

**Hampton Roads Transportation  
Accountability Commission (HRTAC)  
Summary Minutes of the June 16, 2016 Regular Meeting**

The Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC) Regular Meeting was called to order at 12:22 p.m. in the HRTPO Regional Board Room, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**HRTAC Members in Attendance:**

William Sessoms, Chair	Alan Krasnoff
Clyde Haulman, Vice Chair	McKinley Price
Kenneth Alexander	Christopher Stolle
Michael Hipple	Frank Wagner
Linda Johnson	George Wallace
Chris Jones	Jeffrey Wassmer
Dallas Jones	David Yancey

**HRTAC Executive Director**

Kevin Page

**HRTAC Non-Voting Members in Attendance:**

Charlie Kilpatrick  
Jeff Florin (alternate)

**Other Participants:**

Tom Inglima	Secretary Aubrey Layne
Grindly Johnson	James Utterback

**HRTAC Voting Members Absent:**

Rex Alphin	Raystine Johnson-Ashburn
Paul Fraim	Kenneth Wright
Eugene Hunt	

**HRTAC Non-Voting Members Absent:**

John Malbon	John Reinhart
Jennifer Mitchell	

\* Denotes Late Arrival or Early Departure

**Others Recorded Attending:**

James Baker, Earl Sorey (CH); Randy Martin (FR); Lynn Allsbrook, Donnie Tuck (HA); Sanford B. Wanner (IW); Jason Purse (JC); Spencer Norman, Brian Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Thelma Drake, Jeff Raliski (NO); Sherri Neil, Lydia Pettis Patton (PO); Kyle Cherry, Danna O'Connell, J. Randall Wheeler (PQ); Patrick Roberts (SU); Dave Hansen, Bob Matthias (VB); Cheryle Mack (BB&T); Beth Arnold (CH2M); Frank Papcin (CTAC); Theresa Clift (Daily Press); Don Quisenberry, Malcom Wise (eScribe Solutions and Veteran Reporters); Mark Osenbaugh (EV Williams); Anil Sharma (HNTB); Ross Grogg (Kemper

Consulting); Jim Long (RK&K); Bert Ramsay (Lane Construction); Tony Guaganti (Mayor Sessoms); Karen McPherson (McPherson Consulting); Gary Webb (Parsons Transportation); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky (Portsmouthcitywatch.org); Ellis W. James (Sierra Club and NEC Observer); Michael King (US Navy); Angel Deem, Tony Gibson, Paula Miller; Dawn Odom, Scott Smizik (VDOT); Tyson Rosser (VHB); Jordan Pascale (Virginian Pilot); Nancy Collins, Bob Crum, Randy Keaton, Mike Long, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur (HRPDC); Jennifer Coleman (HRTAC); Rob Case, Michael Kimbrel, Camelia Ravanbakht (HRTPO)

### **Call to Order**

Chair William Sessoms welcomed Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Aubrey Layne.

Secretary Layne, reviewed the benefits of the Smart Scale program to the region and stated Hampton Roads had received \$330 Million in allocations from the program. The Secretary indicated another opportunity for projects to receive Smart Scale monies will be September 30, 2016.

He identified the Port of Virginia's vital role in the region's economy indicating that the \$700 million investment is the largest investment in the Commonwealth's history. Additionally, he summarized the progress on the U.S. Route 460 project and briefed the Commission on Fast Lane Grants, a new federal grant program.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved for approval of the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Michael Hipple. The Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Frank Papcin, Virginia Beach resident, noted the difference between the salaries of Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads residents in regards to the affordability of tolls, and stated the region is making progress in addressing transportation issues, but still has room for improvement.

Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, Portsmouth resident, voiced his opinion on the pricing structure of the Midtown and Downtown tunnels and requested HRTAC acquire these projects.

### **Chair's Comments**

Chair Sessoms reminded Commission members that effective July 1, 2016, HB 1111 altered HRTAC enabling legislation, now requiring counties to appoint their members. Additionally, he indicated Senator Frank Wagner will continue as Finance Committee Chair and Mr. Rex Alphin as Vice Chair and appointed the following members to the Finance Committee:

- Mayor Kenny Alexander, Norfolk;
- Mayor McKinley Price, Newport News; and;
- Delegate Chris Stolle, Virginia General Assembly.

Chair Sessoms recognized the newly hired Executive Assistant, Ms. Jennifer Coleman and stated she will be HRTAC's designated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer, as required by new legislation effective July 1, 2016.

### **Consent Items**

#### **A. Minutes of May 19, 2016 HRTAC Regular Meeting**

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved for approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2016 HRTAC Regular Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Michael J. Hipple. The Motion Carried.

#### **B. Legal Structure for Future HRTF Revenue Bonds and FY 2017 HRTAC Meeting Schedule**

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved for approval of the Legal Structure for Future HRTF Revenue Bonds and the FY 2017 HRTAC Meeting Schedule; seconded by Commissioner Michael J. Hipple. The Motion carried.

### **Action Items**

#### **A. Election of FY 2017 Officers of the Commission**

Vice Chair Clyde Haulman announced Commissioner McKinley Price would present the Nominating Committee recommendations, due to the absence of Commissioner Kenneth Wright.

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved to reappoint Chair William Sessoms for an additional one (1) year term; seconded by Commissioner Michael J. Hipple. The Motion Carried.

Commissioner McKinley Price Moved to appoint Commissioner Michael J. Hipple for Vice Chair; seconded by Commissioner Alan Krasnoff. The Motion Carried.

#### **B. HRTAC Investment Policy**

Senator Frank Wagner, Finance Committee Chair, briefed the Commission on the updated HRTAC Investment Policy. He indicated the Finance Committee reviewed the document and it has been modified in a conservative nature to ensure taxpayer's monies are protected while maximizing returns.

Commissioner Linda Johnson Moved to approve the HRTAC Investment Policy; seconded by Vice Chair Clyde Haulman. The Motion carried.

#### **C. Amendment to the HRTAC Approved FY 2016-1017 Funding Plan, Route 460/58/13 Connector Improvements, Standard Project Services to Support Preliminary Engineering Phase**

Mr. Kevin Page, HRTAC Executive Director, explained the Commission is being requested to approve allocations of \$5 million for advancing the preliminary engineering phase for the 460/58/13 Connector Improvements project.

He stated the project monies will be allocated over the next five years and the motion includes, authorization for the Chair to move forward with counsel, staff, and VDOT to finalize and execute the agreement.

Commissioner George Wallace Moved for approval of the Amendment to the HRTAC Approved FY 2016-2017 Funding Plan, Route 460/58/13 Connector Improvements, Standard Project Services to Support Preliminary Engineering Phase; seconded by Commissioner Frank Wagner. The Motion carried.

**D. Amended and Restated Bylaws, First Reading**

Chair Sessoms noted the item did not require action currently, but HRTAC staff will be requesting Commission approval of the amended & restated bylaws at the September meeting.

Mr. Thomas Inglima, Willcox and Savage, reviewed the changes to the bylaws, which are required as a result of legislation passed in the 2016 Session which amends HRTAC's legislation. He reiterated Chair Sessoms' comments that this item was for informational purposes only, and action on this item will be taken at the September HRTAC meeting.

**E. High Rise Bridge Construction Project: Approval of Allocation of Funds for Standard Project Services to Support Right of Way and Construction Phase for I-64 Southside Widening and High Rise Bridge-Phase I, and Authorization to Prepare and Finalize Project Agreement**

Mr. Kevin Page, HRTAC Executive Director, acknowledged VDOT's efforts and thanked them for allowing the project to be broken into phases, which has allowed HRTAC to accomplish other projects simultaneously. Mr. Page projected having a final project agreement with VDOT in September.

Delegate Chris Jones commented the agreement needs to be in place by September 30, 2016 so the project can qualify for Smart Scale funds.

Commissioner Krasnoff Moved to approve the High Rise Bridge Construction Project: Approval of Allocation of Funds for Standard Project Services to Support Right of Way and Construction Phase for I-64 Southside Widening and High Rise Bridge-Phase I, and Authorization to Prepare and Finalize Project Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Linda Johnson. The Motion carried.

Secretary Layne reminded the Commission any smart scale monies spent on projects will be reimbursed and praised HRTAC for moving projects forward.

**F. Resolutions of Appreciation of Outgoing Members**

Chair Sessoms thanked the following members and acknowledged their contributions:

- Mayor Paul Fraim, Norfolk;
- Board of Supervisors Chair Dallas O. Jones, Southampton;
- Mayor Raystine Johnson-Ashburn, Franklin;
- Mayor Clyde Haulman, Williamsburg; and
- Mayor George Wallace, Hampton.

## 7. Information Items

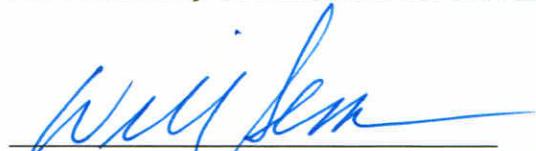
### A. HRTF Financial Report

Senator Wagner reported a balance of \$438,531,419.

### B. Next HRTAC Regular Meeting September 15, 2016.

## Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.



William D. Sessoms, Jr.  
HRTAC Chair