

CTAC Summary Minutes – 3/11/10

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization

March 17, 2010

Agenda Item #12-B



**Summary of the
Hampton Roads Citizen Transportation
Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting
March 11, 2010**

The Hampton Roads Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Hampton Roads CTAC Members:

William Harrison, Chairman (VB)	Kirsten Tynch (PO)
Kathy Corley (CH)	Kristen Wells (PO)
Roberta Edwards (CH)	Richard Green (SU)
Shepelle Watkins-White (CH)	Richard Bowie (VB)
Philip Olekszyk (GL)	Jerry Flowers (VB)
Michael Jones (IW)	John Malbon (VB)
Ricky Clifton (NN)	Delceno Miles (VB)
Sharyn Fox (NN)	Prescott Sherrod (VB) *
Howard Manly (NN) *	Ray Taylor (VB)
Randy Lassiter (NO)	Dewey Hurley (WM)
Randy Lougee (NO)	Henry Lewis (YK) *
Archie Whitehill (NO)	

Hampton Roads CTAC Members Absent:

Albert Stetz (HA)
James Openshaw (NO)

**Hampton Roads CTAC Members via
Teleconference:**

Yukari Hughes (NN)

HRTPO Staff:

Dwight Farmer
Carlos Gonzalez
Kathlene Grauberger
Jim Hummer
Camelia Ravanbakht

Other Participants:

Rod Ingram (VB City Attorney)
Eric Stringfield (VDOT) *

*Late arrival or early departure

Others Recorded Attending:

Terri Boothe (VB Citizen); John Gergely (NN Citizen); Betsy McBride, Todd Solomon (HRCCE); Amanda Christon (Norfolk Transportation Planner); Petey Browder (VB Tidewater Libertarian Party); Robert K. Dean (Virginia New Source); Reid Greenmun (VB Taxpayer's Alliance); Staff: Greg Grootendorst, Rob Jacobs, Keith Nichols, and Dale Stith.

Call to Order

Chairman Harrison welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Hampton Roads Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee. He stated the formation of the Committee was a groundbreaking event for the region. He further stated CTAC had the opportunity to engage the public and inform the HRTPO Board of its concerns.

Chairman Harrison informed the group that CTAC member, Ms. Yakuri Hughes, was participating via teleconference, and due to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), it was required for the Committee to vote to allow her participation. FOIA provides that in the event of an emergency, a member may request to be allowed to participate by phone. Chairman Harrison asked Ms. Hughes to state for the record the emergency that prevented her from attending in person and also where she was currently located. Ms. Hughes indicated that she had surgery the previous day, and per her doctor's orders, she could not leave her house. She noted her physical location as 868 Brompton Court in Newport News, VA 23608.

Ms. Miles Moved to allow Ms. Hughes to participate in the CTAC meeting via teleconference; seconded by Mr. Whitehill. The Motion Carried.

Chairman Harrison reminded CTAC that it was a public body and as such, governed by FOIA and the Conflict of Interest Act (COIA). The meeting was being electronically recorded and was also open to the press. He introduced Mr. Rod Ingram, City Attorney for the City of Virginia Beach, who has volunteered his time to assist CTAC with its bylaws and to answer any questions regarding FOIA and COIA.

Public Comment Period

One person requested to address CTAC. Chairman Harrison asked him to limit his comments to three minutes which was customary at the HRTPO Board Meetings since the CTAC bylaws were not yet established.

Reid Greenmun

I am very glad to see this board finally convened. It is a long time coming and it's a good thing. My name is Reid Greenmun and I'm the Vice-Chairman of the Virginia Beach Taxpayer's Alliance and I am a long time advocate of better transportation in Hampton Roads. I've reviewed your mission statement. We have a suggested, recommended substitute mission statement for you to consider. The primary thing that we as citizens felt the quadrennial review that the FTA provided for the MPO pointed out, was that our MPO had an abysmal