



Hampton Roads Planning District Commission October 17, 2019 Meeting Summary

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) held its regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, 2019. A summary of actions and discussions that took place at this meeting is provided below:

Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Due to the number of public comments received prior to the HRPDC meeting on this proposed project (approximately 200) the Commission took action to remove the discussion of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) from the agenda, and supported the HRPDC Chair's proposal to appoint a working committee to further research issues related to the proposed ACP. In addition to the public comments received prior to the meeting, the Commission received input from 23 speakers during the Public Comment Period regarding this proposed infrastructure project. The HRPDC Chair will work with the Executive Director to identify a working committee that consists of both urban and rural localities who will be impacted by any decisions related to this project.

Regional Legislative Agenda

The Commission took action to approve the Regional Legislative Agenda to convey to the General Assembly and Federal delegation issues of regional significance that should be addressed on behalf of the Hampton Roads region. This year's Regional Legislative Agenda addresses topics related to Coastal Resiliency, Offshore Wind, Economic Development Site Readiness, Broadband/Fiber, Chesapeake Bay, Urban Areas Security Initiative, K-12/Public Education and Housing.

Offshore Wind Opportunities

The Commission received an update on Offshore Wind Opportunities from HRPDC Senior Regional Planner Matt Smith. Offshore wind energy is a rapidly growing global industry poised for significant growth on the U.S. East Coast, bringing with it considerable economic and environmental benefits. Virginia has the potential to become a leader in this emerging industry. The HRPDC has taken action to help Virginia and Hampton Roads realize this opportunity by passing a resolution in support of offshore wind development and by partnering with the Northern Virginia Regional Council to call for the creation of a Virginia Office for Offshore Wind. HRPDC staff is also working closely with regional and state partners to position Hampton Roads as a hub for East Coast offshore wind development and related job opportunities.

Click the [HERE](#) to view the powerpoint presentation presented to the HRPDC and an [informational summary](#) prepared by HRPDC staff on the opportunities offshore wind offers for Hampton Roads and Virginia.



Election of Officers

Following a recommendation from the Commission’s Nominating Committee, the HRPDC voted unanimously to elect the following officers to continue in their position for the upcoming year:

Michael Hipple (James City County)	Chair
Andria McClellan (Norfolk)	Vice Chair
Randy Keaton (Isle of Wight County)	Treasurer
Robert Crum (HRPDC Executive Director)	Secretary

Other Items

- **Fiscal Year 2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grants**

The HRPDC took action to formally authorize the Executive Director to apply for and accept FY 2019 Homeland Security Funding. The following projects have been allocated to the HRPDC:

FY19 UASI	
Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Planning	\$173,250
Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Technical Analysis	\$210,000
MCI Transportation Package (Part I) - 4x Buses	\$336,000
MCI Transportation Package (Part II) – Off-road Ambulance	\$65,000
Personal Protective Equipment Replacement	\$98,000
All Hazards Regional Planner	\$100,000
Hampton Roads Regional Cybersecurity Assessment	\$150,000
Hampton Roads Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attacks	\$50,000
2020 THIRA SPR	\$60,000
FY19 SHSP	
MCI and MASS CARE Capability Sustainment	\$75,000
CBRNE Pharmaceutical Stockpile – Nerve Agent Antidote and Antibiotics	\$72,000

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission is scheduled for November 21 at 12:30 pm at the Regional Building located at 723 Woodlake Drive in Chesapeake.