/13 in Chesapeake

The HRTPO procured a consultant, Michael Baker International, Inc. to conduct the study. The study will involve coordination with a Working Group, a Steering Committee, and HRTPO staff, who are undertaking a concurrent 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update effort. Projects emerging from the study will be considered for potential inclusion in the 2045 LRTP.

The Working Group is comprised of technical staff from seven local jurisdictions (Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach), and other key regional stakeholders including the US Navy, US Coast Guard, Virginia Port Authority, Federal Highway Administration, US Army Corps of Engineers, Virginia Department of Transportation and the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission. The Steering Committee is the policy committee and is comprised of elected officials from the seven local jurisdictions and other key regional stakeholders.

The Study is being conducted in phases. Phase I is focused on establishing goals and objectives for subsequent study phases and includes extensive one-on-one stakeholder interviews; a regionally and statistically valid public survey; traffic data collection; and future land use and traffic projections. Phase I will help establish the scope of the next phase of the study in terms of expectations and priorities of the region.

Maps showing the Regional Connectors Study area are attached.

Mr. Michael Kimbrel, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

V. HRTPO 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update

This briefing will provide an overview of the HRTPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the anticipated schedule for advancing this planning effort. This is an important planning effort which will provide the foundation for identifying future studies or transportation investments to meet the present and future needs of the region. Updates will be provided on freight related work efforts to-date including the identification of Transportation Analysis Zones with higher than average truck activity and TEU projections and distribution of moves by port gate for the base year (2015) and the horizon year of 2045.

A brochure summarizing the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan and the timeline for 2045 LRTP Planning Milestones are attached.

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

VI. HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool

The HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool was developed to assist regional decision-makers in prioritizing transportation projects based off technical merits and regional benefits. The Tool is designed to be comprehensive, and includes freight movement as part of its performance metrics given the importance of freight movement to the Hampton Roads region.

The HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool has been used by the HRTPO in the past two Long-Range Transportation Plan updates as well as in the identification of the Regional Priority Projects. The Tool evaluates projects based on Project Utility (project effectiveness), Economic Vitality (potential for economic gain), and Project Viability (project readiness) for the following categories: highway, bridge/tunnel, intermodal, transit, system and demand management, and active transportation.

This briefing will provide an overview of the Project Prioritization Tool and focus on recommendations to enhance freight and intermodal components of the Tool as it will be used to evaluate projects for the Regional Connectors Study as well as the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

A presentation summarizing the Project Prioritization Tool is attached.

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: Discuss potential freight and intermodal enhancements to the Project Prioritization Tool and recommend for HRTPO Board consideration.