

Agenda
Freight Transportation Advisory Committee of the HRTPO
June 30, 2015

The Virginia Port Authority Board Room
600 World Trade Center
Norfolk, VA 23510
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

- 1:30 pm **1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** (Limit 3 minutes per individual)
- REGULAR AGENDA:**
- 1:35 pm **3.** Approval of previous meeting's minutes
- 1:40 pm **4.** VPA Economic Analysis of Toll Pricing in Hampton Roads
- 2:15 pm **5.** Update on Draft 2040 LRTP
- 2:35 pm **6.** Freight Facts regarding the Regional Transportation Network
- 2:45 pm **7.** Potential 2015 Action Items
- Goals and Objectives
 - Elevate Awareness of Freight Needs
 - FTAC to participate in TPO Meetings
 - Participate in Prioritization update (economic vitality)
- 8.** Announcement of Next Meeting Date
- 3:00 pm **ADJOURNMENT**

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is scheduled to be called to order by the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

ITEM #2: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Minutes of the FTAC meeting held on March 25, 2015 are attached.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

ITEM #4: VPA ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TOLL PRICING IN HAMPTON ROADS

Approved in 2011 by FTAC and funded by RSTP funds, the “VPA Economic Analysis of Freight Movements in the Hampton Roads Region” study is currently being conducted by Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

The purpose of this study is to provide the region with data that supports positions on funding new transportation facilities in a manner that generates the highest overall return on the cost of the investment. The total return is defined as optimal conditions for economic growth. By identifying tipping points by industry, the region will be able to consider in tandem where transportation efficiency and increased costs to freight businesses such as toll prices cross. This study is intended to be more specific than simply relying on freight flow and commodity data, and will also include reaching out to representative companies involved in freight movement.

Cambridge Systematics, Inc. will provide an update to the FTAC on the draft findings.

Recommended Action: For your information and discussion.

ITEM #5: UPDATE ON DRAFT 2040 LRTP

The development of the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is in the final stages of a four-year planning process. The 2040 LRTP – on schedule for HRTPO Board adoption this fall – is being produced as a compendium of reports. To date, reports have been released on the Visioning Survey, 2040 Socioeconomic Forecast and TAZ Allocation, Committed and Candidate Transportation Projects, and Prioritization of Transportation Projects – Project Evaluation and Scoring. Additional reports will be produced related to Title VI/Environmental Justice, the fiscally-constrained list of LRTP projects, public involvement, and plan performance.

- Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects
Project Prioritization scores have been produced for the 190+ multimodal candidate transportation projects; scores for projects are based upon a combination of Project Utility (project effectiveness), Economic Vitality (potential for economic gain), and Project Viability (project readiness). The final Prioritization report and scores were approved by the HRTPO Board at its April 16, 2015 Meeting.

The Project Prioritization process provides the framework for the continuous pursuit of funding for the region's transportation system and is the guiding tool in the development of a fiscally-constrained 2040 LRTP. With the approval of the Project Prioritization scores, a Draft Fiscally-Constrained List of Projects outlining project priorities for the LRTP has been developed, with an anticipated approval by the HRTPO Board scheduled by September 2015.

- Transportation Challenges and Strategies
The draft report details the current and future challenges associated with transportation in Hampton Roads. Chapters in the report emphasize mobility and accessibility challenges; system preservation, safety, and security; environmental concerns; and financial issues. A number of strategies are highlighted that will help confront these challenges.

HRTPO staff will provide an update to the FTAC on update to the 2040 LRTP.

Recommended Action: For your information and discussion.

ITEM #6: FREIGHT FACTS REGARDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

FTAC staff has prepared a graphic that illustrates the regionally significant projects along with freight data that has been generated from the HRTPO State of Transportation 2014 report, as well as additional statistics including:

- Freight Gateway: Number and Share of Trucks Passing Through the Top 10 Regional Gateways each Weekday from the HRTPO Hampton Roads Regional Freight Study 2012 Update.
- Freight Bottlenecks: Top 10 Existing Weekday Truck Delay Locations and Total Weekday Truck Delay (hours) from the HRTPO Existing and Future Truck Delay in Hampton Roads 2013 report.
- Regional Companies with Freight Influences

FTAC staff will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For your information and discussion.

ITEM #7: POTENTIAL 2015 ACTION ITEMS

In the interest of advocating for freight issues and bringing awareness of those issues to the public, key stakeholders and policy makers, it is recommended the FTAC discuss the following action items for 2015:

- Goals and Objectives – updated Mission Statement
- Elevate Awareness of Freight Needs
- FTAC participation in HRTPO Meetings
- Participate in Prioritization Version 2.0 (economic vitality)

Jeff Florin will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For your information and discussion.

ITEM #8: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The Chairman will announce the next meeting date of the FTAC.