

**Hampton Roads Transportation
Accountability Commission (HRTAC)**

Summary Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Monthly Meeting

The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) Monthly Meeting was called to order at 12:45 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
Paul D. Fraim	Delegate S. Chris Jones
Clyde Haulman	McKinley Price
W. Eugene Hunt, Jr.	William D. Sessoms
Delegate Johnny Joannou	George Wallace
Linda T. Johnson	Kenneth Wright
Dallas Jones	Delegate David Yancey

HRTAC Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Cathie France (Alternate)
Charlie Kilpatrick

HRTPO Interim Executive Director:

Camelia Ravanbakht

Other Participants:

Peter Huber
Deputy Secretary Grindly Johnson
Brett Spain
James Utterback

HRTAC Voting Members Absent:

Byron Bailey
Raystine D. Johnson-Ashburn
Senator Louise Lucas
Senator Frank Wagner, Vice Chair
Donald Wiggins

HRTAC Ex-Officio Members Absent:

John Malbon
Jennifer Mitchell
John Reinhart

* Late Arrival or Early Departure

Others Recorded Attending:

Robert Brown, Daniella Cossy, Stuart Goodpasture, Dennis Heuer, Ellis W. James, Kathleen McCarthy, Rhonda Murray, James Openshaw, Donna Sayegh, Tom Shepperd, Jeff Sullivan, Waverly Woods (Citizens); James Baker, Jan Proctor (CH); Randy Martin (FR); Brian DeProfio (HA); Anne Seward (IW); Bryan Hill (JC); Brittany Forman, Marcus Jones, Bryan Pennington, Jeffrey Raliski (NO); Britta Ayers, Bryan Stilley (NN); Sherri Neil (PO); Randy Wheeler (PQ); Michael Johnson (SH); Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Eric Nielsen (SU); Brian Solis, Jim Spore (VB); Jack Tuttle (WM); Teresa Langille (9/12, VBTA); Shannon Moody (American Infrastructure); Steve Schemmel (Bank of America Merrill Lynch); Mark Macintyre (CH2M Hill); Doug Martin (Corps of Engineers); Jamaal E. O'Neal (Daily Press); Scott Forehand, Don Quisenberry, (eScribeSolutions); Reid Greenmun (Hampton Roads Tea Party, Virginia Beach Taxpayer's Alliance); Tracy Baynard, Kathryn Reichel (KPMG); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Dave Thompson, Chuck Eastman, (Michael Baker International); John Gergely (Occupied Newport News); Nelson L. Bush (PFM Group); Deborah Brown, (Parsons Brinckerhoff); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (PortsmouthCityWatch.org); Tom Thornton (Portsmouth Tea Party Alliance); Zach LeMaster (Senator Tommy Norment); Matthew Ward (Suffolk News Herald); Robert K. Dean (Tidewater Libertarian Party); Dianna Howard (VBTP, VBTA, TLP); Susan Clizbe, Tony Gibson, Paula Miller, Dawn Odom, Laurie Simmons (VDOT); Martha McClees (Virginia Beach Vision); David Forster (Virginian-Pilot); Kelli Alredge, Melton Boyer, Nancy Collins, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Whitney Katchmark, Randy Keaton, Mike Long, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC); Rob Case, Kathlene Grauberger, Danetta Jankosky, Mike Kimbrel, Brian Miller, Kendall Miller, Joseph D. Paulus, Dale Stith (HRTPO);

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

Mr. Robert Brown spoke about the General Taylor Freeway alternative to some portions of the current plan.

Ms. Donna Sayegh spoke about liberty, the historical creation of municipal councils and the negative impacts of those councils, and the unnecessary proliferation of redundant agencies.

Ms. Dianna Howard suggested the creation of the HRTAC Citizens Advisory Committee via Bylaws changes, and requested that the Chair of the HRTAC Citizens Advisory Committee be welcomed to the monthly meetings and be given a vote. She closed by suggesting that Townebank should not be chosen as the bank for HRTAC.

Ms. Teresa Langille spoke next and suggested additional bylaws changes associated with the method of choosing the chair and vice chair based on population. She also spoke about being overly taxed.

Ms. Daniella Cousceau spoke about clarifying the specifics of what constitutes a quorum. She also spoke about a change to the bylaws to incorporate the creation of a Secretary position.

Mr. Reid Greenmun spoke about the inconvenient time of the scheduled meetings. He also spoke about bylaws changes to eliminate voice voting and look to adopt a weighted-voting option coupled with better regional decision making efforts.

Ms. Waverly Woods recommended another bylaws change that would require HRTAC to give residents the right to speak for up to 5 minutes on any agenda item, resolution, or motion.

Mr. Tom Thornton made another bylaws change recommendation associated with the selection of a HRTAC Executive Director, term limits, and removal of the director prior to term limit conclusion.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky discussed alternative transportation methods and suggested that business growth requires multi-modal solutions. He reiterated that you cannot pave your way out of congestion.

Minutes of the October 16, 2014 HRTAC Monthly Meeting

Mayor William Sessoms Moved to approve the October 16, 2014 Summary Minutes; seconded by Mayor Paul Fraim. The Motion Carried.

HRTAC Finance Committee Report by Vice Chairman Eugene Hunt

Mr. Hunt began by discussing the most recent Finance Committee meeting and the public comments collected at that time. He then proceeded with a summary of the budget, noting the changes made since the last budget was presented; the resulting 2015 budget was modified by reducing the number of staff for HRTAC.

He then recommended that the Finance Committee and TAC come together again to put together modeling scenarios.

Delegate Jones expressed some confusion as to the segmentation of the projects. Charlie Kilpatrick explained the intricacies that necessitated segmentation and the associated procurement process.

Delegate Joannou expressed confusion on the I-64 widening projects, route 199, and the continued use of HRTPO staff.

Mr. Hunt explained and Mr. Kilpatrick expanded on the explanations. Finally, Delegate Jones reiterated that using the HRTPO staff solution was a bridge until HRTAC is up and running.

Mr. Price asked about a potential delay to segment 2 of the I-64 widening project, and what could be done to limit the delays for that project. Mr. Kilpatrick explained that the plan was to send segment 2 for procurement in the spring of 2015. He also remarked that the contracting community is not interested in bidding on projects that aren't funded.

Next the discussion focused on funding, cashflow, bonding, and projections. Delegate Jones and Eugene Hunt gave additional information to the discussion.

Delegate Jones gave a concise review in response to additional confusion stated by Delegate Joannou of the proposed budget. He stated the different projects with the amount of money associated with the various projects. He stated that the board should move forward with the approval process so as not to interfere with the process that VDOT must observe.

Mr. Kilpatrick provided more information and insight into the process and the plan. He remarked that the models originally used were cash and carry models. He said that bonding could allow for acceleration of projects and/or addition of new projects.

Mr. George Wallace asked if the Finance Committee was planning to use the pay-as-you-go method, to which Mr. Hunt replied that the committee has concluded that the ability to bond will be necessary to complete the projects faster.

The discussion continued and it was succinctly put that the first segment of the I-64 widening project could be paid with cash if the bonding ability isn't in place in time.

There was significant confusion stated by many parties as to the nature of the current motion on the floor which had been changed, modified, changed again, and so on.

There was a concern that the Board was rushing to a decision, to which Delegate Jones remarked that they had been deliberating this for months, and he did not think that was in any way rushing the decision.

Delegate Joannou had a question about tolls and whether they were being voted on at this time, to which Mr. Hunt responded that they were not voting on tolls at this time.

Mr. Eugene Hunt Moved to approve 2015 Finance Plan with the costs of all of the projects and the suggested staffing change; seconded by Mayor Paul Fraim. The Motion Carried.

Next, Chair Alan Krasnoff inquired as to the status of the Attorney General's Opinion regarding Conflicts of Interest for Board Members with banking ties. Peter Huber and Brett Spain commented and stated that the Attorney General will only issue opinions on individuals. It was suggested that any Board Member with a concern should go through the process of requesting and getting an Opinion from the Attorney General.

Unfinished/New Business

There was not any new or unfinished business discussed.

Next Meeting

Mayor Clyde Haulman Moved to change the time of the next monthly meeting scheduled for December 18, 2014 to 10:00AM; seconded by Mayor Paul Fraim. The Motion Carried.

The Next HRTAC Monthly Committee meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC), the meeting adjourned at 2:31 PM

Alan P. Krasnoff
HRTAC Chair