

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
February 10, 2022**

The February 10, 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 Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky at 12:05 PM in Board Room A/B of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

CAC Members in Attendance:

Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Chair (PO)	Dianna Howard (VB)
Lamont Curtis, Vice-Chair (NN)	Shawnta Howard-Spence (VB)
Cecil Jenkins (CH)	Jay Leach (VB)
John Kish (CH)	Scott MacFarlane (VB)
Carlton Hardy (NN)	Brad Martin (VB)
Christian Strange (NO)	

CAC Members Absent:

Susan Archer (CH)	Garry Harris (PO)
Robert Carter (CH)	Delceno Miles (VB)
Jim Bowie (HA)	Waverly Woods (VB)
Henry Branscome (JCC)	

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.	Greg Grootendorst
Keith Cannady	Dmitry Rekhter
Pavithra Parthasarathi	Joseph Turner
Rob Case	Chris Vaigneur
Robert Cofield	

Others Recorded Attending:

Steve Hansen (Hampton Roads Offshore Wind Diversity Advocacy Team) and Sharon Anderson (Portsmouth)

Summary Minutes

Chair Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky referenced the Summary Minutes of the December 9, 2021 CAC Meeting.

Ms. Dianna Howard Moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the December 9, 2021 CAC Meeting as presented; seconded by Mr. Carlton Hardy. The Motion Carried.

Public Comments

- **Submitted Public Comments**

There was one submitted comment distributed as a handout from Mr. Steve Hansen regarding the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Draft Report.

- **Public Comment Period**

Members of the public were invited to address the CAC.

Mr. Steve Hansen addressed the CAC regarding the draft CEDS document.

Election of Vice-Chair

The CAC Bylaws provide that HRTPO/HRPDC staff will recommend a member of the CAC to the HRTPO Board and Commission to be appointed as CAC Chair for the duration of their term, and the Vice-Chair shall be elected by the CAC members. The staff recommended Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky as the next Chair of the CAC due to his experience with the CAC. The Vice-Chair's term of office shall coincide with that of the current Chair, provided the Vice-Chair's term shall end notwithstanding the foregoing on the expiration of the Vice-Chair's term as a member of the CAC. Staff suggested that since Mr. Geduldig-Yatrofsky represents the City of Portsmouth, the CAC may want to consider the appointment of a Vice-Chair from the Peninsula.

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, announced that staff did not receive any expressions of interest to serve as CAC Vice-Chair.

Ms. Parthasarathi invited nominations.

Mr. Carlton Hardy Moved to nominate Mr. Lamont Curtis; seconded by Mr. Cecil Jenkins.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Brad Martin Moved to close nominations; seconded by Mr. Carlton Hardy.

The pending nomination to appoint Mr. Lamont Curtis as CAC Vice-Chair was voted on.

The Motion Carried.

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chair Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky stated the CAC approved the minutes rather than the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and indicated that the CAC still needed to approve the agenda.

Mr. Brad Martin Moved to approve the February 10, 2022 CAC Meeting Agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Carlton Hardy. The Motion Carried.

Regional Gateway Analysis Study Next Phase

Dr. Robert Case, HRTPO Chief Transportation Engineer, briefed the CAC on the study and provided an update on the analyses conducted thus far including evaluation of traffic volumes, safety, and congestion, and estimation of costs and benefits of proposed projects on select gateway highways.

Improvements have been proposed for many of the corridors that provide access to and from Hampton Roads. Some of these improvements include widening I-64 between Richmond and Williamsburg, replacing all or portions of Routes 58 with limited access facilities, and building I-87 to and from North Carolina. HRTPO staff has been working on a study comparing the proposed improvements on these corridors based on the overall collective impact on the Hampton Roads region.

Several comments were made and questions were asked by CAC members including Mr. Brad Martin, who asked Dr. Case about variables to which the trip model was sensitive. Dr. Case responded that the trip model is sensitive only to the size of the external metro and the time it takes to travel to/from it.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Mr. Greg C. Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, briefed the CAC on the region's efforts to prepare and submit a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Mr. Grootendorst began the presentation by explaining that the EDA defines a CEDS as a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development designed to build capacity and guide economic prosperity and resiliency and that an officially approved CEDS is a prerequisite to gaining access to many federal grants.

Mr. Grootendorst went on to explain that the development of the draft CEDS was a team effort that was led by staff of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission in partnership with the Hampton Roads Alliance and Re-Invent Hampton Roads. The draft CEDS was developed with input and assistance from many individuals and organizations across the region.

The CEDS was crafted by weaving together the substantial regional economic development plans that have been produced over the past decade. Of particular note was the 2010 CEDS, "Vision Hampton Roads", the 757 Recovery & Resiliency Action Framework, the Growth & Diversification Plan, the HR Industry Cluster Analysis, the Business Environment Improvement Strategy, the Workforce Gap Analysis, the Port of Virginia Opportunity Analysis, and the Regional Branding Initiative.

The CEDS is comprised of six sections: 1) the economic background, 2) the SWOT analysis, 3) economic resilience, 4) strategic directions & action plan, 5) performance evaluation framework, and 6) appendices.

Mr. Grootendorst spent some time discussing the geographic boundaries of the CEDS planning area, explaining the SWOT analysis and the CEDS action plan. He encouraged the CAC members to review the plan and provide feedback by February 28th to ggrootendorst@hrpdcva.gov or by mail to 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320.

The presentation was then opened up for questions, and Mr. Grootendorst responded to questions on alternative energy options as well as questions related to the SWOT analysis.

A copy of the draft Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is available on the HRPDC website: https://www.hrpdcva.gov/uploads/docs/CEDS_2022_draft_for_review.pdf.

Regional Transit Advisory Panel (RTAP) Update

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, briefed the CAC on the work of the RTAP and the first Hampton Roads Transit Advocacy Day at the General Assembly. He distributed a brochure that highlights background information on the RTAP and summarizes the Panel's recommendations. He requested that CAC members review the report in preparation for a discussion at the next CAC meeting, reviewed the RTAP recent Transit Advocacy Day at the General Assembly, and shared information on General Assembly bills related to public transit items.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CAC will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the CAC, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM.