

**HAMPTON ROADS
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING**

**October 17, 2019
12:30 PM**

**The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**
- 3. Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments since the last HRPDC meeting. Any new written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

- 4. Public Comment Period**

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

- 5. Executive Director's Report (Attachment 5)**
- 6. Election of Officers**

The HRPDC Bylaws provide that, at its Annual Meeting in October, the Commission will elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to serve during the upcoming year. The Chair and Vice Chair must come from separate localities and be elected officials. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer must be voted on an annual basis but need not be elected officials and may succeed themselves. Please note that the current HRPDC Chair and Vice Chair are eligible to serve in their current positions for another year.

During the July 18, 2019 Commission Meeting, Chair Michael Hipple requested that the Nominating Committee prepare recommendations of nominees for the officer positions for the upcoming year. A Nominating Committee representative will provide a report for Commission consideration.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to serve during the upcoming year.

7. Consent Agenda (Attachment 7)

- a. Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2019 Commission Meeting**
- b. Treasurer’s Report of August 2019**
- c. Fiscal Year 2019 SHSGP and UASI Grants**

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management requires the HRPDC to formally authorize the Executive Director to apply for and accept FY 2019 Homeland Security Funding. The following projects have been allocated to the HRPDC:

FY19 UASI	
Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Planning	\$173,250
Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Technical Analysis	\$210,000
MCI Transportation Package (Part I) - 4x Buses	\$336,000
MCI Transportation Package (Part II) – Off-road Ambulance	\$65,000
Personal Protective Equipment Replacement	\$98,000
All Hazards Regional Planner	\$100,000
Hampton Roads Regional Cybersecurity Assessment	\$150,000
Hampton Roads Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attacks	\$50,000
2020 THIRA SPR	\$60,000
FY19 SHSP	
MCI and MASS CARE Capability Sustainment	\$75,000
CBRNE Pharmaceutical Stockpile – Nerve Agent Antidote and Antibiotics	\$72,000

Staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to sign the following certificates (one for each of the above projects):

- State Homeland Security Grant Applications
- Grant Assurances
- Certificate Regarding Lobbying
- Non-Supplanting Certification
- Award Letter

Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to approve the October 17, 2019 Consent Agenda.

8. Employee Recognition – presented by Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director

Ms. Jill Sunderland, Water Resources Planner III, will be recognized for her outstanding service to the HRPDC and reaching a five-year milestone anniversary between November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019.

9. Regional Legislative Agenda – presented by Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director (Attachment 9)

The HRPDC/HRTPO adopts a regional legislative agenda to convey to the General Assembly and Federal delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of the Hampton Roads region. Over the past four years, the HRPDC staff has worked with the region’s legislative liaisons to increase the HRPDC’s visibility and participation during the General Assembly session. Examples of success resulting from regional advocacy efforts have included:

- Coordination of an effort among all urban crescent localities and school divisions resulting in increased State funding for K-12 public education purposes.
- Re-designation of the Hampton Roads region as an Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) community and securing approximately \$3 million of UASI funding on an annual basis to support homeland security efforts in our region.
- Working through the Chief Administrative Officers Committee to represent the region’s interests and influence national guidance related to permitting in flood hazard areas.
- Establishment of a floor to the regional gas tax to increase funding to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund and Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission to support construction of regional priority projects.
- Pursuit of Federal/State funding for the widening of the I-64 “gap” between Hampton Roads and Richmond. The Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board awarded Smart Scale funding to the 5-mile segment from I-295 eastward to the Bottoms Bridge interchange – construction for this segment is now complete.
- Regional Support for offshore wind by the HRPDC – the Commonwealth has now established a renewable energy goal for Virginia and efforts are underway to position Hampton Roads to leverage job creation opportunities related to this emerging industry.

In preparing the draft Legislative Agenda, staff recommends that the Commission continue to use the following guiding principles:

- Develop a short and targeted list of regional legislative priorities
- Include items of regional significance that benefit all jurisdictions

Enclosed for the Commission’s consideration is a recommended Regional Legislative Agenda. In preparing this proposed agenda, staff considered input received at the July HRPDC meeting and from HRPDC Committees such as the Chief Administrative Officer’s (CAO) Committee, CAO Subcommittee on Resiliency, the Technical Coastal Resiliency Committee and the HRPDC Coastal Resilience Committee.

The Executive Director will brief the Commission on the recommended Regional Legislative Agenda and request approval from the Commission.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to approve the 2020 Regional Legislative Agenda.

10. Atlantic Coast Pipeline – presented by Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC Executive Director and Mr. Doug Smith, President and CEO, Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (Attachment 10)

At the September Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee meeting, the CAOs received a briefing on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the critical importance of this project to ensure that the Hampton Roads region has available natural gas to support economic growth. The CAO Committee continued discussion of this topic at its October meeting and voted to recommend that the HRPDC take official action to support the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Doug Smith, President and CEO of HREDA, will brief the HRPDC on the importance of this project to the economic health of the Hampton Roads region.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should take action to endorse the construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

11. Offshore Wind Opportunities – presented by Mr. Matt Smith, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

Offshore wind energy is a rapidly growing global industry poised for significant growth on the U.S. East Coast, bringing with it considerable economic and environmental benefits. Virginia has the potential to become a leader in this emerging industry. The HRPDC has taken action to help Virginia and Hampton Roads realize this opportunity by passing a resolution in support of offshore wind development and by partnering with the Northern Virginia Regional Council to call for the creation of a Virginia Office for Offshore Wind. HRPDC staff are also working closely with regional and state partners to position Hampton Roads as a hub for East Coast offshore wind development.

Mr. Matt Smith, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, will provide an update on recent developments and opportunities related to offshore wind. This item is presented for information and discussion by Commission members.

12. Three Month Tentative Schedule

November 2019

Fiscal Year 2019 Audited Financial Statements
Regional Broadband
Regional GIS
Hampton Roads Economic Benchmarking Study
Help 2 Others (H2O) Program Update

December 2019

No meeting per Regional Meeting Schedule

January 2019

Regional Branding Initiative

Roanoke River Basin MOA

Hampton Roads 2020 Economic Forecast

Legislative Update

13. Advisory Committee Summaries (Attachment 13)

Summaries of HRPDC Advisory Committee meetings that were held since the last HRPDC meeting are attached for review.

14. For Your Information (Attachment 14)

- Letter from Rear Admiral Rock, Commander of Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, expressing concerns regarding the Norfolk Airport's Master Plan Update that included options for a parallel runway and the response letter from the Chairman of the Norfolk Airport Authority Board of Commissioners, Malcolm Branch
- Letter from Town of Smithfield announcing the appointment of Interim Town Manager Sanford B. Wanner as a voting member of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

15. Old/New Business

16. Adjournment