AGENDA ITEM #5:  APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT:
Minutes of the previous Passenger Rail and Public Transportation Task Force meeting.

BACKGROUND:
Minutes from the Rail and Public Transportation Task Force meeting held on September 26, 2017.

Attachment 5

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve the minutes.
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) Tim Cross (YK)
Porter Stevens (HA) Randy Marcus (CSX)
Jackie Kassel (NN) Ray Amoruso (HRT)
Thelma Drake (NO) William Harrell (HRT)
Leroy Hansen (SU) Jamie Jackson (HRT)
Brian Solis (VB) Brian Smith (HRT)
Andrew Trivette (WM) John Edwards (Norfolk Southern)
Susan Wilson, PO Cheryl Openshaw (DRPT)

Members Absent:
Rick West (CH) Marvin Collins (WM)
C. Earl Sorey, Jr. (CH) Carolyn Murphy (WM)
Garrey W. Curry, Jr. (GL) Tom Shepperd (YK)
Jamie Oliver (IW) Jay McArthur (Amtrak)
Paul Holt (JC) John Friedmann (Norfolk Southern)
McKinley Price (NN) Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)
JeffreyRaliski (NO) Josh Moore (WATA)
James Wright (PO)
Mark Shea (VB)

HRTPO Executive Director
Robert A. Crum, Jr.

HRTPO Staff:
Camelia Ravanbakht Leonardo Pineda, II
Rob Case Steve Lambert
John Mihaly

Other Participants:
Ron Jordan, HRT Tara Reel, VB
Kevin Page, HRTAC

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 Kassle 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.