

**HAMPTON ROADS
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING**

**January 20, 2022
12:30 PM**

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

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

- a. 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 announced at the meeting.

- b. Public Comment Period**

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

- 4. Executive Director's Report (Attachment 4)**
- 5. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report**
- 6. Consent Agenda (Attachment 6)**

- a. Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2021 Commission Meeting**

- b. Treasurer's Report – November 2021**

- c. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendment**

The current FY 2022 HRPDC/HRTPO Budget was approved on May 20, 2021. Subsequently, the HRPDC/HRTPO received new awards and adjustments to existing awards. This agenda note summarizes the changes to the approved budget through December 31, 2021.

The previously approved budget totaled **\$16,448,873**. This budget amendment results in an increase of **\$3,355,980**, bringing the total Operating and Pass-Through budget to **\$19,804,853**. The additional **\$3,355,980** is the result of the following changes:

\$	+	205,000	New federal awards received from the Department of Homeland Security (\$197,500 of which will <u>pass-through</u> to consultants).
		+ 3,000,000	New state award received from the Virginia Department of Housing (These funds have not been determined at this time, but the majority will be <u>pass-through</u> for several Housing Development programs).
		+ 11,276	FY 2021 funds carried forward for the HRTPO.
		+ 25,368	HRPDC deferred revenue carried forward from previous years. All of which will <u>pass-through</u> to existing consultant contracts.
		+ 114,336	Various adjustments to previous awards; this increase mainly affected <u>pass-through</u> expenditures.
\$		3,355,980	FY 2022 Budget Increase

d. 2022 Regional Meetings Schedule

The regional meeting schedule for the 2022 Calendar Year is attached for Commission review and approval.

e. Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Appointment

The following individual has been recommended for CAC membership:

- Dr. Kanama Bivins, a resident of Suffolk, is Chief Financial Officer of NASA Langley Research Center. Dr. Bivins has over 20 years of work experience as a leader in the federal government with a strong focus on innovation as well as volunteer experience with the CIVIC Institute and American Society of Military Comptrollers. She has a Doctorate in Strategic Leadership and a passion to see Hampton Roads continue to grow, develop, and thrive through initiatives to help attract and retain talent, entrepreneurs, and investors.

f. HRPDC Grant Contracts

Staff recommends authorizing the HPPDC Executive Director to sign contracts with the following vendors for professional services. Funding for these contracts is provided by the FY2021 Urban Area Securities Initiative (UASI) grant.

- ASAP 911 - \$129,675 – purchase of all-terrain medical vehicles.
- Sonny Merryman - \$217,455 – purchase of ambulance bus.
- Assura Inc - \$284,288 – cybersecurity planning, training, and exercises.
- Old Dominion University Research Foundation - \$81,600 – completion of the 2022 Threat and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessment (required for UASI grant funding) and grant application support.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should consider action to approve the January 20, 2022 Consent Agenda.

7. Economic Development Opportunities for the Hampton Roads Region – presented by Mr. Jason El Koubi, Virginia Economic Development Partnership Interim President and CEO; Mr. Stephen Edwards, Virginia Port Authority CEO and Executive Director; and Mr. Doug Smith, Hampton Roads Alliance President and CEO

The leadership of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), Virginia Port Authority (VPA), and Hampton Roads Alliance (Alliance) will discuss economic development opportunities for the Hampton Roads region. These representatives have been asked to brief the Commission on the following topics:

- Mr. El Koubi (VEDP) – economic development challenges and opportunities for the Hampton Roads region from the perspective of the VEDP
- Mr. Stephen Edwards (VPA) – emerging plans for the Port of Virginia and how the region’s localities can capitalize on this asset to create “outside the gate” job creation opportunities
- Mr. Doug Smith (Alliance) – update on the work of the Alliance on the offshore wind industry and how localities can leverage this emerging sector to create jobs in their communities

Following these briefings, the Commission is encouraged to discuss the information presented and steps that the region’s localities can take to support the economic development efforts of these organizations.

8. Dedicated Funding Source for Flood Mitigation Projects – presented by Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC Executive Director

At the January Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee meeting, the CAOs discussed the threat that flooding presents for the Hampton Roads region and the need for the Commonwealth to ensure a reliable funding source to assist local governments with their efforts to invest in flood prevention projects. The CAOs noted the tremendous assets in the Hampton Roads region that are threatened by this flooding, including nationally significant military facilities, the Port of Virginia, and the region’s tourism industry. The Committee also noted the importance of having a dedicated funding source at the State level to leverage potential funding opportunities that are anticipated from the federal infrastructure package.

The cost to address needed flood prevention projects is substantial and beyond the funding means of local governments. In addition, recent experiences continue to demonstrate that these flooding challenges are being experienced across the entire Commonwealth of Virginia.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the CAOs reached a consensus recommending that the HRPDC take action to request that the Commonwealth of Virginia establish an adequate, reliable, and continuous funding source to address flood prevention projects in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should consider action authorizing the HRPDC Chair to request that the Commonwealth of Virginia establish an adequate, reliable and continuous funding source to support flood prevention projects in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

9. General Assembly Update – presented by Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC Executive Director

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC Executive Director, will provide a briefing from the General Assembly session, including any items that may need discussion or action by the HRPDC.

10. Three Month Tentative Schedule

February 17, 2022

Portsmouth and Chesapeake Joint Land Use Study
Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan
General Assembly Update
CDBG Regional Priorities

March 17, 2022

FEMA Risk Rating 2.0
2022 Hampton Roads Economic Forecast
Resiliency Design Standards
Planning and Economics Program Update

April 2022

No Meeting per the Regional Meeting Schedule

11. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Attachment 11)

HRPDC Advisory Committee meeting minutes that were approved since the last Commission meeting are attached for review.

12. Technical Committee Meeting Summaries (Attachment 12)

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

13. For Your Information

- **HRPDC Receives Grant from DEQ** – The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Designation and Management Regulations were amended to specifically allow climate change adaptation measures within the CBPA and require climate change impacts to be considered for land development within the Resource Protection Area. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has awarded a \$10,200 grant to the HRPDC to develop tools to support local governments as they incorporate the new coastal resilience provisions into their programs.

14. Old/New Business

15. Adjournment