

**Hampton Roads Transportation  
Accountability Commission (HRTAC)  
Summary Minutes of the July 17, 2014 Regular Meeting**

The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) Regular Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**HRTAC Voting Members in Attendance:**

Paul D. Fraim	Senator L. Louise Lucas*
Clyde Haulman	McKinley Price
W. Eugene Hunt	William D. Sessoms
Delegate Johnny Joannou	Senator Frank Wagner, Vice Chair
Linda T. Johnson	George Wallace
Dallas Jones	Donald Wiggins
Mary Jones	Kenneth I. Wright
Delegate S. Chris Jones	Delegate David Yancey
Alan P. Krasnoff, Chair	

**HRTAC Ex-Officio Members in  
Attendance:**

Amy Inman (Alternate)  
John Malbon  
James Utterback (Alternate)

**HRTPO Interim Executive Director:**

Camelia Ravanbakht

**Other Participants:**

Dep. Sec. Grindly Johnson  
Tom Inglima

**HRTAC Voting Members Absent:**

Byron Bailey  
Raystine Johnson-Ashburn

**HRTAC Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

Charles Kilpatrick  
Jennifer Mitchell  
John Reinhart

\* Late Arrival or Early Departure

**Others Recorded Attending:**

John Anton, Petey Browder, Daniel Dooley, Robert Brown, Daniela Cossu, Robert Harding, Travis Harding, Brenda Hardison, Toni Hedrick, Jim Keiper, Josh Lazernick, Judith MacNeill, Kathleen McCarthy, Frank Papcin, Bob Rowland, Donna Sayegh, K. Smith, Connie Walton, Waverly Woods (Citizens); James Baker, Earl Sorey (CH); Randy Martin (FR); Brian DeProfio, Mary Bunting (HA); Dee Dee Darden, Anne Seward (IW); Adam Kinsman (JC); Alan Archer, Claudia Cotton, Tom Slaughter, Bryan Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Marcus Jones, Bryan Pennington, Jeff Raliski (NO); Nita Mensia-Joseph, Sherri Neil (PO); J. Randall Wheeler (PQ); Michael Johnson, Barry Porter (SH); Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Sherry Hunt, Eric Nielson (SU); Phil Pullen, Brian Solis, James Spore (VB); Jackson Tuttle (WM); John Kish, James Openshaw (CTAC); Debbie Messina, Philip Shucet (Philip A. Shucet Co.); Dean McClain (HRCC); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Ray Amoruso (HRT); Ellis W. James (NEC Observer); W. Dewey Hurley (Branscome, Inc.); Deborah Brown (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Laura Bateman (Bateman Consulting); L. Gail Henderson (Legislative Asst. – Senator Lucas); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Martha McClees (VB Vision); Joel Andrus (Kemper Consulting); Georjeane Blumling (AAA Tidewater VA); David Pickeral (IBM); Al Shriner (Chesapeake Taxpayer Alliance); Richard Phillips (Chesapeake Tea Party); Andrew Easley (Norfolk Taxpayer Alliance); George Keen (VBTPA); Robert Dean (Tidewater Libertarian Party); Reid Greenmun (Hampton Roads Tea Party/VB Taxpayer Alliance); William W. Harrison, Jr. (Williams Mullen, PC); Cary Nunnally (Citizens for Const. Government); Dianna Howard (VBTP/TLP/VBTA); Ann Crenshaw, Kevin A. White (Kaufman & Canoles); David Bachhuser (AECOM); David Forster (Virginian-Pilot); Cathy Grimes (Daily Press); Beth Arnold, Pete Reilly, Ron Watrous (VDOT); Reynolds Hutchins (Inside Business); Rick Correa (Michael Baker Jr., Inc.); A. Anderson, Tracy Baynard (McGuire Woods); Ryan Banas, Anil Sharma (HNTB Corp.); Matthew Ward (Suffolk News Herald); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Enterprises); Rob Case, Brian Chenault, Arkopal Goswami, Kathlene Grauberger, Danetta Jankosky, Theresa Jones, Michael Kimbrel, Kendall Miller, Joe Paulus, Dale Stith, Chris Wichman (HRTPO Staff); Kelli Arledge, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Jim Hummer, Whitney Katchmark, Randy Keaton, Mike Long, John Sadler, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff)

Chair Alan Krasnoff reported that a quorum had been reached and noted that Senator L. Louise Lucas would arrive momentarily.

Chair Krasnoff stated HRTAC is responsible for building nine projects worth almost \$8.7 billion and each day these projects are delayed costs the region \$712,000 due to inflation. He noted that time is of the essence and stressed the need to act as a region to benefit the citizens of Hampton Roads.

(Senator Lucas arrives)

**Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)**

Mr. Robert Brown, Citizen, addressed HRTAC on his recommendation to create a value per mile, per person travel, on whatever transportation facility is constructed.

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed the HRTAC regarding the HRTF Administrative Fees and the Route 460 project.

Ms. Dianna Howard, representing the Hampton Roads Tea Party, the Virginia Beach Tax Payers Alliance, and the Tidewater Libertarian Party, addressed the HRTAC on the HRTF Administrative Fees.

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Citizen, addressed the HRTAC regarding the Regional Cooperation Act.

Mr. Reid Greenmun, representing the Hampton Roads Tea Party and the Virginia Beach Tax Payers Alliance, addressed the HRTAC regarding the procedural process utilized to elect the HRTAC Vice-Chair and proposed changes to the HRTAC Bylaws.

Mr. John Anton, Citizen, addressed the HRTAC regarding the ability to revisit the Downtown Tunnel tolls and discouraged the Commission from developing into an organization such as the Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA).

Ms. Cary Nunnally, representing Citizens for Constitutional Government, addressed the HRTAC regarding communication between the HRTAC and the public.

Ms. Petey Browder, Virginia Beach Citizen, addressed HRTAC regarding its procedural process and rules of order. She requested that public comment questions be addressed for the citizens. Chair Krasnoff assured Ms. Browder questions would be answered and transmitted to the public.

### **Minutes of the July 2, 2014 HRTAC Meeting**

Mayor Eugene Hunt Moved to accept the July 2, 2014 HRTAC Summary Minutes as written; seconded by Mayor William Sessoms. The Motion Carried.

### **HRTAC Purpose**

Mr. Tom Inglima, HRTAC Attorney of Record, reported the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) is a political subdivision, a unique, regional body that embraces all the cities and counties in Planning District 23. The purpose of HRTAC is to procure, finance, build, and operate highway, bridge and tunnel projects in Hampton Roads. The Commission is authorized to use the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) which is funded with HB2313 revenues. The Commission may issue bonds to finance its projects and use the monies dedicated to the fund to support those bonds.

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) develops the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan. Transportation programming is accomplished by both the HRTPO and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) utilizing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Six-Year Improvement Program

(SYIP). The HRTAC, working with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), is empowered to finance and deliver those projects.

The following concerns were raised by Commission members regarding the interconnectivity of the HRTAC and HRTPO;

- Does the HRTAC need the HRTPO's approval to allocate funds to a project?
- Does there need to be a corollary between the oversight and governance regarding the HRTAC and the HRTPO?

Addressing the first question, Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht stated that the HRTPO is federally mandated to develop a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and any project that is built in the region must be in the LRTP. Chair Krasnoff interjected that both topics would be further discussed at the HRTAC Retreat next month.

### **HRTAC Committees**

Chair Krasnoff reported as Chair, he was assigned to stand up the HRTAC Finance and HRTAC Technical Committees. He stated the following HRTAC members have accepted appointments to the HRTAC Finance Committee:

- Senator Frank Wagner, Chair (One Year Term)
- Mayor Eugene Hunt, Vice-Chair (Two Year Term)
- Senator Louise Lucas (One Year Term)
- Mayor McKinley Price (One Year Term)
- Mayor William Sessoms (Two Year Term)

He indicated the HRTAC Finance Committee will convene to work with VDOT and the HRTPO Staff to develop and recommend an annual budget which is anticipated to be presented at the HRTAC Retreat in August and scheduled for approval in September. He noted that it was imperative to move forward with the budget in order to maintain progress regarding the search for an HRTAC Executive Director.

Several members expressed concern regarding the appointments to the Finance Committee believing the members should be voted to their position on the Committee.

Discussion followed regarding the need to immediately stand up an HRTAC Bylaws Committee in order to ensure that all members are comfortable with the Bylaws.

Chair Krasnoff stated a more in-depth conversation pertaining to the creation of a Bylaws Committee will occur at the HRTAC Retreat which is scheduled for August 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Regional Board Room.

## **Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF) Projects Timeline**

Mr. James Utterback, VDOT Hampton Roads District Administrator, briefed the HRTAC on a fiscally unconstrained schedule of the nine HRTF projects. The projects consist of:

- I-64 Peninsula Widening Segment 1
- I-64 Peninsula Widening Segment 2
- I-64 Peninsula Widening Segment 3
- I-64 Interchange at Ft. Eustis Blvd.
- Third Crossing – Patriots Crossing (with Craney Island Connector)
- Third Crossing – I-664 Widening (includes Bowers Hill Interchange)
- I-64 Southside including the High Rise Bridge
- I-64/I-264 Interchange Improvements
- U.S. Route 460/58/13 Connector including SPSA and Airport Interchange

He indicated that the I-64 Peninsula Widening Segment 1 project is fully funded and in the design-build procurement phase.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of adding projects to the list of HRTF projects. Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Interim Executive Director, outlined the HRTPO Board-approved Project Prioritization Tool with regards to the selection of the nine HRTF projects.

Following Mr. Utterback's presentation, the Commission returned its attention to the Bylaws Committee. Board of Supervisors Chair Mary Jones Moved to appoint members to the HRTAC Bylaws Committee; seconded by Mayor Kenneth Wright. After discussion, Mayor Wright indicated he would withdraw his second in order to have a more lengthy conversation during the August Retreat. Mayor William Sessoms suggested that Chair Krasnoff appoint members to the Bylaws Committee within the next few days as a compromise. Board of Supervisors Chair Jones and Mayor Wright withdrew their motion and second because it was agreed that the HRTAC Finance Committee would engage in limited proposed budget activities before the HRTAC Retreat in August.

### **For Your Information**

Chair Krasnoff noted that the HRTF Monthly Financial Report was included in the agenda packet.

### **Unfinished/New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business.

## **Next Meeting**

HRTAC agreed to direct HRTPO staff and the HRPDC/HRTPO Personnel and Budget Committee to draft outline suggestions regarding the HRTAC Executive Director search to discuss during the Retreat.

Chair Krasnoff requested HRTAC members submit Retreat items in advance to Dr. Ravanbakht.

Chair Krasnoff indicated that electronic participation would also be discussed at the HRTAC Retreat due to recent updates to §2.2-3708 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Chair Krasnoff asked Dr. Ravanbakht for an update regarding an HRTAC website. Dr. Ravanbakht replied that currently the HRTPO has established an HRTAC link for the HRTAC webpage as follows: <http://www.hrtpo.org/page/hrtac/>.

Mayor William Sessoms Moved to convene the HRTAC Retreat, in place of its regular August meeting, on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Regional Building Board Room; seconded by Mayor Clyde Haulman. The Motion Carried. The HRTAC Retreat will

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Alan P. Krasnoff  
HRTAC Chair