

May 28, 2010

Memorandum #2010-83

TO: 2034 LRTP Subcommittee

BY: Andy Pickard, Principal Transportation Engineer

RE: 2034 LRTP Subcommittee, June 2, 2010

Attached is the agenda for the **2034 Long-Range Transportation Plan (2034 LRTP) Subcommittee** meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at approximately 11:30am (immediately following the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting)**, in the **Regional Building, Conference Room D**.

AGENDA
HRTPO 2034 LRTP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Limit: 3 minutes per individual)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Outreach Plan for FY-2011
2. Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee
3. Prioritization: Assistance from Localities
4. Visualization using Google Earth
5. Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

ITEM #1: OUTREACH PLAN FOR FY-2011

A schedule of major outreach initiatives for FY 2011 will be reviewed by Mr. Carlos Gonzalez, HRTPO Public Involvement and Community Outreach Administrator, and Ms. Dale Stith, HRTPO Transportation Planner

ITEM #2: LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The HRTPO Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee met on May 13, 2010. The development of the Draft HRTPO Legislative Agenda for the 2011 General Assembly Session was discussed and items related to new funding sources will have an impact on the 2034 LRTP. A summary of the work-in-progress discussion will be provided by Mr. Andy Pickard, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer.

ITEM #3: PRIORITIZATION: ASSISTANCE FROM LOCALITIES

The development of the project prioritization and selection process and tool is nearing completion, with the final report due for approval by the HRTPO Board in July 2010. HRTPO staff has begun compiling the needed data to support the tool. However, staff will need assistance with some data items. Mr. Andy Pickard, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, will review what data is needed from the localities.

ITEM #4: VISUALIZATION USING GOOGLE EARTH

The candidate projects for the 2034 LRTP have been mapped using Google Earth to enhance the visualization of candidate projects. Mr. Benito Pérez, HRTPO Transportation Engineer, will provide a demonstration of this application.

ITEM #5: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2010, immediately following the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) meeting at the Regional Building, Boardroom D (723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320).

**Summary Minutes of the
Hampton Roads Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Subcommittee
April 7, 2010**

The Hampton Roads LRTP Subcommittee Meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

Members present:

Keith Cannady (HA)
Steven Hicks (JC)
Amanda Christon (NO)
Sherry Earley (SU)
Tim Cross (YK)
Jayne Whitney (HRT)
Richard Drumwright (WATA)
Anne Ducey-Ortiz (GL)
Jane Hill (IW)
Michael King (NN)
Joseph Carter (PQ)
Mark Schnauffer (VB)
Joe Swartz (DRPT)
Eric Stringfield (VDOT)

Members absent:

Joe Howell (Navy)
Reed Nester (WM)
Earl Sorey (CH)
Richard Hartman (PO)
Kevin Abt (VPA)

Others attending:

Ivan Rucker (FHWA)
Tom Slaughter (NN)
Mark Shea (CH)
Carl Jackson (NN)
Tony Gibson (VDOT)

HRTPO staff present:

Carlos Gonzalez
Benito Perez
Andy Pickard
Camelia Ravanbakht
Dale Stith



MINUTES

2034 LRTP SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010 AFTER TTAC

Meeting will be at the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. It will be held in HRPDC Conference Room D immediately following the completion of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Agenda: Meeting Started at 12:40 PM

1. Public comments – No public comments received.

2. Subcommittee Membership

A single person from each locality or member organization needs to be designated as the member of the LRTP subcommittee. Please provide who your designated person is to Dale Stith, Transportation Planner, by April 16th.

Mr. Andy Pickard reviewed the LRTP subcommittee attendance history in the past year, and has requested the membership to select one member to be their designate member on the subcommittee. Mr. Andy Pickard stated that anyone can come to the subcommittee meeting, but for administrative reasons, need to have a defined subcommittee membership list. Mr. Andy Pickard requested the membership to clarify their locality/agency designate representative to TPO Staff by 16 April 2010.

3. Preliminary Engineering Scan

The use of "Preliminary Engineering" projects in long-range transportation plans is a topic of importance as the 2034 LRTP is fiscally constrained. HRTPO staff reviewed its use in Virginia and selected MPOs outside of the state. Staff will provide an overview of what was found.

Mr. Andy Pickard opened up a presentation on Preliminary Engineering (PE), going over the need to explore the treatment of PE outside of the HRTPO. An overview of what PE is defined as was delivered. Mr. Pickard introduced the sample scanned MPOs to determine how other MPOs within and outside Virginia treats PE projects within their Constrained Long Range Transportation Plans (CLRPs). Ms. Dale Stith continued the presentation, providing an overview of Virginia MPOs and their treatment of PE projects in their plan. Most Virginia MPOs are active users of PE only projects within their CLRPs. Mr. Benito Pérez continued the presentation, discussing PE projects within national MPOs CLRPs. The findings from non-VA MPOs is not to designate PE only projects in their CLRPs. Exceptions emerged where funds are

being solicited by nonconventional sources (Defense Spending Authorization), or PE funding was partial for a project.

Mr. Thomas Slaughter inquired if partial PE projects were evident in the Virginia MPO scan. Ms. Dale Stith replied, stating only FAMPO has a documented partial PE project; all other Virginia MPOs fully fund PE only projects.

Mr. Steve Hicks inquired about if there was a requirement of PE having to reach the DEIS stage. Mr. Pickard stated he was not aware of a formal policy stating such a requirement. Mr. Andy Pickard stated that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is to set policy on the use of PE projects in the spring. Mr. Ivan Rucker, of the FHWA, added that the policy may visit the PE project issue from an attainment vs. non-attainment point of view. Mr. Ivan Rucker also added that the TPO is gambling with the use of partial PE; if the project cannot begin construction in ten years after PE starts, PE funds will have to be reimbursed.

Mr. Keith Cannady inquired as to what extent percentage wise was some PE project funding part of the overall CLRP. Mr. Benito Pérez revisited the Chicago example, where \$9.4 Billion of \$65 Billion (~ 14%; ~7% for PE) is allocated for PE and Studies. Mr. Michael King stated he liked the Chicago idea, stating that a percentage of funding should be set aside to allow flexibility for the study of future transportation needs and to advance significant projects. Mr. Keith Cannady made a point that there is no clear distinction as to the PE funding for PE specific work or studies specific work. Further study into funding allocation distinction between studies and PE is warranted. Mr. Eric Stringfield added how studies can use PL and RSTP funds, and may not necessarily need to be in the CLRP. Mr. Steve Hicks added to the discussion, expressing concern that PE isn't the only issue; another issue being Right-of-Way (R/W) acquisition authorization. Current VDOT programming policies authorizes R/W acquisitions when construction dollars are allocated. This process will require revisiting, as Mr. Steve Hicks states, since the "game has changed, so should the rules."

Mr. Cannady made a point how our funding needs have the TPO spread too thin. A cap on PE/study funding should be considered. Mr. Ivan Rucker offered the idea of extending the horizon year to take advantage of future revenues.

Mr. Mark Schnauffer offered the motion, stating that the TPO should consider allocating part of the LRTP budget to a movable target, preliminarily set at 5% towards non-construction studies. Non-construction studies consist of projects that will be in the CLRP that are not construction projects (i.e., PE, R/W, studies). Mr. Michael King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Keith Cannady inquired as to if scanned MPOs had a prioritized 10% list, in case additional funding comes up or budgeting for the future was off, and additional funding is freed up. Mr. Benito Pérez replied, citing the Sacramento MPO example, where their CLRP has a 10% Plus Constrained list. This list is approximately 10% over the constrained budget, listing a prioritized set of projects to consider if additional funding becomes available. San Diego has a section in their CLRP that covers unconstrained needs, but does not outline any prioritized list of projects within the unconstrained needs.

4. Procedures for Constraining the LRTP

Guidelines for fiscally constraining the 2034 LRTP will be of great assistance towards having efficient and effective discussions and outcomes in the Plan development. HRTPO staff intends to develop these guidelines for the June meeting and review the concept with the group.

Mr. Andy Pickard provided an overview of ideas for consideration for fiscally constraining the LRTP. Among the ideas presented included the following:

- Prioritization
- +10% list
- Review CMAQ/RSTP

Mr. Andy Pickard state that some research will have to be undertaken to look into strategies on how other MPOs nationally fiscally constrain their CLRPs. Furthermore, research into past fiscal constraint efforts taken by the TPO should be looked into.

Mr. Pickard also stated that the 2034 LRTP needs to allocate funding for non-fixed guideway transit, safety, bicycle & pedestrian, and other improvements to the regional transportation system.

Mr. Ivan Rucker offered a comment, stating that the TPO needs to be cognizant of not limiting themselves to predefined revenue streams. Ideas such as locality tax authority should be visited.

5. Transit in the 2034 LRTP

The 2034 LRTP will list fixed guideway transit projects individually in the plan while other transit projects will be grouped. This is based upon staff review and discussion at the October 2009 LRTP Subcommittee meeting. The transit fiscal data needed for the Plan will be reviewed by HRTPO staff.

Mr. Andy Pickard discussed how transit operations and maintenance funding needs to be factored into the 2034 LRTP. Mr. Richard Drumwright pointed out that WATA has developed and HRT is developing a Transit Development Plan (TDP), with a 6-10 year horizon. This TDP will go over systemwide operations and maintenance cost over the extent of the plan to the horizon year. It may not have a 20 year horizon such as the 2034 LRTP, but provides an overview of costs that could be appended to the 2034 LRTP.

Mr. Carlos Gonzalez made a point that the Transit Vision Plan is visiting this issue in their discussions, and their next meeting is April 22, 2010 @ VMASC in Suffolk, VA.

6. Update on Current Efforts

HRTPO staff will review the progress of current tasks.

Mr. Andy Pickard provided an overview of ongoing 2034 LRTP activities, including that of generating a Candidate Project list, currently under review by TTAC, generating revenue estimates (to be reviewed by the committee at the June meeting), the conclusion of the project prioritization tool development and subsequent application of the tool in the first half of FY 2011, current outreach efforts into schools and the future plans for 2034 LRTP outreach, and the preparation for SAFETEA Consultation procedures.

7. Next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010 immediately following the June TTAC meeting at HRTPO's office in Chesapeake.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 PM

