HRPDC & HRTPO FACEBOOK PAGES

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SOUTHSIDE FIBER RING

On Friday, February 11, the Southside Network Authority took action to approve the Project Participation Agreement and distribution of share purchases by each member City for the Southside Fiber Ring. Through this action, the Cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach each agreed to contribute $5 million towards the construction and support of the Fiber Ring project. The Authority expects to award a construction contract for the fiber ring in March and begin construction in May. This is the first phase of a planned regional effort that will create a regionally interconnected fiber network. An update on this regional initiative will be provided at the March HRPDC meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The HRPDC/HRTPO staff has continued to monitor the General Assembly session, with a focus on bills that relate to the Regional Legislative Agenda. The Executive Director coordinated weekly calls with the locality Legislative Liaisons to review legislation of interest and provide an opportunity for information sharing and collaboration. In addition, the Executive Director participated in and monitored meetings of the Hampton Roads Caucus during session.
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS COMMITTEE

The Chief Administrative Officers Committee met on March 2, 2022 at the Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center located at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. Agenda/discussion items included the following:

- Discussion of the potential for an Intergovernmental Services Agreement (IGSA) between the region’s military installations and local governments
- Update on various regional initiatives, including the following:
  - Potential letter to the Federal Delegation on the Water Resources Development Act
  - General Assembly Update, including efforts to secure funding for the next segment of I-64 improvements
  - Regional Fiber Ring project update
  - HRPDC Virginia Telecommunications Grant for Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties and the City of Suffolk
  - Unmanned Systems planning effort
  - Agenda items for March HRPDC meeting
- Information sharing on locality budget preparation efforts

OTHER MEETINGS/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OUTREACH

- February 15 meeting with representatives of Old Dominion University to discuss a GO Virginia sponsored regional planning effort related to unmanned systems
- February 15 meeting with military representatives to discuss the Intergovernmental Services Agreement Program
- February 25 meeting with representatives of the Hampton Roads Alliance, Hampton Roads Workforce Council and CIVIC Leadership
- February 28 meeting with WHRO to discuss strategic planning efforts
- Presentation to a local realtor’s group on March 1 on regional transportation initiatives and planning efforts
- March 7 meeting with the City of Newport News staff to discuss the Birthplace of America/Capital Trail Extension project
- Presentation to the Hampton Roads Chamber Board on March 9 on the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO
• Presentation to the Virginia Peninsula Chamber (757 Vision Series) on March 15 on the work of the HRPDC and HRTPO
• Participation in a VATI Steering Committee meeting on March 10 with representatives of Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties and the city of Suffolk
• Presentation to the Chesapeake Economic Development Advisory Committee on March 11
• Weekly coordination calls with regional legislative liaisons during General Assembly session
• Continued participation in meetings of the Regional Roundtable

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

• Staff support to the Southside Network Authority
• Staff support to the Community Advisory Committee
• Financial management support for the HRPDC, HRTPO, HRTAC, HRMFFA and Southside Network Authority
• Personnel management
• Building Operation and Maintenance
• Preparation of job descriptions for the Communications Administrator and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion & Title VI/Civil Rights Coordinator
• Recruitment for vacant positions