

**HRPDC/HRTPO
Legislative Workshop Summary
August 29, 2018**

The August 29, 2018 Hampton Roads HRPDC/HRTPO Legislative Workshop was called to order at 10:35 a.m. in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRPDC/HRTPO Members in Attendance:

Thomas Shepperd, Jr., TPO Chair (YK)	David Hux (PQ)
John Rowe, TPO Vice Chair (PO)	Randy Wheeler (PQ)
Ella Ward, HRPDC Chair (CH)	Michael W. Johnson (SH)
Michael Hipple, JRPDC Vice Chair (JC)	Randolph Cook (SH)
James Baker (CH)	Brian Thrower (SM)
Steve Best (CH)	Leroy Bennett (SU)
Frank Rabil (FR)	Patrick Roberts (SU)
J. Brent Fedors (GL)	Louis Jones (VB)
James Gray (HA)	Dave Hansen (VB)
Donnie Tuck (HA)	Rosemary Wilson (VB)
Randy Keaton (IW)	Paul Freiling (WM)
William McCarty (IW)	Andrew Trivette (WM)
Paul Holt (JCC)	Cathie Vick (VPA)
McKinley Price (NN)	Christopher Hall (VDOT)
Cynthia Rohlf (NN)	Zach Trogdon (WATA)
Kenneth Alexander (NO)	William Harrell (HRT)
Doug Smith (NO)	Robert Bowen (Norfolk Airport)
Andria McClellan (NO)	Michael Giardino (PHF)
Lydia Pettis-Patton (PO)	CDR Ken Kostecki (U.S. Coast Guard)
Herbert Green (PQ)	Terry Danaher (CTAC)

Legislative Participants:

Senator John Cosgrove	Delegate Barry Knight
Senator Bill DeSteph	Delegate Jay Leftwich
Senator Lionell Spruill	Delegate Joseph Lindsey
Senator Frank Wagner	Delegate Jason Miyares
Delegate Kelly Convirs-Fowler	Delegate Marcia Price
Delegate Cliff Hayes	Delegate Chris Stolle
Delegate Stephen Heretick	Delegate Cheryl Turpin
Delegate Jerrauld Jones	Delegate Jeion Ward

Others Recorded Attending:

Tom Cosgrove (NN Shipbuilding); Derrick Hollie (Reaching America); Jay Ford (Chesapeake Bay Foundation); Hayes Framme (Orsted); William Saunders (SM); Cathy Davison (Albemarle Commission); Rhonda Murray (Navy Region Mid-Atlantic); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Rhonda Russell (SY); Barry Fisher (Greater Norfolk Corp); Joan Larock (HRACRE); Diane Kaufman (Senator Kaine); Joe Dillard (HRT); Beth Lewis (SH); Vernon Tillage (Senator Louise Lucas); Brian Solis (VB); Diana Burke (VB Hotel Association); Junius Williams, Max Bartholomew (Dominion Energy); Jaleh Shea (CH) Samantha Schultz (Rep. Scott Taylor); Doug Wilson (Elizabeth River Tunnels); Sheila Noll (YK); Benjamin Sullivan (WI); Dawn Odom, Robin Grier (VDOT); Annie Morris (ODU); Dewey Hurley (Brancome, Inc.); David Hainley, Robert Goumas (SU); Brian DeProfio (HA); Bob Matthias, Angie Bezik (VB); Jerri Wilson (NN); Amy Inman, Morgan Whayland (NO); Ross Grogg (Kemper Consulting); Dominic Melito (Delegate Turpin); CJ Stolle (2 Cap Consulting); Ellis James (Sierra Club); Sheila McAllister, Bryan Stilley, Bridgette Parker (NN); Claudia Cotton (TBA); Bryan Stephens, Ira Agricola (Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce); Jared Cotton (Chesapeake Public Schools); Christie New Craig (Chesapeake School Board); Jill Eyler (Senator DeSteph); Craig Quigley, Rick Dwyer (HRMFFA); Kevin Page (HRTAC) Keith Cannady, Andrea Gayer, Greg Grootendorst, Kelli Arledge, Shirley Core, Whitney Katchmark, Mike Kimbrel, Sharon Lawrence, Mike Long, John Mihaly, Kendall Miller, Matt Smith, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC Staff).

On August 29, 2018, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and Hampton Roads General Assembly Caucus held a legislative workshop at the Regional Building to discuss potential legislative items for the upcoming General Assembly session. Over 130 Commission and Board members, General Assembly members, legislative liaisons, planning directors and other officials attended and participated in this workshop, which was held in the Regional Board Room of the HRPDC offices. Items discussed during this Legislative Workshop included the following:

- An overview and status report on Hampton Roads Transportation Projects that were prioritized by the HRTPO and are being funded through the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC).
- An overview of potential HRTPO Legislative Priorities, including the following:
 - The need for significant Federal and State funding for the \$3.6 Billion Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) project. The project is currently funded entirely with regional tax dollars through the HRTAC and Hampton Roads Transportation Fund (HRTF). Due to the importance of this facility to the military, national security, the Port of Virginia and the east coast economy, the HRTPO believes the State and Federal government should join in the funding of this project.

- Support for efforts that promote higher speed passenger rail service between Hampton Roads and Richmond.
- Support for Federal/State funding for the widening of I-64 between Hampton Roads and Richmond. Request consideration in future SMART SCALE funding cycles to avoid competition with the HRBT project.
- Increase funding to the Virginia SMART SCALE Program
- An overview of the July 20, 2017 HRTPO Resolution related to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes. In this resolution, the HRTPO endorsed:
 - An interconnected HOT Network system from the I-64/I-664 interchange in Hampton through the HRBT project and continuing along I-64 through the High Rise Bridge and ending at the Bowers Hill Interchange in Chesapeake.
 - Revenues generated from the I-64 HOT Regional Express Network be returned to HRTAC for its use along the corridor in accordance with Federal/State regulations.
- It was noted that the HRTPO has not endorsed the implementation of HOT lanes west of the I-64/I-664 interchange in Hampton.
- A discussion occurred on whether the region should consider the use of a full time dynamic toll for all vehicles using the new express lanes included in the HRBT project instead of making the additional lanes HOT lanes.
- A conversation stressing that HRTF funds should only be used to fund the addition of new capacity in accordance with the Code of Virginia.
- An overview of potential HRPDC Legislative Priorities, including the following:
 - Pursuit of Federal/State funding for recurrent flooding/sea level rise projects, particularly those projects that protect the mission of our region's military installations. Discussion occurred regarding the ongoing Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS) being advanced in the region, and the recommended projects that will emerge from these studies which will address the impact of coastal storms and sea level rise on essential military operations. A partnership of Local/State and Federal funding will be needed to advance the top rated projects emerging from these JLUS efforts.
 - Support State funding for the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund and the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund.

- Consider new State funding sources to address Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction requirements.
- Continuation of efforts to provide increased state funding for K-12 public education.
- Support appropriate funding of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund for housing programs and projects that preserve and produce affordable housing opportunities.
- Other potential topics that the HRPDC would like to discuss with Hampton Roads Caucus members include:
 - Tax Reform
 - Proffers
 - Broadband
- Admiral Craig Quigley, Executive Director of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA), provided an overview of the On-Land Wind Energy Siting Process and recommended legislation that called for coordination with the Department of Defense through this process.
- Hampton Roads Caucus members participated in a roundtable information exchange, noting other items of interest leading up the 2019 General Assembly session.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the HRPDC/HRTPO, the workshop adjourned at 12:05 p.m.