

Freight Transportation Advisory Committee of HRTPO
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Lawrence Ewan
David White (Virginia Maritime Association)

Members Not Present:

Mike Abbott
Keith Helton (Givens Transportation)
Rick Morris (Canon Virginia)
Chris Stolle (HRTPO)
Marcia Capelli (Huntington Ingalls)

I. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Larry Ewan at 10:39 a.m. Introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Mr. Ewan presented the May 14, 2019 minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Mr. White moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Ewan.

IV. I-87 UPDATE

Information item presented by Barbara Nelson, POV: Interstate 87 is planned as a 213-mile limited-access highway connecting the Raleigh-Durham area with Hampton Roads. The proposed corridor – which would connect with I-64 at the I-464/Chesapeake Expressway interchange in Chesapeake – was officially designated as a future interstate in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) in 2015. Portions of the corridor have already been completed in North Carolina, including a 13-mile segment in the Raleigh area.

The port met with representatives of North Carolina in September to discuss options on the alignment options for extending I-87 into Virginia. A contingent from North Carolina met with a member of the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Chief Deputy Commissioner to discuss the importance of improving the transportation system for health and safety reasons related to evacuations related to weather events and for economic development opportunities. The port has approached the City of Chesapeake TTAC member to discuss next steps in identifying a regional discussion. An update will be provided to the FTAC as regional discussions develop and are available for reporting out.

V. FTAC BYLAWS

Information item presented by Barbara Nelson, POV: The Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) was created by the HRTPO Board in 2009 to provide an opportunity for

the freight industry to participate in and contribute to the regional transportation planning process. FTAC Bylaws were approved by the committee at their first meeting in December 2009 and approved by the HRTPO in January 2010. Many changes have occurred both in the freight industry and the regional transportation planning process since the Bylaws were created a decade ago. Working in coordination with the HRTPO proposed revisions to the bylaws were reviewed with the committee. The committee provided input on possible revisions to the bylaws which will be provided for review at the December FTAC meeting.

VI. STATEWIDE FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Information item presented by Barbara Nelson, POV: coordination is on-going with the Secretary of Transportation's Office of Strategic Innovation to re-establish a statewide freight advisory committee. The goal is to develop the committee's framework and recommend members by spring 2020.

VII. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. **2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan/Project Prioritization Process**
- b. **Regional Connectors Study Update**
- c. **Port Reservation System**
- d. **Freight Facilities Inventory**
- e. **HRTPO UPWP FY2021 freight planning tasks**
- f. **HRTPO Congestion Management Process**
- g. **Legislative agendas**

VIII. NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting December 18 at the office of Virginia Port Authority, Norfolk

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ewan declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.