

**Hampton Roads Transportation
Accountability Commission (HRTAC)
Summary Minutes of the October 16, 2014 Monthly Meeting**

The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) Monthly Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in the Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

HRTAC Voting Members in Attendance:

Alan P. Krasnoff, Chair	Mary Jones
Senator Frank Wagner, Vice Chair	Delegate S. Chris Jones
Paul D. Fraim	Senator Louise Lucas
Clyde Haulman	McKinley Price
Delegate Johnny Joannou	William D. Sessoms
Linda T. Johnson	George Wallace
Raystine D. Johnson-Ashburn *	Kenneth Wright
Dallas Jones	Delegate David Yancey

HRTAC Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Cathie France (Alternate)
Charlie Kilpatrick
John Malbon
Jennifer Mitchell

HRTPO Interim Executive Director:

Camelia Ravanbakht

Other Participants:

Tom Inglima
Deputy Secretary Grindly Johnson

HRTAC Voting Members Absent:

Byron Bailey
W. Eugene Hunt, Jr.
Donald Wiggins

HRTAC Ex-Officio Members Absent:

John Reinhart

* Late Arrival or Early Departure

Others Recorded Attending:

Ellis W. James, Pamela Jamieson, Donna Sayegh (Citizens); Jan Proctor, Earl Sorey (CH); Randy Martin (FR); Mary Bunting, Brian DeProfio (HA); Anne Seward (IW); Bryan Hill (JC); Brittany Forman, Marcus Jones, Bryan Pennington, Jeffrey Raliski (NO); Bryan Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Sherri Neil, John Rowe (PO); Randy Wheeler (PQ); Michael Johnson, Barry Porter (SH); Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Eric Nielsen (SU); Angela Bezik, Bob Matthias, Brian Solis, Jim Spore (VB); Jack Tuttle (WM); Rich Clifton (American Infrastructure); Diana McFarland (Daily Press); Jill Eyler (Delegate Bill DeSteph); Scott Forehand, Don Quisenberry, (eScribeSolutions); Bryan K. Stephens (Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce); Will Christopher (HRPTA); David Pickeral (IBM); Vince Mastracco (Kaufman & Canoles, PC); Generra Peck (Maguire Woods Consulting); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Rick Correa (Michael Baker International); John Gergely (Occupied Newport News); Deborah Brown, John Hendrickson (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Ronaldo T. Nicholson (Parsons Transportation Group); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PortsmouthCityWatch.org); Dennis Heuer (RK&K); Dianna Howard (VBTP, VBTA, TLP); Beth Arnold, Susan Cliche, Tony Gibson, Laurie Simmons (VDOT); Martha McClees (Virginia Beach Vision); Tara Rue (Virginia Tech Transportation Institute); David Forster (Virginian-Pilot); Amber Randolph, Brett Spain (Willcox & Savage); William W. Harrison, Jr. (Williams Mullen); Kelli Alredge, Melton Boyer, Nancy Collins, Greg Grootendorst, Randy Keaton, Mike Long, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC); Sam Belfield, Rob Case, Brian Chenault, Kathlene Grauberger, Danetta Jankosky, Mike Kimbrel, Kendall Miller, Joseph D. Paulus, Seth Schipinski, Chris Wichman (HRTPO);

Public Comment Period (*limit 5 minutes per individual*)

Mr. Bryan K. Stephens, President and CEO of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce conveyed support from his organization for HRTAC. Mr. Stephens also read and submitted a letter of formal endorsement from the HRCC of the Patriot's Crossing project.

Ms. Donna Sayegh, Portsmouth Citizen, addressed the HRTAC on HRTAC bureaucratic powers and thrifty spending of taxpayer money.

Ms. Dianna Howard, representative from VBTP, VBTA, and TLP, addressed the HRTAC on the need to have limitations on the amount of administrative fees that can come from the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund, and the congestion bottleneck at the HRBT.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky a representative from portsmouthcitywatch.org, addressed the HRTAC regarding the Interim Executive Director position for HRTAC, the Patriot's Crossing project, and the use of HOT/HOV lanes.

Minutes of the September 29, 2014 HRTAC Monthly Meeting

Senator Wagner Moved to approve the September 29, 2014 Summary Minutes with such revisions as are necessary to reflect the members of the Commission who were

present and the existence of a quorum; seconded by Mayor Fraim. The Motion Carried.

HRTAC Finance Committee Report by Senator Wagner

Senator Wagner began by stating that the preliminary budget passed at the last meeting had been referred to VDOT for a public hearing which had been scheduled on November 5, 2014 from 3 to 5 PM. He also noted that the RFP for financial services was moving forward and a preliminary copy that he will review and hopefully forward to the Finance Committee members, and available by request from Camelia Ravanbakht.

Tom Inglima discussed the Virginia State and Local Conflict of Interest Act and the application of that rule/law. He remarked that he has solicited information from HRTAC members regarding financial institution relationships. He went on to say that the RFP had been modified to require bidder disclosure of HRTAC member relationships. Finally, he said that he had worked with Senator Wagner to solicit an opinion on the issue from the State Attorney General.

There was a discussion about voting members need to recuse themselves from votes if/when an appearance of conflict of interest was present, and what impact that would have to the presence or absence of a quorum.

Mr. Wallace asked about the possibility of striking some deal with the State reducing the husbanding fees imposed by the State to hold HRTAC funds. Senator Wagner stated that an effort would be made, but that the regulations are codified, and also in the current economic environment it would be unlikely that the State would want to give up that revenue.

HRTAC Priority Projects

Mr. Charlie Kilpatrick gave a brief funding and delivery plan for some of the projects. Mr. Kilpatrick responded to one of Delegate Joannou's questions regarding the addition of even more lanes than currently projected. Mr. Kilpatrick responded by saying that he would get back with Delegate Joannou regarding the costs for that addition, but that the problem still exists where sufficient median may not exist to provide room for additional lanes. Mr. Kilpatrick went on to say that the current plans are budget driven, and that additional lane construction will have a significant cost.

Mr. Kilpatrick went into more detail about the procurement, construction, and delivery processes in general and with specifics for some of the projects such as the I-64 widening project and the three associated construction segments.

Mr. Kilpatrick went on to discuss the I-64/I-264 interchange project, the High Rise Bridge project, and the Patriot's Crossing with the Craney Island Connector project.

Delegate Yancey asked about the potential of additional lanes and widening of I-64 around Ft. Eustis Boulevard, and what problems would be associated with that process. Mr. Kilpatrick reiterated that there isn't enough median space to provide room for the additional unplanned lanes. Mr. Kilpatrick did go one to explain that the bottleneck funneling described by Delegate Yancey will go away once then next segment of the project begins.

Delegate Joannou described a bridge construction project in Portsmouth from several years ago, and the fact that it took four and a half years to complete what was contracted to be only a one year project. Mr. Kilpatrick described the older contracting methods used for that bridge and how that wouldn't happen with the new contracting methods used today which now include incentivizing and penalizing contractors the do not meet firm delivery dates. Mr. Kilpatrick went on to describe what the design/build method was, and the benefits of this method as compared to older contracting methods.

Senator Wagner asked about potential problems from the Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard, and other Federal entities. Mr. Kilpatrick gave a discussion regarding the issues as he could remember and the process to move through the issues. He noted that he would keep Senator Wagner informed.

Mr. Wright asked about timeframes and projected timeframes. Mr. Kilpatrick gave examples of what happens during the phases of construction and ball park estimates of completion times.

Chairman Krasnoff made a statement about receiving the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund report in a timely manner. Mr. Kilpatrick remarked that his organization would get that corrected.

Unfinished/New Business

No business was discussed.

Next Meeting

Mr. Fraim remarked that the next HRTAC Bylaw Committee meeting would be held on October 17, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

The next HRTAC combined Finance Committee / Technical Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

The Next HRTAC Monthly Committee meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014.

Ms. Linda Johnson Moved to make the time 12:30; seconded by Mr. Paul Fraim. The Motion Carried.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), the meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM

Alan P. Krasnoff
HRTAC Chair