

ITEM #20: PERSONNEL AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:

SUMMARY:

The HRPDC and HRTPO Joint Personnel and Budget Committee convened earlier this morning and will provide a report on its July 20, 2017 meeting.

ITEM #21: APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES

Minutes of the HRTPO Board meeting held on May 18, 2017 are attached.

Attachment 21-A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the minutes.

B. HRTPO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the activities of May 2017 is attached. This statement reflects the financial status of the HRTPO as a whole.

Attachment 21-B

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept the HRTPO Financial Statement.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Summary Minutes of May 18, 2017

The Hampton Roads TPO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTPO Voting Members in Attendance:

Linda T. Johnson, Chair (SU)
Thomas Shepperd, Vice Chair (YK)
Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)
Rex Alphin (IW)*
Donnie Tuck (HA)
Michael Hipple (JC)
McKinley Price (NN)
Kenneth Alexander (NO)
John Rowe (PO)
Herbert Green (Alternate, PQ)

Barry Porter (SH)
Scott Foster (WM)
Jennifer Mitchell (DRPT)
William Harrell (HRT)
Dawn Odom (VDOT)
Cathie Vick (Alternate, VPA)
Bill Porter (WATA)
Senator Mamie Locke (GA)
Delegate David Yancey (GA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members in Attendance:

James Baker (CH)
Brian DeProfio (HA)
Randy Martin (FR)
Randy Keaton (IW)
Wynter Benda (NO)
Lydia Pettis-Patton (PO)
Randy Wheeler (PQ)
Michael W. Johnson (SH)

Patrick Roberts (SU)
Dave Hansen (VB)
Neil Morgan (YK)
Andrew Trivette (WM)
Col. Herbert Joliat (Langley-Eustis)*
Rhonda Murrary (Alternate, U.S. Navy)
John Malbon (CTB)*

HRTPO Executive Director:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.

Other Participants:

Ella Ward (Alternate, CH)
Josh Moore (Alternate, WATA)

HRTPO Voting Members Absent:

Barry Cheatham (FR)
Phillip Bazzani (GL)
Eugene Hunt (PQ)
William Sessoms (VB)
Paul Freiling (WM)

James Utterback (VDOT)
John Reinhart (VPA)
Senator Frank Wagner (GA)
Delegate Chris Stolle (GA)

HRTPO Nonvoting Members Absent:

Brent Fedors (GL)
Mary Bunting (HA)
Bryan Hill (JC)
Doug Smith (NO)
Marvin Collins (WM)
Jeffrey Breeden (FAA)
Jessie Yung (FHWA)
Ryan Long (FTA)

Art Moyer (FTAC)
Robert Bowen (Norfolk Airport)
Randall P. Burdette (VDOA)
Capt. Richard Wester (U.S. Coast Guard)
Capt. Michael Moore (U.S. Navy)
Greg Edwards (CTAC)
Sandy Wanner (Peninsula Airport Commission)

HRTPO Staff:

Camelia Ravanbakht
Sam Braden
Rob Case
Kathlene Grauberger
Andrea Grayer

John Mihaly
Keith Nichols
Joe Paulus
Dale Stith

Others Recorded Attending:

Thelma Drake (NO); Bryan Stilley, Britta Ayers (NN); Dwayne Cook, Eric Stringfield, (VDOT), Donna Sayegh, (Citizens for Self-Government); Awil Sharma, (HNTB); Nick Antonucci, (HNTB); Judith Brown, (League of Women Voters); Bekki Jucksch, (Kimley-Horn); Bruce Sterling, Brett Burdick (VDEM); Jamie Jackson, Ray Amoruso, Sam Sink (HRT); Chuck Eastman, (Michael Baker); Scott Lovell, (WSP); John Hendrickson, (WSP); Brian Solis, Jeff Raliksi (VB); Sherri Neil, (PO); Leroy Bennett, (SU); Phil Damuth, (Damuth Trane); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, (Portsmouth City Watch.org); Bob Baldwin, (PO); Randolph Cook, (SH); Dianna Howard, (VBTP); Jordan Pascale, (VA Pilot); R. Curtis Hardison, Sergeant Jesse Dennis (VA State Police); Kevin Page, (HRTAC); Kelli Arledge, Greg Grootendorst, Sharon Lawrence, Mike Long, Joe Paulus, John Sadler, Joseph Turner, Chris Vaigneur, Tara Walker (HRPDC Staff)

Approval of Agenda

Chair Linda Johnson asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Kenneth Alexander Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Tom Shepperd. The Motion Carried.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Robert Crum, HRTPO Executive Director, directed members to his report included in the agenda package.

Mr. Crum reported HRTPO staff continues to work with VDOT and the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) on the U.S. Route 58 corridor study. He expressed gratitude to the State for their assistance securing consultants. A meeting with the Cities of Suffolk and Franklin, and the Counties of Southampton and Isle of Wight will be held on June 14, 2017.

Mr. Crum mentioned that the 2018 General Assembly session is fast approaching and the HRTPO staff looks forward to working with Local Legislative Liaisons to piece together this year's legislative agenda. He then requested board members to share any thoughts they might have with himself or Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht as they begin the process of drafting the 2018 HRTPO Legislative Agenda. He noted the partnership with HRTAC on the submittal of a proposed regional gas floor tax and expects it to continue to be a major transportation funding priority.

Workshop Agenda

Commonwealth Transportation Board Member Comments and Updates

Mr. John Malbon, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), reported the CTB met earlier this month in Roanoke. He stated the Revenue Sharing Committee has been working toward changes in the program. He mentioned recommendations have been discussed and next month they will get consensus with the board on the changes. He noted Aubrey Layne, Secretary of Transportation has indicated he would like to conduct public hearings in order to ensure everyone in the Commonwealth can have input and understand the proposed changes made to the program. Some of the changes being recommended to limit annual allocations to \$5 million per locality establish a maximum allocation of \$10 million per project, and some transfer language that they changed from the way it is currently being used.

Virginia Department of Transportation

Ms. Dawn Odom, Hampton Roads District Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) announced VDOT released the draft FY 2018-2022 Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) consisting of \$2.1 billion for Hampton Roads and \$14.7 billion statewide. For Hampton Roads, it includes \$1 billion of the Hampton Roads Transportation Funds and from the three formula programs. Hampton Roads is expected to receive a total of \$359 million which includes \$150 million from the high priority program, \$78 million from the district grant program and \$167 million from the state of good repair program. Over the next couple of weeks, VDOT will be working with staff to review the program and provide edits with the expectation the CTB will adopt. The SYIP will be on the CTB's Agenda next month for approval consideration.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, Director, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), reported DRPT has a number of projects in VDOT's Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) including a funding request from HRT for a number of new replacement buses which DRPT will be recommending for approval. For the rail, the recommendation is \$20 million for continued funding towards the Newport News intermodal and passenger rail station, as well as continued operational and capital funding for the second and third passenger trains to Norfolk. She encouraged the board to review the information on their website and provide comments.

Virginia Port Authority Update

Ms. Cathie Vick, Chief Public Affairs Officer, Port of Virginia, thanked HRTPO Board members who joined VPA in welcoming the COSCO Development, the largest ship to ever call on an East Coast port. She reported VPA continues to work with the Army Corps of Engineers on the general revaluation report to increase channel depth to 55 feet. The tentative timeline for the release of the report is August 2017. She announced the North gate at NIT should be completed by June 30th and Board members will be invited for a ceremonial first truck through the gate once Secretary Chao and the Governor confirm dates.

*Col. Herbert Joliat arrives

HRT and WATA Updates

Mr. William Harrell, President and CEO, Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) stated that during the April TPO Board meeting, a citizen indicated correspondence sent to his office went unanswered. He directed board members to the Correspondence of Interest section of the TPO agenda which included the letter HRT received and the response from Mr. Harrell dated June 2016. Mr. Harrell then reported, HRT is proceeding with the Naval Station Norfolk study and looking at the west side options to expand the Tide. Staff continues to meet with key stakeholders, including the military and ODU as well as neighborhood groups. He announced in June, HRT will meet with the cities of Hampton and Newport News to evaluate the high occupancy transit options from the Peninsula corridor study.

Mr. William Porter, Interim Executive Director, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA), announced on June 16th, Mr. Zach Trogdon will start as WATA's new Executive Director. He stated that on July 5th, WATA will begin the Mounts Bay Lackey Fixed Demonstration Route for area citizens. WATA is currently working with the Peninsula Agency on Aging and Williamsburg Faith for Action on a one-call senior Paratransit System. Lastly, Mr. Porter noted WATA just completed the Federal Transit

Administration's Tri-Annual Review which covers 17 different areas with WATA performing very well.

Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Update

The CTAC Chair representative was not in attendance.

Military Liaisons Comments and Updates

The U.S. Coast Guard representative was not in attendance.

Rhonda Murray of the U.S. Navy thanked Hampton Roads Transit for the opportunity to participate in the Stakeholder groups for the Naval Station Transit Study.

FY 2018 Budget

Ms. Nancy Collins, HRTPO CFO, presented the FY 2018 budget for board approval. She directed members to agenda item 11 which included several reports depicting various trends, revenue services, and expenditures by program. She reported the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission is the fiduciary agent for the Transportation Planning Organization; these reports represent the entire organization and give a better perspective of the financial position of the organization as a whole. She stated the TPO is anticipating a modest 2.3% increase in the FY 18 budget. Personnel costs are anticipated to increase 4.1% due mainly to a 2.5% performance increase, a 12 % healthcare premium increase and some internal promotions and new hires. She noted local membership dues have increased over the years while the state allocation to PDCs has decreased significantly over the same time period. The funding sources cover the federally mandated matching funds for certain federal grant awards, as well as administering staff support, building costs, maintenance, supplies, and various assistance to special programs as requested by the localities. Ms. Collins concluded by stating at last month's joint Personnel and Budget Committee meeting, the committee unanimously voted to recommend that the board approve the upcoming fiscal year's budget.

This item was included in the meeting agenda for approval under Item #19-C.

Transit Capital Program Update

Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, Director, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, briefed the HRTPO Board on the progress of the Transit Capital Project Revenue Advisory Board, created by House Bill 1359 during the 2016 Virginia General Assembly Session. The legislation was drafted due to Capital Revenue Bonds, which supply \$110 million a year in transit funding, and expire in 2019. She stated loss of bond funds will result in a 44% decrease in transit capital funding. Ms. Mitchell outlined potential revenue strategies include increasing existing state rates, and increasing both state and regional rates. She

also stated regional revenue sources can be sized to specific needs, such as WATA and NoVA, adding a floor to the regional fuel sales tax could contribute to fund higher transit needs. She reported all State of Good Repair and Minor Enhancement projects will be scored and ranked separately from Major Expansion projects. All eligible projects will receive a score and be ranked. She stated that in the future, transit funding may be provided at a higher percentage, but to fewer projects.

Regional Transit Opportunities

Mr. Robert Crum, Executive Director, HRTPO, provided the board an overview of Regional Transit Opportunities. He stated the goal is to begin a dialogue about regional public transportation opportunities in Hampton Roads. He noted TPO staff can play an important role in this effort by elevating conversation and engaging local officials in the process, and working collaboratively with all of the regions transit agencies, to include HRT, WATA and the Suffolk system. The HRTPO passenger rail committee is a catalyst to look at connecting the Southside and Peninsula. Mr. Crum referred back to the October TPO board meeting when the board selected the HRBT and Alternative A as part of the selected alternative for the Hampton Roads Crossing Study and stated one of the conditions for approval was that transit use the managed lanes through HRBT. He mentioned other entities such as colleges and universities are great candidates to ride public transportation as well as tourists flying into Hampton Roads who do not have a vehicle and major work employment areas. He requested the Board approve consent agenda Item 19F to allow the TPO chair to fill vacancies on the task force with the highest elected official available to participate in these conversations. He concluded by requesting the board to direct staff to work with the rail and public transit task force and report back the TPO by November 30th with observations.

This item was included in the meeting agenda for approval under Item #19-F.

I-264/Independence Boulevard Interchange

Dr. Camelia Ravanbakht, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, briefed the Board on a request from the City of Virginia Beach to advance the I-264/Independence Boulevard interchange project. She directed board members to a letter from Virginia Beach in the TPO agenda packet. She stated the request was internally reviewed and the recommendation is for the board to direct TPO staff to work with TTAC, localities', traffic engineers and planners and do a technical evaluation, using the prioritization tool and come back to the board for consideration Round 2 of regional priority projects. Mayor Krasnoff requested in terms of the Round 2 priority projects that an evacuation route coming off of I-464 be considered. Delegate Yancey asked for clarification regarding the 2040 plan and requested assurance that this 2nd round would not affect what the board previously prioritized for the 2040 plan. Dr. Ravanbakht assured board members the list of projects previously approved by the board would not be affected; the staff recommendation is to look at other projects moving beyond the current list.

Mayor Alexander, City of Norfolk, stated he felt it would be unfair to cherry pick projects that are not fully vetted and that are outside the approved plan. He stated that all localities have critical projects, but some do not meet the criteria set aside by HRTAC legislation.

Mr. Dave Hansen, Virginia Beach, replied that the City of Virginia Beach would like to fully fund the project itself with an Interchange Modification Report (IMR), associated with Town Center. He stated it is not the intent of the City to change the priorities that have been agreed upon, but to look forward and have a plan in place to substantiate what that intersection will look like. He reported the City has hundreds of millions of dollars of private capital willing to come to Virginia Beach, but the biggest issue is what to do with that intersection.

Delegate Yancey mentioned Denbigh Blvd and how it interlinks with I-64 on the Peninsula as a project going forward in Newport News. He stated everyone in the room has a big project of critical importance and suggested going through other projects for review and see how to fund them.

Mr. Hipple asked for clarification for the projects that were voted on, approved and in place for 2040 that they would not be touched during this Round 2 process. Mayor Rowe also asked for clarification regarding the prior studies. Dr. Ravanbakht replied there is no plan to touch any projects previously approved. She stated staff would like to compose another set of potential priority projects in case there is additional funding available. She explained it is a set of pipeline projects that will go through the prioritization process, review the technical evaluation and come back to the board with the results and score for each of the potential projects.

This item was included in the meeting agenda for approval under Item #19-G.

*Mr. John Malbon departs

Hurricane Evacuation/Traffic Plan

Mr. Bruce Sterling, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, (VDEM), Chief Region V Coordinator, provided the board a quick overview on the lane reversal plan. As a result of Hurricane Floyd, the Virginia State Police and VDOT constructed the current lane reversal plan. The route starts just west of the 4th View exit and goes to I-295 exit 200; it is about a 75 mile length of reversed lanes. If the lane reversal is implemented all of the traffic westbound on I-64 at the 4th View entrance will switch over and continue west in the eastbound lanes. There are plans to have mobile fueling stations, portajohns and a service area where travelers in the reversible lanes can stop. He detailed a timeline of events. Beginning at 96 hours VDEM will preposition state resources; at 72 hours, the governor will conduct a briefing with local officials, at 36 hours the governor will make a go-no go decision since it takes 6 hours to clear the interstates for the lane reversals. The lane reversal will start 24 hours prior to the event and will terminate at 6 hours. Mr. Sterling stated in July 2013 an exercise was performed and the interstates were shut down

VDOT performs annual maintenance of the gates and dropping of the gates to make sure they are secure.

*Mr. Rex Alphin arrives

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment Period

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Citizen, addressed the HRTPO Board regarding her concern about HRTPO and HRPDC organization.

A transcription of the public comments made orally during HRTPO Board meetings will be included in the HRTPO Agenda each month. The transcript will also be posted on the HRTPO website when available.

Submitted Public Comments

Chair Johnson reported there were no submitted public comments in the Agenda packet.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

- A. Minutes
- B. HRTPO Financial Report
- C. FY 2018 Budget
- D. FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment: WATA
- E. FY 2015-2018 TIP Revision – CMAQ Transfer Request: VPA
- F. Regional Transit Opportunities
- G. I-264 Independence Blvd Interchange

Mayor Kenneth Alexander Moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the understanding that Agenda Item G is just a recommendation for TTAC to look at a second round of priority projects and that it will not impact the current projects already approved by the HRTPO Board; seconded by Mr. Michael Hipple. The Motion Carried.

HRTPO Board Three-Month Tentative Schedule

Chair Johnson outlined the HRTPO Board three-month tentative schedule in the Agenda Packet, noting the Board will not meet in June or August.

Minutes of HRTPO Advisory Committee Meetings

Chair Johnson noted there were summary minutes from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) included in the Agenda packet.

For Your Information

Chair Johnson highlighted the items in the For Your Information section of the Agenda packet.

Old/New Business

Chair Johnson noted the Personnel and Budget Committees of the HRTAC, and HRPDC/HRTPO met and it was decided that the time is now to have a committee to basically review the organizational structure. HRTAC Chairman Williams Sessoms asked Mayor Price to chair that committee.

Delegate Yancey asked if VDOT could provide a schedule for work-related projects. Ms. Odom responded VDOT experienced a delay due to some bad material but a lane closure advisory was published. He also had a follow up suggestion concerning agenda item 19F. He requested if appropriate at a future meeting, perhaps a consideration of opening up a discussion for other communities that have projects similar to Virginia Beach, Newport News and Denbigh Boulevard be given an opportunity to submit their projects.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads TPO, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Mayor Linda Johnson
Chair

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Executive Director/Secretary