

August 7, 2025

**Memorandum #2025-106**

**TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee**

**BY: Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director**

**RE: HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee Meeting – August 14, 2025**

The next HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, from Noon to 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.

This meeting will be held in person at the Brock Environmental Education Center at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, located at 3663 Marlin Bay Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

A parking map is attached. Please note that there is no parking at the Brock Environmental Center, only drop-off and pick-up. The paved parking lot is a five-minute walk away from the building entrance, so please plan to wear comfortable shoes and note the weather.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachments

**CAC Membership:**

Carter, Lauren, NO (Chair)  
Anderson, Sharon, PO (Vice-Chair)  
Amos, Maleah, PO  
Cotrupi, Frank, NN

Davidson, Travis, NO  
Harris, Garry, PO  
Martin, Brad, VB  
Piglowski, Anthony, SU

**CAC Partner Agencies:**

Cook, Steve, The Workforce Council  
Dwyer, Rick HRMFFA  
Gatling, Veleka, ODU

Lumpkin, Drew, The Roundtable  
Miller, Scott, VWU  
Short, Jo Ann, The Planning Council

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Belcher, Larry, VWU  
Crittendon, Queen, VDOT  
Effah-Amponsah Angela, VDOT  
Evans, Michael, Alliance  
Finderson, Thomas, IW  
Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Mark, PO  
Halacy, Todd, VDOT  
Harrell, Destini, The Blessed Rogue  
Kirkland, Sarah Jane, ODU  
Kramer, Thomas, CNU  
Mayes Katheryn, IW

Mason, Monty, W&M  
McKenna, Bob, VPCC  
Moore, Keith, VWU,  
Nichols, Todd, HRMFFA  
Page, Kevin, HRTAC  
Sterling, Josh, Alliance  
Tanner, Carolyn, VDOT  
Torres, Joshuah,  
Tiaria Walker  
Wallace Dustin, NO  
Zollos, Steve, SSSEVA

**Staff:**

Crum, Bob  
Grootendorst, Greg  
Parthasarathi, Pavithra

McLaurin, Quan  
Klepeisz, Matt



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### **DIRECTIONS TO "PAVER PARKING LOT"**

**From Northampton Blvd. to Shore Drive:** Traveling from Northampton Blvd (US-13), exit onto US-60 E/Shore Drive (the exit south of Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel). Continue 1.1 miles on Shore Drive and turn right onto Marlin Bay Drive. Follow Marlin Bay Drive and as it turns into a left hand sharp turn in the road, take an immediate right onto Chesterfield Ave. Drive one block on Chesterfield Ave and turn right into the brick paver driveway (located just west of E. Stratford). A City Pump Station is located to the left of the driveway. Parking is available in the paver parking lot in marked spaces. Walk 3-5 minutes to the entrance of the building.

**From I-264 & Great Neck Road:** Traveling north on Great Neck Road (Route 615) to US-60 W/Shore Drive, turn west onto Shore Drive continuing over the Lesner Bridge to signal light for E. Stratford Road (approximately 1.62 miles). Turn left onto E. Stratford Rd and follow it to Chesterfield Ave. Turn left onto Chesterfield Ave with an immediate left into the brick paver driveway just past the City Pump Station. Parking is available in the paver parking lot in marked spaces. Walk for 3-5 minutes to the entrance of the building.

**ADA Parking:** There are three handicapped parking spaces by the main entrance. To access those, drive past the paver parking area, and they are adjacent to the entrance of the building. Drop-off are welcome at the ramp.

**Additional Parking:** There are 27 spaces in the paver parking lot. If it is full, please park along Marlin Bay Drive. To do so, follow Chesterfield Ave back to Marlin Bay Dr and parallel park on either side of the road. Parking is allowed there daily until 11pm. Walk the soft-surface nature path at the end of Marlin Bay Drive through the woods along the white light poles (about a 5 minute walk) to the Brock Environmental Center.



**HAMPTON ROADS  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**August 14, 2025  
Noon – 2:00 PM**

**Brock Environmental Center  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
3663 Marlin Bay Dr.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

**For accommodations or cost-free translation assistance, please contact Quan McLaurin ([qmclaurin@hrpdcva.gov](mailto:qmclaurin@hrpdcva.gov)) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**

Members are provided an opportunity to modify the agenda. Any item for which a member desires consideration from the CAC should be submitted now, as opposed to under “Old/New Business.”

**Recommended Action:** The CAC should consider taking action to approve the agenda.

**3. Public Comments**

**A. Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments since the last CAC meeting. Any new written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be announced at the meeting.

**B. Public Comment Period**

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

**4. Summary Minutes**

The draft April 2025 and June 2025 meeting minutes are attached for the CAC’s consideration.

Attachment 4A: Meeting Minutes April 10, 2025

Attachment 4B: Meeting Minutes June 12, 2025

**Recommended Action:** The CAC should approve the minutes for April 10, 2025, and June 12, 2025.

**5. Membership Approval – Quan McLaurin, Civil Rights & Community Engagement Liaison/CAC Liaison**

The CAC Membership Subcommittee has met and is bringing forth membership recommendations for the group with the request of approving their membership applications. Members recommended for approval are as follows:

Carolyn White	Suffolk	Committee Member	2 vacancies (3)
Tiaira Walker	Norfolk	Committee Member	3 vacancies (5)
Daniel Ogunyemi	Yorktown	Committee Member	2 vacancies (2)
Todd DuRose	Chesapeake	Committee Member	5 vacancies (5)
Rodney Nickens	Chesapeake	Committee Member	5 vacancies (5)
Shelby Dell	Virginia Beach	Committee Member	6 vacancies (7)
Josh Sterling	Virginia Beach	Committee Member	6 vacancies (7)
Shannon Sorrell	Virginia Beach	Committee Member	6 vacancies (7)
Destini Harrell	Virginia Beach	Committee Member	6 vacancies (7)
Michael Evans, Hampton Roads Alliance	Chesapeake	Partner Agency	

**Recommended Action:** The CAC should approve the recommended membership applicants provided by the CAC Membership Subcommittee.

**6. Start in Hampton Roads – Lauren Roberts Carter, CAC Chair and Hampton Roads Chamber**

This “Start in Hampton Roads” Talent Initiative grew from a talent retention/attraction study sponsored by the Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable and the Hampton Roads Workforce Council. The Hampton Roads Chamber is the lead regional partner for the landing page in partnership with many regional stakeholders, VEDP, and DCI as the talent marketing agency. The goal of this pilot program is to launch an earned and paid media campaign broadly promoting our regional assets to a national audience while also testing the ability of the region to have a regional marketing strategy.

Lauren Roberts Carter, CAC Chair, will brief the CAC on this item.

**Recommended Action:** This is provided to the CAC for informational purposes.

**7. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Update – Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer**

The Chesapeake Bay Program is currently revising the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, a key document that helps guide clean-up efforts in the Bay Watershed. The draft agreement has been revised to encompass changes to some key areas, including a consolidation from 10 Goals to 4, and 31 Outcomes to 21. A public comment period is open through the end of August. HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the changes, as well as potential comments from the region.

Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, will brief the CAC on this item.

**Recommended Action:** This is provided to the CAC for informational purposes; however, CAC members are encouraged to provide public comment on the updated Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

## **8. Regional Legislative Agenda – Robert A. Crum, Jr., Executive Director HRPDC & HRTPO**

For the past several years, the HRPDC and HRTPO have adopted a regional legislative agenda to convey to the General Assembly and Federal Delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of Hampton Roads. This regional legislative agenda is typically approved by the Commission and HRTPO Board at their October or November meetings to allow these regional legislative priorities to be shared with Hampton Roads Caucus members before the start of the General Assembly session in January.

The Joint HRPDC and HRTPO Regional Legislative Committee will meet to develop a recommendation for a regional legislative agenda to be considered by the Commission and HRTPO Board. The membership of this Legislative Committee is as follows:

Shannon Glover, Portsmouth	HRPDC Chair
Michael Hipple, James City County	HRTPO Chair
Jimmy Gray, Hampton	HRPDC Vice-Chair
Rick West, Chesapeake	HRTPO Vice-Chair
Mary Bunting, Hampton	CAO Committee Chair
Chris Price, Chesapeake	CAO Committee Vice-Chair

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, will brief the CAC on last year's regional legislative agenda and related actions by the Virginia General Assembly and request input from CAC members on potential topics that could be regional legislative priorities to be considered by the Commission and HRTPO Board.

**Recommended Action:** This is provided to the CAC for informational purposes; however, CAC members are encouraged to provide public comment on the updated Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

## **9. Old/New Business**

## **10. Adjournment**

## **11. Tour of the Brock Environmental Center**

A tour of the Brock Environmental Center will be provided to members at the conclusion of the CAC meeting.

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
April 10, 2025**

The April 10, 2025, meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)/Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was held at the Nauticus in the Nauticus Conference Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 1 Waterside Dr. Norfolk, VA 23510.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 PM with the following in attendance:

**CAC Members in Attendance**

Lauren Roberts Carter (NO)  
Sharon D. Anderson (PO)

Maleah Amos (PO)  
Frank Cotrupi (NN)

**CAC Members Absent**

Anthony Piglowski (SU)  
Travis Davidson (NO)

Brad Martin (VB)

**HRPDC/HRTPO Staff**

Quan McLaurin  
Robert A. Crum, Jr.  
Pavithra Parthasarathi

John Mihaly  
Rob Case  
Robert Cofield

**Partner Agencies**

Mitzi Crystal (VDOT)  
Todd Nichols, HRMFFA

Larry Belcher, VWU  
Keith Moore, VWU

**Additional Attendees**

Michael McKendall, Sentara  
Ray Amoruso, HRT  
Todd DuRose, SBDC  
Shelby Dell, On Point Trans.  
Nate Sandel, Nauticus  
Josh Sterling, HRA  
Shannon Sorrell, Dominion Energy  
Daniel Ogunyemi, VIMS

Sherri Dawson, HRT  
Michael Glover, Truist/VAPC  
Kelsey Backt, WHRO  
Cat Taterway, Nauticus  
Patricia Gibson, ULHR  
Michael Evans, HRA  
Jimmy Fay, State Farm

**Approval/Modification of Agenda**

The Chair, Lauren Roberts Carter, asked the committee if there were any amendments or discussions surrounding the agenda's approval. There was no discussion or amendments brought forth.

Without objection, the Chair and committee allowed the agenda to move forth as presented.

## **Public Comments**

- **Submitted Public Comments**

Mr. Quan McLaurin reported that no public comments had been submitted.

- **Public Comment Period**

Members of the public were invited to address the CAC, but no in-person requests for public comment were received.

## **Minutes**

The Chair, Lauren Roberts Carter, asked the committee if there were any requested modifications or discussions surrounding the approval of the February CAC 2025 minutes. There was no additional discussion or requested modifications.

Maleah motioned to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **HRPDC/HRTPO Summary Report – Quan McLaurin, HRPDC, DEI & Title VI Civil Rights Liaison**

Mr. McLaurin shared the HRPDC/HRTPO Summary report with the committee with specific emphasis on the most recent Executive Director's Report for the April 2025 Commission meeting, current HRTPO public notices, and the regional Great American Cleanup.

### **Nauticus – Cat Taterway, Associate Director of Marketing for Nauticus, and Nate Sandel, Director of Education/Community Engagement for Nauticus**

Cat Taterway welcomed the CAC and thanked the group for holding the CAC meeting at Nauticus. Ms. Taterway then provided an overview of Nauticus and shared updates related to Nauticus, including recent renovations. Nauticus is currently trying to see how the organization can be more engaged with Norfolk's important conversations, such as sea level rise and the proposed floodwall. Ms. Taterway then shared updates related to the Half Moon cruise terminal and how it is growing and expanding, and the city of Norfolk is invested in its success.

### **Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) 757 Express Updates – Sherri Dawson and Ray Amoruso of HRT**

Mr. Ray Amoruso shared about the latest Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) improvements to HRT. Mr. Amoruso began by reinforcing the importance of public transit for socially vulnerable populations. In regards to funding, HRT is funded by the Hampton Roads Regional Transportation Fund (HRRTF) approximately \$31 million/year in perpetuity) from the General Assembly. This has provided the funding needed for the 757 Express, which provides a core "backbone" of routes that run in 15-minute intervals throughout the region.

Three of the 757Express routes have been deployed (route 112, 114, 20). They are all on primary travel pathways in proximity to employment and population centers. In addition, other HRT updates include capital improvements (passenger amenities, maintenance facilities), support for commuter service, the purchase of 48 new buses, investment in real-time bus information via mobile devices and QR codes at stops, conversion of fareboxes to allow for mobile ticketing.

Additionally, HRT has a goal of equipping 650 more stops with shelters, benches, ADA compliant accommodations, lighting, and waste receptacles. There is a long term goal of 2,700 stops. Additionally, there are terminal upgrades being planned in Virginia Beach, Hampton, and Chesapeake as well as a new Southside bus maintenance facility.

Mr. Amoroso shared that there is a bus operator shortage that is causing significant challenges to HRT.

The CAC discussed creating an “Adopt a Stop” program which could consist of potential partnership with businesses, colleges, and community groups to fund and enhance bus stops.

### **Elizabeth River Trail – Kindra Greene, Executive Director**

Ms. Kindra Greene provided the CAC with an overview of the Elizabeth River Trail (ERT). It is a 10.5-mile existing trail from near Norfolk State University (NSU) to the Port of Virginia. It is 97% off-road, aiming for a completely off-road protected trail. The ERT connects 30 neighborhoods and major anchor institutions (Port of Virginia, NSU, Old Dominion University, EVMS/Sentara Complex, CHKD). The trail serves as recreation and transportation infrastructure, connecting to light rail and HRT stops. There is even a conceptual “Blue Way” or water trail with kayak launches. The trail was formed in 2016 as a 501c3 spinoff of Greater Norfolk Corporation. Their mission is to plan, program, and advocate for the ERT, with the goal to connect Naval Station Norfolk to the Virginia Beach Trail.

Ms. Greene reviewed some of the ERT accomplishments including installing 500+ wayfinding signs, developing Plum Point Park trailhead with various amenities, installation of the “Glow Line” in Jeff Robertson Park, development of the Water Street Resilience Park with porous asphalt and living shoreline, widening the East End trail section, numerous public art installations (approx. 12 pieces), and over 100 free programs annually.

An economic impact study showed an \$18.7 million dollar impact to Norfolk. ERT is a line item in the Norfolk’s budget (\$150,000), providing a 4-to-1 ROI. The current proposed city budget includes continued funding at the same level. The trail had over 672,000 trail interactions in 2024.

Future plans include connecting to St. Paul’s Greenway, integrating the trail with the upcoming flood wall project, and connecting to the Virginia Beach Trail.

There was a call to action for advocacy for trail funding and volunteer support.

**Membership Subcommittee – Quan McLaurin, HRPDC, DEI & Title VI/Civil Rights Liaison and Lauren Roberts Carter, CAC Chair**

Mr. McLaurin provided the CAC with an update about the CAC Membership Subcommittee. The subcommittee has been meeting to review applications and onboard new members. Mr. McLaurin and Ms. Roberts Carter encouraged members to refer prospective members from their respective communities, and for current members in attendance to engage with one another.

**Report Out from Members – Quan McLaurin, HRPDC, DEI & Title VI Civil Rights Liaison**

Mr. McLaurin invited members to report out any updates. Kelsey Backt from WHRO highlighted their newsroom and daily newsletter encouraging organizations to send press releases.

**Next Meeting**

Mr. McLaurin shared that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Virginia Wesleyan University's Greer Environmental Center.

**Old/New Business**

There was no new old/new business to address.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Chair Roberts Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
June 12, 2025**

The April 10, 2025, meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)/Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was held at the Greer Environmental Center at Virginia Wesleyan University located at 5817 Wesleyan Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:00 PM with the following in attendance:

**CAC Members in Attendance**

Lauren Roberts Carter (NO)  
Sharon D. Anderson (PO)  
Brad Martin (VB)

Maleah Amos (PO)  
Frank Cotrupi (NN)

**CAC Members Absent**

Anthony Piglowski (SU)

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Tho Tran  
Matt Klepeisz

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Dale Stith  
Keith Nichols  
Eric Walberg  
KC Filippino

**Partner Agencies**

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Damon Pauly, VDOT  
Drew Lumpkin, HRER

Oge Nwandum-Vincent, VDOT  
Jo Ann Short, Planning Council  
Mariah David, VDOT

**Additional Attendees**

Shawn Tasch, GoCommute HRT  
Destini Harrell, The Blessed Rogue  
Josh Sterling, HRA  
Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky  
Dr. Maynard Schaus, VWU

Michael Evans, HRA  
Cami Castleberry, CNU  
Michael Evans, HRA  
Tom Finderson, Isle of Wight

## **Approval/Modification of Agenda**

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## **Public Comments**

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- **Public Comment Period**

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## **Rail Crossing Study – Keith Nichols, HRTPO**

Mr. Nichols briefed the CAC on the latest updates to the Rail Crossing Study, with which they had previously been engaged in 2024.

The study was created to address freight movement conflicts and leverage new federal and state funding for improvements. There are 619 rail crossings in the region; 473 are at-grade, and 307 are public and at-grade. Norfolk has the most public at-grade crossings (73).

Mr. Nichols then introduced and explained the prioritization methodology. Prioritization factors include traffic volume, safety (crashes, emergency response access), roadway characteristics (type, military importance, proximity to grade-separated crossings), train volumes, estimated delay, and area factors (sole access points, vulnerable communities). [\[31:37\]](#)

Mr. Nichols then discussed the top prioritized crossings: [\[36:15\]](#)

- #1: Hampton Boulevard at Terminal (Norfolk)
- #2: Granby Street (Norfolk)
- #3: Church Street near 20th (Norfolk)
- The top 25 list includes locations in Isle of Wight (US 258 at Route 460), Suffolk, and one on the Peninsula (Airport Road). [\[37:52\]](#)

Mr. Nichols then outlined the next steps in the study: [\[40:22\]](#)

- Analyze the top 25 crossings in detail to develop a candidate list of projects.
- Investigate federal and state grant programs.
- Engage with localities and railroads.
- Aim for a draft report by Fall/Winter 2025.

Mr. Nichols reiterated that the study addresses daily commutes, emergency response, and the economic impact of freight movement, and it prepares for future increases in rail freight. [42:34]

### **Hampton Roads Climate Action Plan Update – KC Filippino, HRPDC**

Ms. Filippino provided the CAC with an update related to the administration of the HRPDC's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

Ms. Filippino shared that the goal of the grant is to develop a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region, funded by an EPA grant. [50:40] The planning area includes the HRPDC footprint plus three North Carolina localities and Mathews County. [51:20]

The overarching goals include: Cleaner air, job creation, lower energy costs, and community collaboration. The process has included several steps so far:

- A steering committee with diverse representation was formed. [52:18]
- A Priority Climate Action Plan (PECAP) is available online. [52:37]
- Consultants analyzed greenhouse gas emission sources. [52:48]
- Draft measures and actions have been developed. [53:36]

There are six focus sectors & draft actions:

- Industry: Support emission reductions, coordinate with healthcare, develop sustainability plans, explore innovative strategies (hydrogen, carbon capture). [55:10]
- Solid Waste & Wastewater: Decrease landfill waste, improve recycling, expand composting, support wastewater plant upgrades and innovative technologies. [56:10]
- Agricultural & Natural Lands: Preserve/increase forests and wetlands, support local food production, improve soil health and agricultural practices. [57:17]
- Transportation: Increase zero-emission vehicle adoption, improve EV charging, support port sustainability, reduce vehicle miles traveled, enhance public transit and cycling/pedestrian infrastructure. [58:38]
- Buildings: Monitor/lower energy usage, make buildings more energy-efficient, access funding for better-than-code construction. [59:38]
- Large-Scale Grid Energy: Grow solar programs, support grid-scale clean energy (wind farms), enhance grid resiliency. [01:00:23]

To ensure that the plan is reflective of community sentiment, there is a concerted public engagement effort associated with the plan. A webinar and public survey are being launched to prioritize draft measures.

Ms. Filippino asked CAC members to take the survey and share it within networks to gather broad community input, especially from vulnerable communities. [01:01:05]

### **Regional Strategic Planning – Eric Walberg and Tho Tran, HRPDC**

Mr. Walberg and Mr. Tran provided CAC members with an overview of the development of the regional strategic planning efforts. The plan is required by the Code of Virginia, focuses on the regional level, and builds on existing local, regional, and state plans. [01:12:59]

The plan aims to improve quality of life, enhance regional competitiveness, integrate locality needs, and create a framework for long-term decision-making. [01:14:25]

The process included the following:

- Phase 1: Analysis of existing plans (over 50 reviewed using AI), stakeholder engagement, identification of regional priorities and metrics. [01:15:20]
- Phase 2: Focus on goals linked to priorities and create action plans for a subset.

The framework centers on Hampton Roads residents, aiming to attract visitors, investors, and talent, with six core dimensions: Economy, Visitor Appeal, Housing & Community Development, Residential Well-being, Infrastructure, and Natural Environment. [01:17:10]

Mr. Tran provided the group with Hampton Road's regional context.

- Aging population. [01:20:45]
- Slow aggregate population growth. [01:21:37]
- Changing development footprint (growth in greenfield areas, demand for warehouse space). [01:22:01]
- Rising diversity. [01:23:38]
- Increasing impacts of sea-level rise and changing precipitation patterns. [01:24:12]

CAC members were asked to participate in an interactive Menti poll and survey.

- Early survey results (staff & CAC) indicate Economy and Housing as top concerns. [01:25:30]
- The CAC Menti Poll showed the following economic feedback [01:26:57]
  1. Losing skilled workers/struggling to attract new talent.
  2. Lack of competitive wages.
  3. Slow private sector growth.
  4. Weak entrepreneurship and innovation.

CAC discussion highlighted interconnections (e.g., wages and talent retention), the need for an entrepreneurship-friendly culture, regional approaches to remove barriers, lack of venture capital, and the importance of site readiness for business attraction. [01:29:47]

- CAC Menti Poll showed the following infrastructure priorities feedback: [01:43:06]
  1. Limited public transit options.
  2. Traffic congestion.
  3. Insufficient funding for local road upgrades.
  4. Energy infrastructure lagging behind demand.

CAC discussion emphasized the need for better transit (learning from other cities) and the critical issue of energy infrastructure capacity for economic development, including the potential of small modular reactors (SMRs) and challenges with natural gas supply. [01:44:50]

Members were asked to continue to remain engaged in the strategic planning effort.

## Next Meeting

Mr. McLaurin shared that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Brock Environmental Center.

## **Old/New Business**

Lauren shared about the forthcoming Talent Attraction Pilot Program launching soon, run in partnership with the Hampton Roads Chamber and Executive Round Table. The program aims to showcase Hampton Roads, industry sectors, and housing options to retain and attract talent.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, Chair Roberts Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.