

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
September 23, 2021**

The September 23, 2021 meeting of the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by the Chair at 12:04 PM in the 757 Room of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRPDC/HRTPO CAC Members in Attendance:

Terry Danaher, Chair (PO)	Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO)
Cynthia Taylor (IW)	Garry Harris (PO)
Delceno Miles (VB)	Dianna Howard (VB)
	Waverly Woods (VB)

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:

Pavithra Parthasarathi
Kendall Miller
Robert Cofield
Keith Cannady
Robert Crum

Others in Attendance:

Eric Stringfield – VDOT
Scott Smizik – VDOT
Tim Hayman - VDOT

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

Approval of Agenda

As there was not a quorum of the CAC, Chair Danaher was unable to ask for a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda as presented.

Summary Minutes of the June 10, 2021 CAC Meeting

The June 10, 2021 CAC minutes could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum at the September 23, 2021 CAC meeting.

Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network

Mr. Tim Hayman, VDOT, briefed the CAC on the Regional Express Lanes Network, which was endorsed by HRTPO. He focused on the three projects currently in the design phase: Segments 1, 4A/4B, and 4C. He informed the CAC that these 3 projects are scheduled to have construction completed by the end of 2025. He further explained that VDOT is developing a work zone traffic impact analysis and a corridor-wide transportation management plan.

Mr. Hayman said that the draft goals during construction of the Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network are:

1. Minimize traffic mobility impacts
2. Manage transportation demand
3. Improve public awareness of work zone activities
4. Improve interagency coordination during construction
5. Enhance situational awareness and monitor performance of the transportation network

Bowers Hill Interchange Improvement Study Update

Mr. Scott Smizik updated the CAC on this study, He explained that VDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study (Bowers Hill Study). Mr. Smizik said The Bowers Hill Study considers improvements to the Bowers Hill Interchange, which includes the junction of Interstate 664, I-264, I-64, U.S. Route 460, U.S. Route 58, U.S. Route 13, and Virginia Route 191 (Jolliff Road) in the City of Chesapeake, and to I-664 from College Drive in the City of Suffolk south to the Bowers Hill Interchange. The purpose of the Bowers Hill Study is to reduce current congestion, improve travel reliability, and provide additional travel choices on I-664 from and including the Bowers Hill Interchange to College Drive.

Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT)

Mr. Robert Crum provided an update on this project to the CAC. He explained that the Virginia Capital Trail extends from Richmond to Williamsburg, Virginia and that efforts are being made to further extend the 52-mile long trail through the Hampton Roads region and provide over 100 miles of continuous walking and biking trail.

He said that the HRTPO has requested \$16 million from the federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program, which will be combined with local match monies to design/build approximately 8 miles of the BoAT/ Virginia Capital Trail extension on the Peninsula. In addition, the City of Virginia Beach has submitted a complimentary request for a 3-mile section of the trail on the Southside that extends from the Newtown Road Light Rail station to Virginia Beach Town Center.

Mr. Crum went on to say that HRTPO staff coordinated a regional effort which resulted in Congressional Representative Bobby Scott submitting a request to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for an additional \$3.9 million to build another 2.75 miles of this trail in Newport News.

Old/New Business

Ms. Waverly Woods (VB) requested an update on the Virginia Coastal Resilience efforts.

Chair Teri Danaher addressed the CAC and suggested that the next CAC meeting should occur as scheduled, on October 14, 2021 even though it was only three weeks away from the current CAC meeting held on September 23, 2021. The CAC concurred with Chair Danaher's suggestion.

Chair Teri Danaher informed the CAC that Kendall Miller, HRTPO staff leading the CAC efforts, would be leaving the HRTPO and that her last day, would be November 1, 2021.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.