December 2, 2021

Memorandum #2021-176

TO: HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

BY: Terry Danaher, CAC Chair

RE: CAC Meeting – December 9, 2021
    Please RSVP by COB Tuesday, December 7, 2021

The next HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 from Noon to 2:00 PM. This meeting will be held in person in Board Room A/B of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. The agenda and related materials are attached.

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Attachments
HAMPTON ROADS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

December 9, 2021
Noon – 2:00 PM

The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Public Comments
   A. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)
   B. Submitted Public Comments

4. Summary Minutes
   A. Summary Minutes of the March 11, 2021 CAC Meeting
   B. Summary Minutes of the June 10, 2021 CAC Meeting
   C. Summary Minutes of the September 23, 2021 CAC Meeting
   D. Summary Minutes of the October 14, 2021 CAC Meeting

5. Elizabeth River Crossing (ERC) Toll Agreement

6. Regional Fiber Ring Update

7. Air Terminal Interchange (ATI)

8. Next Meeting

9. CAC Leadership Transition

10. Old/New Business

11. Adjournment
AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order by Chair Terry Danaher at approximately noon.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires an action from the CAC should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under "Old/New Business."

AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comment Period (limit 3 minutes per individual)

Members of the public are invited to address the CAC. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

B. Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments. Any written public comments received after the preparation of this agenda will be announced at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SUMMARY MINUTES

A. Summary Minutes of the March 11, 2021 CAC Meeting

B. Summary Minutes of the June 10, 2021 CAC Meeting

C. Summary Minutes of the September 23, 2021 CAC Meeting

D. Summary Minutes of the October 14, 2021 CAC Meeting

Attachments 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approve the minutes.
Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
March 11, 2021

The HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting was called to order at noon. Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the Committee members, staff, and the general public, the CAC Meeting was held electronically via Zoom. These electronic meetings are required to complete essential business on behalf of the region. A recording of the meeting is available on the website.

HRPDC/HRTPO CAC Members in Attendance:
Terry Danaher, Chair (PO)  Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO)
Carlton Hardy, Vice-Chair (NN)  Garry Harris (PO)
John Kish (CH)  George Mears (SU)
Jim Bowie (HA)  Dianna Howard (VB)
Cynthia Taylor (IW)  Scott MacFarlane (VB)
Nina Britton (NN)  Delceno Miles (VB)
Lamont Curtis (NN)  Waverly Woods (VB)
Christian Strange (NO)

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:
Robert A. Crum, Jr.
Keith Cannady
Pavithra Parthasarathi
Dale Stith
Brandon Rogers
Kendall Miller
Joe Turner
Robert Cofield

Others in Attendance:
Craig Eddy (Michael Baker Int’l)
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)
Tim Haynam (VDOT)

Following Chair Terry Danaher’s calling the CAC meeting to order, Ms. Kendall Miller, HRPDC/HRTPO Office of Community Affairs and Civil Rights Administrator, read a statement detailing the Commonwealth of Virginia Governor’s ongoing declaration of the Commonwealth’s state of emergency due to COVID-19, and its impact on public meetings. Ms. Miller conducted attendance via roll call and noted that a quorum was present.
Public Comment Period

The public was provided an opportunity to comment in advance of the meeting by email or phone. There were no comments received via either option as of 48 hours before the meeting.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Danaher asked for a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda as presented.

**Motion:** Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Moved to add an item to the March CAC agenda, allowing for discussion on the issue of continued electronic meetings; seconded by Ms. Cynthia Taylor.

**Motion:** Ms. Dianna Howard Moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Delceno Miles.

With no questions or comments, a roll call vote was conducted and the votes were recorded as follows:

- Susan Archer: Absent
- Jim Bowie: Aye
- Henry Branscome: Absent
- Nina Britton: Aye
- Brandon Carter: Absent
- Lamont Curtis: Aye
- Terry Danaher: Aye
- Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky: Aye
- Carlton Hardy: Aye
- Garry Harris: Aye
- Dianna Howard: Aye
- Cecil Jenkins: Absent
- John Kish: Aye
- Jay Leach: Absent
- Scott MacFarlane: Aye
- Brad Martin: Absent
- George Mears: Aye
- Delceno Miles: Aye
Mark Perreault                  Absent
Christian Strange              Aye
Cynthia Taylor                 Aye
Waverly Woods                  Aye

The Motion Carried with 15 votes in favor, none against, and no abstentions.

Summary Minutes of the January 14, 2021 CAC Meeting

Chair Terry Danaher asked for a motion to approve the summary minutes of the January 14, 2021 CAC meeting as presented.

Motion: Ms. Dianna Howard Moved to approve the summary minutes of the January 14, 2021 CAC meeting as presented; seconded by Ms. Waverly Woods.

With no questions or comments, a roll call vote was conducted and the votes were recorded as follows:

Susan Archer                  Absent
Jim Bowie                     Aye
Henry Branscome               Absent
Nina Britton                  Aye
Brandon Carter                Absent
Lamont Curtis                 Aye
Terry Danaher                 Aye
Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky       Aye
Carlton Hardy                 Aye
Garry Harris                  Aye
Dianna Howard                 Aye
Cecil Jenkins                 Absent
John Kish                     Aye
Jay Leach                     Absent
Scott MacFarlane              Aye
Brad Martin                   Absent
George Mears                  Aye
Delceno Miles                 Aye
Mark Perreault                Absent
Christian Strange             Aye
Cynthia Taylor                Aye
Waverly Woods                 Aye
The **Motion Carried** with 15 votes in favor, none against, and no abstentions.

**Regional Connector Study (RCS) Update**

Mr. Craig Eddy, Consultant Project Manager, Michael Baker International, provided an update on the Regional Connector Study (RCS). He shared public survey results on the following topics:

- The strengths and weaknesses of the current transportation system
- Trends that negatively impact congestion in Hampton Roads
- The most common travel activities in Hampton Roads
- The most common transportation problems in Hampton Roads
- The rate of travel between the Peninsula and Southside

Mr. Eddy went on to outline the results of stakeholder interviews done on the current transportation system in Hampton Roads.

Ms. Dianna Howard noted that the region’s stakeholders had identified light rail transit as a strength in the current transportation system and asked if Virginia Beach’s vote to not implement light rail would impact the RCS. Mr. Eddy responded that due to the amount of positive feedback received on light rail, it was included as a strength.

Mr. Garry Harris asked if the survey tried to extract what respondents would be willing to pay or accept to alleviate congestion in Hampton Roads (i.e. are they willing to move to rideshare or more increased transit or transit-oriented development). Mr. Eddy said yes, that information was asked for and answers were provided, but in the interest of time, he opted not to include those findings in his presentation to the CAC.

Mr. Eddy continued with an overview of the scenario planning aspect of the RCS, explaining that the goal of scenario planning was not to predict the future but to have arrived at plausible alternative futures against which to test transportation. He shared three different scenarios that had been examined:

- Greater Growth in Urban Centers
- Greater Suburban/Greenfield Growth
- Greater Growth on the Water

He concluded with a list of alternatives that would be presented to the RCS Working Group and provided a Phase-3 schedule for the RCS through 2021.

**2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Fiscally Constrained List of Projects**

Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Principal Transportation Planner, presented the LRTP Draft Fiscally Constrained Project List. Ms. Stith explained that the LRTP was the blueprint for the region’s transportation future and identified all regionally significant transportation projects.
planning horizon of 20 years, the LRTP must be fiscally constrained, demonstrating how projects would be funded.

Ms. Stith thanked the CAC for their input in the development of the fiscally constrained list of projects and shared that the list would be presented to the HRTPO Board at a special Board meeting to be held on March 29, 2021.

Chair Danaher said that if the CAC did endorse the Fiscally Constrained List of Projects, then it would be done via a Resolution of Support.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky stated he did not feel he could vote in support of this resolution because he felt the region would not receive as good of a long-term return on investments, as it has in the past, for roadway expansion projects occurring in the future.

With no additional questions or comments, Chair Danaher asked Ms. Kendall Miller to conduct a roll call vote to approve the Resolution of Support for the Fiscally Constrained List of Projects as presented and the votes were recorded as follows:

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The CAC voted to approve the Resolution of Support for the Fiscally Constrained List of Projects as presented with 13 votes in favor, two against, and no abstentions.

**Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network Update**

Mr. Tim Haynam, VDOT Project Management Office Director, briefed the CAC on the Regional Express Lanes Network, which is a consistent HOT-2 network beginning on I-64 at Jefferson Avenue in Newport News, proceeding along I-64 through Bowers Hill in Chesapeake, and continuing along I-664 to I-64 in the vicinity of the Hampton Coliseum. Noting that the HRTPO Board adopted a resolution endorsing the Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network, he said that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will administer the projects that comprise the Express Lanes Network and is currently in the design phase for Segments 1, 4A/4B, and 4C. He went on to say that these projects are scheduled to have construction completed by the end of 2025.

Mr. Carlton Hardy indicated that last fall he tried to switch from E-ZPass to E-ZPass Flex but was not able to due to COVID-19 closures. He asked if any effort was being made to work with DMV to facilitate changing the E-ZPass to E-ZPass Flex in anticipation of the coming tolls and in light of pandemic closures. Mr. Haynam said that he would check with the appropriate person to gain an answer to Mr. Hardy’s question.

**Executive Director Update**

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, provided the CAC with an overview of the 2021 Virginia General Assembly session focusing on the items of interest to the Hampton Roads region. He told the CAC about the important decisions made during the recently completed general assembly session relative to the HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Agenda, including Precipitation Predictions; Flooding Disclosure; SMART SCALE; Vaccinations, and I-64 Gap between Hampton Roads and Richmond. Due to time constraints, Mr. Crum said he would have his presentation emailed to the CAC following the meeting.

**Electronic Meetings**

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky stated that he believed that electronic meetings should continue to occur after the emergency measures put into place due to the COVID-19 pandemic are no longer in effect. He said he believed that the continuance of electronic meetings would save travel time over congested highways.

Mr. Crum indicated that at the beginning of the closures due to the pandemic, electronic meetings were not allowed under the state code. However, legislation was passed allowing a public body to meet by electronic communication means without a quorum physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency, provided that the nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location. He recommended that the CAC advise the PDC and TPO Boards of their position at the next regularly-scheduled meetings in April 2021.
Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.
The HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting was called to order at noon. Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the Committee members, staff, and the general public, the CAC Meeting was held electronically via Zoom. These electronic meetings are required to complete essential business on behalf of the region. A recording of the meeting is available on the website.

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Carlton Hardy, Vice-Chair (NN)  
Cecil Jenkins (CH)  
Jim Bowie (HA)  
Cynthia Taylor (IW)  
Lamont Curtis (NN)

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:
Pavithra Parthasarathi  
Kendall Miller  
Robert Cofield

Following Chair Terry Danaher’s calling the CAC meeting to order, Ms. Kendall Miller, HRPDC/HRTPO Office of Community Affairs and Civil Rights Administrator, read a statement detailing the Commonwealth of Virginia Governor’s ongoing declaration of the Commonwealth’s state of emergency due to COVID-19, and its impact on public meetings.

Ms. Miller conducted attendance via roll call and noted that a quorum was not present.

Chair Danaher indicated that as a quorum had not been achieved, the meeting would continue with non-voting items.

Public Comments

Ms. Miller reported that the public was provided an opportunity to comment in advance of the meeting by email or phone. There were no comments received via either option as of 48 hours before the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Agenda was deferred because a quorum was not present.
**Summary Minutes of the March 11, 2021 CAC Meeting**

Approval of the Summary Minutes of the March 11, 2021 CAC meeting was deferred because a quorum was not present.

**CAC Survey and Results**

Ms. Kendall Miller, Administrator, Office of Community Affairs and Civil Rights provided the results of the CAC survey sent to CAC members in March of 2021. She shared survey results on the following topics:

- Satisfaction with member's terms on the CAC
- Frequency and duration of CAC meetings
- Program areas previewed by the CAC
- Organizational response to CAC requests and questions
- Items covered on CAC agendas

Ms. Miller went on to outline the results of CAC member survey responses received, noting that out of 23 potential CAC responses, only eight were received.

Chair Danaher asked Ms. Miller what the typical CAC response was to surveys. Ms. Miller responded that on average, the majority of CAC members always responded to surveys and other requests sent to CAC members via Email.

Mr. George Mears (SU) stated that due to a large number of emails received from the HRTPO/HRDPC, he sometimes misses important emails from Ms. Miller. Ms. Dianna Howard (VB) concurred. Ms. Miller replied that moving forward notices to the CAC would come from her so that CAC members could easily separate action items from general emails coming from the HRTPO/HRPDC.

Ms. Miller provided feedback to the CAC regarding survey responses on agenda items covered by the CAC. Ms. Danaher gave the CAC an overview of how items end up on the CAC agenda and provided some examples of how the CAC impacts the work of the HRTPO/HRPDC. Ms. Danaher also commented on the frequency of CAC meetings, reminding the CAC that due to the uncertainty of the continuation of electronic meetings and the potential of a hybrid physical meeting/electronic meeting approach in the future, the CAC bylaws had not yet been updated and may be held in anticipation of such an approach. Ms. Miller responded and said that if the CAC wished to have additional meetings added to the yearly calendar, HRTPO/HRPDC staff would support that request.

**Electronic CAC Meetings**

Chair Danaher led the discussion on electronic meetings. She informed the CAC that she requested that the HRTPO and HRPDC boards add the topic of electronic meetings to an upcoming agenda. She said that she wasn’t sure when the item would be added. Ms. Miller
responded that she would have it added to an upcoming agenda. Chair Danaher replied that she would like to present the boards with some thoughts discussed by the CAC during this June 10, 2021 meeting and said that some hybrid meeting platform would serve to allow the CAC to provide greater input into the planning process and would increase member participation as well. She reminded the CAC that Governor Northam’s Executive Order would end on June 30, 2021.

Mr. George Mears (SU) commented that he would like to see a continuation of virtual meetings in combination with physical meetings. He stated that solely having virtual meetings may lend to a feeling of isolation.

Ms. Dianna Howard (VB) concurred, saying that electronic meetings were great but that in-person meetings should not stop.

Ms. Cynthia Taylor (IW) asked the CAC to consider road construction and inclement weather as barriers to participation.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO) indicated that he was in favor of a permanent hybrid model, but said a change to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act would be necessary in order for this to occur.

Mr. Garry Harris (PO) said that from a regional and climate perspective, total vehicle miles traveled should be considered, in order to make less of an impact on our environment and the road congestion issues faced in Hampton Roads. He ended by saying that the CAC should model behavior in support of those considerations and that electronic meetings serve to get CAC members out of their cars. He suggested 80 percent electronic meetings and 20 percent physical meetings.

Chair Danaher said she would like to see in-person meetings to allow for the CAC to come together for a yearly orientation for new members and an opportunity to meet with staff as well. She concluded that her overall sense was the electronic meetings would be welcome and that the door could be open for physical meetings as well. She indicated she would convey the CAC’s comments at the July 2021 HRTPO/HRDPC board meetings.

**Old/New Business**

There was no old or new business.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.
The September 23, 2021 meeting of the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by the Chair at 12:04 PM in the 757 Room of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**HRPDC/HRTPO CAC Members in Attendance:**
- Terry Danaher, Chair (PO)
- Cynthia Taylor (IW)
- Delceno Miles (VB)
- Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO)
- Garry Harris (PO)
- Dianna Howard (VB)
- Waverly Woods (VB)

**HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:**
- Pavithra Parthasarathi
- Kendall Miller
- Robert Cofield
- Keith Cannady
- Robert Crum

**Others in Attendance:**
- Eric Stringfield – VDOT
- Scott Smizik – VDOT
- Tim Hayman - VDOT

**Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**Submitted Public Comments**

There were no submitted public comments.

**Approval of Agenda**

As there was not a quorum of the CAC, Chair Danaher was unable to ask for a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 agenda as presented.

**Summary Minutes of the June 10, 2021 CAC Meeting**

The June 10, 2021 CAC minutes could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum at the September 23, 2021 CAC meeting.
Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network

Mr. Tim Hayman, VDOT, briefed the CAC on the Regional Express Lanes Network, which was endorsed by HRTPO. He focused on the three projects currently in the design phase: Segments 1, 4A/4B, and 4C. He informed the CAC that these 3 projects are scheduled to have construction completed by the end of 2025. He further explained that VDOT is developing a work zone traffic impact analysis and a corridor-wide transportation management plan.

Mr. Hayman said that the draft goals during construction of the Hampton Roads Regional Express Lanes Network are:

1. Minimize traffic mobility impacts
2. Manage transportation demand
3. Improve public awareness of work zone activities
4. Improve interagency coordination during construction
5. Enhance situational awareness and monitor performance of the transportation network

Bowers Hill Interchange Improvement Study Update

Mr. Scott Smizik updated the CAC on this study. He explained that VDOT, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for the Bowers Hill Interchange Improvements Study (Bowers Hill Study). Mr. Smizik said The Bowers Hill Study considers improvements to the Bowers Hill Interchange, which includes the junction of Interstate 664, I-264, I-64, U.S. Route 460, U.S. Route 58, U.S. Route 13, and Virginia Route 191 (Jolliff Road) in the City of Chesapeake, and to I-664 from College Drive in the City of Suffolk south to the Bowers Hill Interchange. The purpose of the Bowers Hill Study is to reduce current congestion, improve travel reliability, and provide additional travel choices on I-664 from and including the Bowers Hill Interchange to College Drive.

Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT)

Mr. Robert Crum provided an update on this project to the CAC. He explained that the Virginia Capital Trail extends from Richmond to Williamsburg, Virginia and that efforts are being made to further extend the 52-mile long trail through the Hampton Roads region and provide over 100 miles of continuous walking and biking trail.

He said that the HRTPO has requested $16 million from the federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program, which will be combined with local match monies to design/build approximately 8 miles of the BoAT/ Virginia Capital Trail extension on the Peninsula. In addition, the City of Virginia Beach has submitted a complimentary request for a 3-mile section of the trail on the Southside that extends from the Newtown Road Light Rail station to Virginia Beach Town Center.
Mr. Crum went on the say that HRTPO staff coordinated a regional effort which resulted in Congressional Representative Bobby Scott submitting a request to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for an additional $3.9 million to build another 2.75 miles of this trail in Newport News.

**Old/New Business**

Ms. Waverly Woods (VB) requested an update on the Virginia Coastal Resilience efforts.

Chair Teri Danaher addressed the CAC and suggested that the next CAC meeting should occur as scheduled, on October 14, 2021 even though it was only three weeks away from the current CAC meeting held on September 23, 2021. The CAC concurred with Chair Danaher’s suggestion.

Chari Teri Danaher informed the CAC that Kendall Miller, HRTPO staff leading the CAC efforts, would be leaving the HRTPO and that her last day, would be November 1, 2021.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.
Summary Minutes of the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
October 14, 2021

The October 14, 2021 meeting of the HRPDC/HRTPO Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by the Chair at 12:04 PM in the Board Room of the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRPDC/HRTPO CAC Members in Attendance:
Terry Danaher, Chair (PO) Brad Martin (VB)
Cynthia Taylor (IW) Scott McFarlane (VB)
Christian Strange (NO) Delceno Miles (VB)
Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PO) Waverly Woods (VB)
Garry Harris (PO)

HRPDC/HRTPO Staff:
Kendall Miller Keith Cannady
Joseph Turner Pavithra Parthasarathi
Robert Cofield

Others in Attendance:
Eric Stringfield – VDOT Ann Phillips – Governor’s Office

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Submitted Public Comments

There were no submitted public comments.

Approval of Agenda

As there was not a quorum of the CAC, Chair Terry Danaher was unable to ask for a motion to approve the October 14, 2021 agenda as presented.

Summary Minutes of the September 23, 2021 CAC Meeting

The September 23, 2021 CAC minutes could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum.

Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Update

Ms. Ann C. Phillips, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, presented the CAC with an update on the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan. Ms. Phillips explained that in response to the growing threat of natural hazards and
sea level rise in the Commonwealth, the State’s Secretary of Natural Resources and the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection were charged by Governor Northam to create and implement a Coastal Resilience Master Plan for Virginia.

Ms. Phillips told the CAC that a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was created to support the project and that the TAC includes representation from the State’s coastal planning district commissions, key state agencies, university partners, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Phillips also described the team of coastal engineers and planners that were working on the development of the plan. Ms. Phillips then went on to brief the CAC on the Master Plan update and added that revenue from the Commonwealth Community Flood Preparedness Fund will support the preparation of the plan and serve as a partial funding source for plan implementation.

**BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICA TRAIL (BoAT) CAC FEEDBACK**

Chair Terry Danaher reminded the CAC that at the September 23, 2021 CAC meeting, Mr. Robert Crum, HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director, briefed the CAC on the Birthplace of America Trail (BoAT). During that presentation, the CAC expressed the desire to provide feedback on the project.

Ms. Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRTPO Deputy Executive Director, provided an update on the public involvement and notification activities that led up to the BoAT project.

Chair Danaher encouraged CAC members to connect with their respective community leaders and express their support for the BoAT and find out how each locality was participating in this effort.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky commented that the name of the trail should be reconsidered given the historical implications. Ms. Parthasarathi responded that the name of the trail was currently under consideration.

**Old/New Business**

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky requested that the CAC consider allowing digital participation during CAC meetings. He said there are examples of digital participation occurring across Hampton Roads. He said he would like to see the public comment portion of CAC meetings become digitized. Ms. Kendall Miller responded that she would relay Mr. Gedulig-Yatrofsky’s comments to Mr. Crum.

Chair Danaher presented a Resolution of Appreciation on behalf of the CAC to Ms. Kendall Miller thanking her for her years of service to the CAC and on behalf of the region.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the CAC, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.
AGENDA ITEM #5: ELIZABETH RIVER CROSSING (ERC) TOLL AGREEMENT

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director

In 2011, an Agreement was signed between Skanska, USA; Macquarie; and the Commonwealth of Virginia to build the Downtown and Midtown Tunnels and the Martin Luther King Extension to I-264. The Agreement runs to the year 2070 and is referred to as the ERC Agreement.

The cost to construct these projects was approximately $2.16 billion. Under the ERC Agreement, the ERC was responsible for financing, building, operating, and maintaining the facilities during the term of the Agreement. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) retained ownership and oversight of the tunnels. Neither the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) nor the local governments were party or signatory to this Agreement.

The Agreement was established through the year 2070, with an annual toll increase of 3.5% permitted as part of the agreement. ERC sets the toll rates per the formula, instructions, and table included in the Toll Rate Schedule of the Agreement. Annual rates are reviewed by VDOT to ensure compliance with the Agreement.

In December 2020, an announcement was made about the sale of the ERC assets to Abertis and Manulife Investment Management. Abertis is a Spanish toll company that operates approximately 5,000 miles of toll roads in 16 countries. Manulife Investment Management participated on behalf of John Hancock Life Insurance Company. The asset(s) were sold to Abertis and Manulife for a total of $2.3 billion ($625 million to Skanska, $625 million to Macquarie, and $1.13 billion in debt for a total of $2.3 billion). The sale required and received State consent.

Over the past year, discussions have occurred between localities, regional leaders, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the new owners to explore options for reducing the impact of tolls on the region’s residents and businesses. On November 15, an announcement was made about an expansion of the low-income toll relief program.

Mr. Robert Crum will brief the CAC on the history, background, and components of the ERC Agreement, discuss regional efforts to mitigate the impacts of the Agreement, review the recent expansion of the low-income toll relief program and discuss and request CAC input on potential next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For discussion and informational purposes.
AGENDA ITEM #6: REGIONAL FIBER RING UPDATE
Mr. Robert A. Crum, Jr., HRPDC/HRTPO Executive Director

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) has endorsed a regionally interconnected fiber network that will interconnect with the subsea cables that have come ashore in Virginia Beach and spread this ultrafast fiber service across the region’s 17 local governments. This effort has the potential to decrease internet service costs, create a foundation for “smart region” approaches and assist in the strengthening of the Hampton Roads economy,

Phase I of this Regional Fiber Network will be the construction of the southside fiber ring which will interconnect the five southside cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach. Future phases will extend to the Peninsula and then move westward to interconnect the entire Hampton Roads region.

Mr. Robert Crum will provide the CAC additional background information on this initiative and provide a status report on the procurement, financing, and construction of the southside fiber ring.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For discussion and informational purposes.
AGENDA ITEM #7: AIR TERMINAL INTERCHANGE (ATI)
Mrs. Angela Effah-Amponsah, Assist. District Planner, VDOT Hampton Roads District
Mr. Bruce L. Duvall, P.E., Asst. District Engineer for Project Development, VDOT Hampton Roads District

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has been working closely with the U.S. Navy, the City of Norfolk, and the Virginia Port Authority to evaluate the possibility of constructing a new interchange in the City of Norfolk along the I-564 Intermodal Connector. The new interchange would be constructed approximately 0.3 miles west of the I-564 mainline and provide access to Hampton Boulevard via Seabee Road to the north and Helmick Street to the south. Additionally, the new interchange would allow alternate routes to NSN Gate 5 and NSN Gate 6, for which construction was recently completed. The proposed interchange would also provide an alternative route to Naval Support Activities (NSA) Gate 10 and allow more direct routes between NSN and NSA facilities.

As the project moved into the study phase, an Interstate Access Study was prepared and the recommended alternative that arose out of the operational analysis was supported by all major stakeholders. However, the proposed project was financially constrained due to limited funding and its estimated project cost of $150 to $160 million. Most of the project cost originated from an elevated bridged facility spanning both eastbound and westbound lanes of the I-564 Intermodal Connector. Realizing that the project’s financial constraints would hinder forward momentum with design and construction, VDOT evaluated potential cost reduction measures that would allow the same functionality, but at a reduced cost. The result of this effort proposed an interim alternative that replaced the elevated bridge structures with two at-grade intersections located on the I-564 Intermodal Connector. The Air Terminal Interchange at-grade intersection concept has resulted in substantial cost savings (roughly $100 million), avoided significant impacts to adjacent wetlands, and still enables multi-directional traffic flows to increase access to major public highway networks including I-64 and I-564, local arterials, Port Authority infrastructure, and Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Station Support Annex traffic networks. These interim improvements, which do not preclude future improvements, contribute to emergency readiness and national security in the Hampton Roads area by providing connectivity, redundancy, evacuation, and more efficient traffic routes to primary roadway systems for public, commercial, and emergency vehicles.

Mrs. Angela Effah-Amponsah and Mr. Bruce Duvall will update the CAC on the Air Terminal Interchange project and respond to questions and comments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For discussion and informational purposes.
AGENDA ITEM #8: NEXT MEETING

AGENDA ITEM #9: CAC LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

AGENDA ITEM #10: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #11: ADJOURNMENT