

**HAMPTON ROADS
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING**

**February 16, 2023
12:30 PM**

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

1. Call to Order

2. Special Presentation

Ms. Gabriella Olivieri, River Star Program Specialist from the Elizabeth River Project, will present the River Star Business Award to HRPDC General Services Manager Andrew Margason and HRPDC Assistant General Services Manager Chris Vaigneur. HRPDC advanced to Achievement Level in 2023 as a result of debris clean-ups, native plantings, shoreline improvements around the ponds behind The Regional Building, and additional LED lighting.

3. Approval/Modification of Agenda

4. Public Comments

A. Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments since the last HRPDC meeting. Any 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 Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

5. Executive Director's Report (Attachment 5)

6. Community Advisory Committee Report

The HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on February 9, 2023. The meeting was held at The American Theatre in Hampton. The agenda/discussion items for the meeting were as follows:

- Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Update
- Hampton Roads Rail Crossing Study
- Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study

7. Consent Agenda (Attachment 7)

A. Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2023 Commission Meeting

The minutes from the January 19, 2023 Commission meeting are included as Attachment 7A.

B. Transcribed Public Comment – January 19, 2023

Full transcriptions of the public comments from the January 19, 2023 Commission meeting are included as Attachment 7B.

C. Treasurer’s Report –December 2022

The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the activities of December 2022 is included as Attachment 7C.

Action Requested: The HRPDC should consider action to approve the February 16, 2023 Consent Agenda.

8. Good Jobs Challenge Grant – presented by Mr. Shawn Avery, Hampton Roads Workforce Council President and CEO

The [American Rescue Plan](#), through the Economic Development Administration, includes a once-in-a-generation investment of \$500 million toward a Good Jobs Challenge intended to produce a skilled workforce ensuring the United States is prepared to “innovate, compete, and succeed in a 21st Century global economy. With a focus on equity, the program expands career opportunities for more Americans to reach their full potential and secure good-paying jobs and careers. The Hampton Roads Workforce Council was one of only thirty-two projects selected from a competitive, nationwide pool of over 500 applicants. The Hampton Roads Workforce Council was awarded over \$11 million to focus on the key industry sectors of the Blue Economy, Energy, and Resilience.

Mr. Shawn Avery, Hampton Roads Workforce Council President and CEO, will brief the Commission on this item.

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

9. Unmanned Autonomous Systems (UxS) Route/Corridor Network Planning Grant – presented by Dr. David E. Bowles, Virginia Institute for Spaceflight and Autonomy Executive Director, and Mr. John A. Costulis, Virginia Institute for Spaceflight and Autonomy Deputy Executive Director

The Old Dominion University (ODU) Virginia Institute for Spaceflight and Autonomy (VISA) is fully committed to being part of the growth of Unmanned Systems in the region and Commonwealth. The \$100,000 UxS Route and Corridor planning grant from GO Virginia,

administered via Reinvent Hampton Roads, will examine how a network of nodes and routes utilizing air, ground, and water through unmanned systems could expedite the transport of goods, services, and travelers between currently valuable assets and underutilized points. This planning grant is complementary to a broader Commonwealth effort on Advanced Air Mobility (Virginia Advanced Air Mobility Alliance) co-led by the Unmanned Systems Center at the Virginia Innovative Partnership Corporation (VIPPC) and the Department of Aviation, and other VISA activities in autonomous systems in the region.

Dr. David E. Bowles, ODU VISA Executive Director, and Mr. John A. Costulis, ODU VISA Deputy Director, will brief the Commission on this item and provide an overview of VISA.

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

10. Three-Month Tentative Schedule

March 2023

No Meeting per Regional Meeting Schedule

April 20, 2023

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program
Regional Broadband Update

May 18, 2023

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
Annual HRPDC Work Program

11. Technical Committee Meeting Summaries (Attachment 11)

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

12. For Your Information (Attachment 12)

- Attached is a letter dated January 27, 2023 from the HRPDC regarding regional support for Senate Bill 1441 and House Bill 2444 which was broadly distributed to the Virginia General Assembly.

13. Old/New Business

14. Adjournment