

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
October 19, 2022**

The October 19, 2022 meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC)/ Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by the Chair at Noon in Board Room A/B of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320, with the following in attendance:

CAC Members in Attendance:

Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Chair (PO)	Sharon Anderson (PO)
Lamont Curtis, Vice-Chair (NN)	Mike Sawchuck (SU)
Jim Bowie (HA)	Dianna Howard (VB)
Richard Parison (HA)	Shawnta Howard-Spence (VB)
Jim Collins (IW)	Brad Martin (VB)
Frank Cotrupi (NN)	Waverly Woods (VB)

CAC Members Absent:

Brandon Carter (CH)	Kanama Bivins (SU)
Cecil Jenkins (CH)	Anthony Piglowski (SU)
John Kish (CH)	Catherine Correll Walls (SY)
Henry Branscome (JC)	Jay Leach (VB)
Zakkiyya Anderson (PO)	Scott MacFarlane (VB)
Garry Harris (PO)	

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.	Dmitry Rekhter
Matt Klepeisz	Joe Turner
Rob Cofield	Dale Stith

Others Recorded Attending:

Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker), Lori Sharp (PRR – Hampton Roads), and Travis Davidson (South Hampton Roads Trail)

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chair Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky asked for a motion to approve October 19, 2022, CAC Meeting Agenda as presented.

Mr. Lamont Curtis Moved to approve the October 19, 2022 CAC Meeting Agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Frank Cotrupi. The Motion Carried.

Public Comments

- **Submitted Public Comments**

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, reported that there were no submitted public comments.

- **Public Comment Period**

Members of the public were invited to address the CAC. There were no in-person requests to provide public comment.

Summary Minutes

Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky referenced the Summary Minutes of the August 11, 2022 CAC meeting.

Mr. Jim Bowie Moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the August 11, 2022 CAC Meeting as presented; seconded by Ms. Dianna Howard. The Motion Carried.

Regional Connectors Study Update

Prior to the presentation, a round of introductions was made. Mr. Crum provided a brief background on the history and purpose of the Regional Connectors Study (RCS).

Ms. Lorna Parkins, Michael Baker International Office Executive, provided a project update on the RCS, stating that the study is not working towards a preferred alternative but is instead working towards a ranking of projects that can move forward. Ms. Parkins explained that the RCS Steering Committee modified the approach of the study and that recommendations will now be in the form of chronological tiers based on readiness and known challenges.

Ms. Parkins provided a brief review of Phase 1 of the study, which focused on outreach and data collection, and Phase 2, which established the scenario planning framework. She proceeded to provide an overview of the current Phase 3 approach, highlighting key milestones. She summarized completed work that focused on the qualitative assessment of project segments in terms of construction complexity, permitting issues, project readiness, and potential social and economic impacts. She noted a key decision from this step was the decision by the RCS Steering Committee to include I-664 from Bowers Hill to College Drive in the baseline analysis network because it stood out in terms of Project Readiness. Ms. Parkins described the recently approved project bundles, which were used for the quantitative analysis of congestion and economic benefits. Cost estimates were also refined during this step. These efforts produced Draft Segment Tiering, which will be considered by the RCS Steering Committee soon.

Ms. Parkins paused her presentation and asked if any committee members had any questions. Several members inquired about planned traffic management during construction, potential imminent domain issues, potential impacts from supply chain issues, consideration of potential

environmental impacts, tolls, sea level rise, and resiliency planning. Mr. Crum summarized what the study planning team has been hearing from Mayors during many detailed conversations, which include considerations for the Port, truck traffic, Norfolk Naval Base, vulnerable communities, expansion plans, and flooding. These concerns combined with several others have led to looking at alternate ways to move traffic in our region, especially across our waterways.

Ms. Parkins resumed her presentation, providing an overview of planned public engagement in the form of in-person Open House meetings, in-person Pop-Up events, and an online Open House. She also highlighted a Regional Connectivity Symposium, which will focus on incorporating an equity perspective. These events will be an opportunity for the public to hear and comment on findings to date and engage residents in discussions on future segments' project benefits and burdens. Ms. Parkins asked the CAC for input on the meeting/pop-up locations and meeting times. Members indicated that the planned time of 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM was suitable. Additional/alternate locations suggested included:

- Pretlow Library in the Shore Drive/Oceanview community
- Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center
- Downtown Newport News

Regional Legislative Agenda

Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, provided an overview of the Regional Legislative Agenda for the Hampton Roads region scheduled for HRPDC and HRTPO approval at their October meetings. As background, for the past six years, the HRPDC and HRTPO Boards have adopted a regional legislative agenda to convey to the Virginia General Assembly and Federal Delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of Hampton Roads.

Mr. Crum described the process and timeline in developing regional legislative agenda recommendations for consideration by the Commission and HRTPO Board ahead of the 2023 session of the Virginia General Assembly. Mr. Crum noted that the CAC discussed and commented on these regional legislative priorities in August. He emphasized that the regional legislative agenda is developed to be complementary, not in conflict with local legislative priorities. As part of the briefing, Mr. Crum highlighted recent actions taken by the General Assembly at their 2022 session.

Mr. Crum summarized the 2023 Regional Legislative Priorities. The full list includes:

- Full funding for I-64 Gap
- Elizabeth River Crossings Toll Agreement
- Enhanced Passenger Rail Service from Hampton Roads to the I-95 corridor
- Funding to construct the Birthplace of America Trail/Virginia Capital Trail Extension
- Decrease time demands of Temporary Detention Order duties on local police departments
- Incorporation of conflict resolution/mediation skills into school curriculums
- Allow retired law enforcement to perform full-time duties to address local public safety needs

- Study to evaluate the Code of Virginia to determine barriers and opportunities regarding the use of technology to address crime/violence
- Dedicated state/federal funding for flooding/resiliency
- Coastal Resiliency – structure for state coordination for resiliency/flood prevention
- State support for Jefferson Lab
- State support for Offshore Wind
- Economic Development Site Readiness
- Adequate Transit Funding
- Opposed unfunded mandates
- Support housing programs and policies that promote Housing for All
- Public Meeting notices – allow flexibility for electronic options

Mr. Crum solicited input and feedback from CAC members on the regional legislative priorities, prompting a lengthy discussion. Some members expressed concern regarding funding for transit, economic development sites, offshore wind, trails, and flooding issues. Other members expressed support for the comprehensive list, economic development sites, transportation construction, transit funding, the alignment of Temporary Detention Order roles with existing legislation, and offshore wind. Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky stated that he will report both concerns and support during his update to the Commission and HRTPO Board. Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky asked CAC members their opinion on the hybrid meeting format, stating that he will include a suggestion for the meeting format in his comments.

Next Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022. Mr. Crum mentioned the possibility of holding a future (maybe February) CAC meeting on the Peninsula. Mr. Richard Parison suggested two potential locations: the American Theater in Phoebus or the Hampton Coliseum.

Old/New Business

- Mr. Matt Klepeisz, HRPDC/HRTPO Community Administrator, informed the CAC that the development of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has started and there is an active 2050 LRTP Regional Priorities public survey. He asked members to take the survey and to help socialize it, stating that he will send an email with more information.
- Mr. Crum asked CAC members to follow the HRTPO and HRPDC Facebook pages to help increase awareness of the two organizations.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.