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September 4, 2025

Memorandum #2025-117

TO: HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee

BY: Keith Nichols, PE – Principal Transportation Engineer

**RE: HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting –
September 11, 2025**

The next HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be held in person at the **Virginia Port Authority located at the World Trade Center, 6th Floor, 101 W. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510**. The agenda and related meeting materials are attached.

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Attachments

Agenda
HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee
September 11, 2025

1. Call to Order (*targeted for 10:00 AM*)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comments
 - A. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)
 - B. Submitted Public Comments
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
5. Regional Legislative Agenda (*45 minutes*)
Presented by Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO

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6. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update (*15 minutes*)
Presented by Dale Stith, HRTPO
7. Hampton Roads Regional Freight Study (*10 minutes*)
Presented by Keith Nichols, HRTPO
8. Statewide Freight Advisory Committee – Update (*5 minutes*)
Presented by David White, FAC Chair
9. Future Meeting Topics and Action Items (*5 minutes*)
 - A. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Updates
 - B. Hampton Roads Intraregional Freight Movement Analysis Kickoff
 - C. Hampton Roads Rail Crossing Study
10. Old/New Business
11. Next Meeting
12. Adjournment (*targeted for 12:00 PM*)

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires action from the FTAC should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under “Old/New Business.”

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

B. Submitted Public Comments

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

AGENDA ITEM #4: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The summary minutes of the FTAC meetings held on June 5, 2025, are attached.

Attachment 4

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

HRTPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

June 5, 2025, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

Mike Abbott, Hapag-Lloyd
Robert Eveleigh – Chair, Port City Transportation
Chad Gregg, Givens
Patrick Malloy, Colliers
David White – Vice Chair, Virginia Maritime Association

Other Participants:

Sam Belfield, HRTPO
Maria Burroughs, The Port of Virginia
Steve Djunaedi, Norfolk International Airport
Chris Gullickson, The Port of Virginia
Erik Johnson, VDOT (Virtual)
Karen McPherson, VHB
Keith Nichols, HRTPO
Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO (Virtual)
Amanda Rutherford, MARAD (Virtual)
Ivan Rucker, FHWA (Virtual)
Emily Stock, DRPT (Virtual)

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:03 am. A safety briefing followed.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

One change for the agenda was noted. Item #6 – Military Freight Transportation was postponed due to speaker availability.

No other changes were proposed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were submitted prior to or made during the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from December and March FTAC meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Abbott and seconded by Mr. Gregg. The minutes were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #5: AIR CARGO TRANSPORTATION

Presenter: Steve Djunaedi, Chief Commercial Officer, Norfolk International Airport

Key highlights of Mr. Djunaedi's presentation included:

- Airport Overview: Norfolk International Airport (ORF) is a self-sustaining entity with no local tax support. Major revenue sources include parking, leases, and landing fees.
- Passenger Growth: ORF saw record-breaking passenger numbers in 2024 and continues to grow in 2025.
- International Service Goals: Efforts are underway to attract transatlantic flights. Business community support and incentives are critical.
- Air Cargo Trends:
 - Air cargo is growing globally, driven by e-commerce and supply chain shifts.
 - ORF handles limited air cargo, primarily via FedEx and UPS.
 - Richmond International Airport (RIC) has become the regional air cargo hub, especially with Amazon Air and USPS operations.
- Air Cargo Challenges:
 - ORF's cargo facility is outdated (1980s).
 - Amazon Air prefers RIC due to infrastructure and logistics efficiency.
- Future Plans:
 - Terminal modernization, new international arrivals facility, and expanded cargo ramp.
 - Potential for advanced air mobility and expanded logistics development on airport property.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REGIONAL FREIGHT STUDY UPDATE

Presenter: Keith Nichols, HRTPO

Key highlights of Mr. Nichols' presentation included:

- Reviewed the updated draft of the Regional Freight Study.
- Emphasized importance of truck bottlenecks, regional gateways, and commodity flows.
- Highlighted the need for feedback from FTAC members and stakeholders.
- Approval of the final report is expected at the September FTAC meeting.
- Members discussed Route 13, I-87, and Route 58 as key freight corridors.
- More information will be added to the study related to air cargo and rail freight data.
- Suggestions included economic development incentives and freight-oriented development.

AGENDA ITEM #7: STATE FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Presenter: David White, Virginia Maritime Association

Mr. White detailed the last State Freight Advisory Committee meeting, which was held on May 14, 2025. Highlights included:

- Discussed impacts of federal policy changes, including tariffs and staffing changes at USDOT.
- Emphasized the need for freight to have a stronger voice in state transportation planning.
- Encouraged members to engage with gubernatorial candidates on freight issues.

AGENDA ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Eveleigh asked FTAC members to provide nominations for new members to fill vacancies.
- Mr. Abbott was recognized for his service and upcoming retirement. A motion was made to retain Mr. Abbott on the committee until a replacement is named, which was unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #9: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed during this item.

AGENDA ITEM #10: NEXT MEETING

The next FTAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM #11: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

AGENDA ITEM #5: REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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

Recommended Action: Per discussion.

AGENDA ITEM #6: 2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

HRTPO staff is currently in the process of preparing the 2050 Hampton Roads Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). HRTPO staff will provide an update on the 2050 LRTP project prioritization process and the overall LRTP completion schedule to ensure timely adoption. HRTPO staff will also highlight the various steps where the FTAC will be asked to provide feedback prior to and including the December FTAC meeting.

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #7: HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL FREIGHT STUDY

HRTPO engages in numerous regional freight planning activities, including the development of the Hampton Roads Regional Freight Study, which serves as a comprehensive resource document on the Hampton Roads multimodal transportation system.

The overall purpose of the Regional Freight Study is to understand the impact of regional freight movement in order to guide policy and investment decisions—particularly for prioritizing transportation projects—that will improve the connectivity, efficiency, reliability, and safety of the Hampton Roads freight multimodal transportation system.

The Regional Freight Study details the movement of goods across all freight facilities—highways, ports, railways, and airports. This version of the Regional Freight Study, which updates the most recent version that was released in 2017, includes the following sections:

- Introduction
- Freight Facilities Inventory
- Freight Trends and Forecasts
- Hampton Roads Commodity Flows
- Regional Truck Movement and Bottlenecks
- Integration of Freight into the Transportation Planning Process
- National Freight Planning Efforts and Funding Sources
- Summary and Next Steps

HRTPO staff presented portions of the study at the December 2024 and March 2025 FTAC meetings and provided committee members with the current version of the draft document at the March 2025 and June 2025 meetings.

Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO, will brief the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: Per discussion.

AGENDA ITEM #8: STATEWIDE FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - UPDATE

In an effort to ensure that freight is considered continuously and comprehensively, the Secretary of Transportation established a statewide Freight Advisory Committee (FAC). The FAC provides a forum to communicate and engage with public and private partners to understand needs, inform policy, and advocate for freight to achieve a dynamic transportation system that creates economic opportunity for Virginia and the nation. The FAC meeting that was scheduled for August 13, 2025, was cancelled.

Mr. David White, FAC Chair, will provide an update to the FTAC on this item.

Recommended Action: For discussion and information purposes at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #9: FUTURE MEETING TOPICS AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Updates
- B. Hampton Roads Intraregional Freight Movement Analysis Kickoff
- C. Hampton Roads Rail Crossing Study

AGENDA ITEM #10: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #11: NEXT MEETING

The next FTAC meeting is currently scheduled for December 4, 2025, at the Port of Virginia office in the World Trade Center in Norfolk.

AGENDA ITEM #12: ADJOURNMENT