

**HAMPTON ROADS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**February 9, 2023
11:45 AM – 2:00 PM**

**The American Theatre
125 E Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663**

- 1. Tour of Facility**
- 2. Call to Order**
- 3. Approval/Modification 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 CAC should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under “Old/New Business.”

Action Requested: The CAC should consider action to approve the agenda.

- 4. 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.

- 5. Summary Minutes**
 - A. October 19, 2022 CAC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 5A)**

The summary minutes of the CAC meeting held on October 19, 2022 are attached.

B. December 8, 2022 CAC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 5B)

The summary minutes of the CAC meeting held on December 8, 2022 are attached.

Action Requested: The CAC should consider action to approve the summary minutes of the October 19, 2022 and December 8, 2022 CAC meetings.

6. Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Update – presented by Ms. Crystal Bright, Dominion Energy Services External Affairs Manager

Dominion Energy’s Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project presentation will cover the pilot turbines, currently in operation, and the upcoming commercial project. CVOW will provide clean energy for our customers and support the Commonwealth of Virginia’s clean-energy goals. More information about this project can be found on www.vacoastalwind.com.

This item is presented for information and discussion by CAC members.

7. Hampton Roads Rail Crossing Study – presented by Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer

The Port of Virginia (POV) is one of the most important drivers of the Hampton Roads economy. However, the waterways and railroads that support the Port of Virginia also create a number of intermodal conflict points, which are locations in the transportation system where one mode crosses – and impedes – the flow of another mode.

The most common intermodal conflict point is where roadways and railroads intersect. These highway-rail crossings can cause not only extensive delays for roadway travelers but can also contribute to a number of collisions between trains and vehicles each year. There are nearly 500 of these at-grade crossings throughout Hampton Roads.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) includes a number of new funding programs. One new discretionary program – the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program – will provide \$3 billion in funding over five years to eliminate or separate at-grade rail crossings. This is in addition to providing additional funding for the existing Railway-Highway Crossings Program (RHCP), which was created to enhance safety at rail crossings.

Based on this new funding and the importance of freight movement to the Hampton Roads economy, HRTPO staff have started work on a regional Rail Crossing Study to prepare and better position the region for the new federal funding sources.

This item is presented for information and discussion by CAC members.

8. Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study – presented by Mr. Keith Nichols, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer

The HRTPO prepares the Hampton Roads Roads Regional Safety Study on a recurring basis. The Regional Safety Study includes information on regional crash data and trends, a detailed analysis of the locations of crashes, methods to improve roadway safety, and an analysis of high crash locations with crash countermeasures. HRTPO staff has begun preparing an update to the Regional Safety Study that should be completed by Summer 2023.

This item is presented for information and discussion by CAC members.

9. Next Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023.

10. Old/New Business

11. Adjournment