

**Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
April 14, 2022**

The April 14, 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, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

CAC Members in Attendance:

Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Chair (PO)
Lamont Curtis, Vice-Chair (NN)
Robert Brandon Carter (CH)
Cecil Jenkins (CH)
John Kish (CH)
Jim Bowie (HA)

Frank Cotrupi (NN)
Christian Strange (NO)
Kanama Bivins (SU)
Mike Sawchuck (SU)
Shawnta Howard-Spence (VB)
Waverly Woods (VB)

CAC Members Absent:

Susan Archer (CH)
Richard Parison (HA)
Henry Branscome (JCC)
Garry Harris (PO)
Dianna Howard (VB)

Jay Leach (VB)
Scott MacFarlane (VB)
Brad Martin (VB)
Delceno Miles (VB)

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:

Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Keith Cannady
Pavithra Parthasarathi

Others Recorded Attending:

Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA); Noelle Pinkard (HRT); Jim Collins (Isle of Wight County); Jim Wofford (MacArthur Center); Steve Sterling (Norfolk Airport Authority); Sharon Anderson (Portsmouth); Anthony Piglowski, Jr. (Suffolk); and Zakkiyya Anderson (ULHR); and Rob Cofield, Kyle Gilmer, Bishoy Kelleny, Dmitry Rekhter, Dale Stith, and Joe Turner (HRPDC/HRTPO Staff)

Approval/Modification of Agenda

Chair Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky asked for a motion to approve April 14, 2022, CAC Meeting Agenda as presented.

Mr. Jim Bowie Moved to approve the April 14, 2022 CAC Meeting Agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Lamont Curtis. The Motion Carried.

Public Comments

- **Submitted Public Comments**

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., 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.

CAC Membership Update

Mr. Crum introduced the CAC's newest members and mentioned the ongoing effort to broaden the representation of the CAC.

To welcome the new members, Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky and Mr. Crum requested a round of introductions from all the meeting attendees.

Summary Minutes

Chair Geduldig-Yatrofsky referenced the Summary Minutes of the February 10, 2022 CAC Meeting.

Mr. Lamont Curtis Moved to approve the Summary Minutes of the February 10, 2022 CAC Meeting as presented; seconded by Mr. Cecil Jenkins. The Motion Carried.

Regional Transit Advisory Panel (RTAP) Update

Mr. Crum briefed the CAC on the Regional Transit Advisory Panel (RTAP). Mr. Crum started the briefing by providing an overview of the 2020 General Assembly legislation that created the Hampton Roads Regional Transit Fund (HRRTF), the first dedicated source of transit funding in the Hampton Roads region. Mr. Crum noted that, as part of this action, the General Assembly directed the HRTPO to establish RTAP to provide ongoing advice on the long-term vision for a multimodal regional public transit network in Hampton Roads.

Mr. Crum went on to elaborate on the work of the RTAP starting with their first meeting on November 18, 2020, and the subsequent formation of nine working groups with the intent to develop recommendations for advancing/strengthening transit in the Hampton Roads region. Mr. Crum spent some time describing the full list of RTAP's recommendations and also provided an update on a key RTAP initiative, the first Hampton Roads Transit Advocacy Day on February 3, 2022 at the General Assembly.

Ms. Noelle Pinkard, HRT, followed up by providing an update on the “757 Express” program, funded primarily by HRRTF, that is planned to be implemented by HRT in October 2022.

After Ms. Pinkard’s presentation, Mr. Crum then called on the RTAP members in attendance. Ms. Zakkiya Anderson, Urban League of Hampton Roads; Mr. Jim Wofford, MacArthur Center; and Mr. Rick Dwyer, HRMFFA, shared their perspectives and provided feedback on the importance of strengthening and enhancing transit in the Hampton Roads region. Following the presentation, CAC members shared their feedback and posed questions including clarifying the use of the HRRTF funds, integration with the ongoing trail planning efforts in the region, potential partnerships with micro-mobility providers, and suggestions to enhance pedestrian access to bus stops.

Mr. Crum thanked the CAC members for their valuable feedback and highlighted tasks in the HRTPO Draft FY23 Unified Planning Work Program that have been identified in support of the implementation of RTAP recommendations

Norfolk International Airport Update

Mr. Steven Sterling, Norfolk Airport Authority (NAA) Deputy Executive Director of Administration and Operations, briefed the CAC on the Norfolk International Airport (ORF). Mr. Sterling started off his presentation with an overview of the airport fundamentals such as governing structure, nonstop markets served, airline passenger market share, and airport passenger traffic including the changes over the last couple of years. In 2021, ORF ranked in the top 14% of the US commercial airports with over 3,300,000 passengers served. The airport anticipates serving over 4 million passengers in 2022 based on current air travel patterns.

Mr. Sterling then talked about the recently updated Master Plan and highlighted some of the ongoing facilities updates and planned improvements identified to meet current and anticipated needs at the airport. His presentation specifically touched on the current challenges and planned decommissioning of the existing cross runway, expansion of hangar space for aircraft maintenance and storage, expansion of parking facilities and Concourse A to enhance airport operations, and upgrades to customs facilities to expand the airport’s ability to handle international travel.

Mr. Sterling then wrapped up his presentation by touching upon the Strategic Plan and the efforts to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for ORF’s employees, passengers, and the community.

The presentation was then opened up for questions, and Mr. Sterling responded to questions on airport funding, lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the cooperation with Newport News International Airport on air service to the region.

Regional Economic Development Site Readiness

Mr. Keith Cannady, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the Regional Economic Development Sites Readiness project and discussed the status of ongoing site development projects funded with matching State grants through the GO Virginia program. This project was undertaken in response to concerns expressed by economic development practitioners at the local, regional, and State level about missed opportunities for private investment and job creation in Hampton Roads due to the lack of shovel-ready development sites. “Shovel-ready” or “business-ready” sites are properties zoned for development, with good access to workers, and with the appropriate levels of transportation and utility infrastructure.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CAC will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the CAC, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.