

Hampton Roads Transit Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting
2nd Floor Board Room
3400 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, Va.
Virtual Attendees via Zoom
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Work Session – Noon to 1:00
Regular Meeting 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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- 1. Call to order Welcome, introductions, and virtual guidelines
- 2. Approval of February Minutes
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Chairman's Report Mr. Troy Bowser
- 5. HRT Presentations and Updates
 - Sherri Dawson, Director of Transit Development
 - Connecting Chesapeake Study updates
 - Chesapeake service updates starting May 12, 2024
- 6. VIA Updates
- 7. Subcommittees' Reports
 - Service Quality Ms. Janice Taylor
 - Policy Ms. Courtney Stovall
 - Membership Mr. Tyrell Mullens
 - Training Ms. Wanda Boykins & Mr. Tyrell Mullens
 - Outreach Ms. Janice Taylor
- 8. Paratransit Operations & Certifications Reports
- 9. Old Business

Free Fare on Earth Day - April 22, 2024

- 10. New Business
 - Hello to Easton Coach Company
 - Free Fare on Earth Day Monday, April 22, 2024

The next Paratransit Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 PM in HRT's Second Floor Board Room at 509 East 18th Street, Norfolk, Va. and/or virtual format. (Actual location and format are subject to change)

Adjournment

Paratransit Advisory Committee February 14, 2024 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A quorum was attained and Committee Chair, Mr. Troy Bowser called the meeting to order at 12:59 PM.

Introductions were made.

Committee Members in Attendance

Annie Ascher, Extra Member Consumer - Virginia Beach (Zoom)
Troy Bowser, Chair, Newport News Consumer (Zoom)
Wanda Boykin, Chesapeake Consumer
Keith Ferguson, Hampton Consumer
Patricia Harvey, Newport News Provider (Zoom)
Delores Haywood, Portsmouth Consumer
Joann Mancuso, Virginia Beach Consumer (Zoom)
Mary Mathena, Virginia Beach Consumer (Zoom)
Jeff Raliski, HRTPO, Ex-Officio Position (Zoom)
Renè Rogers, Norfolk Consumer
Courtney Stovall, Hampton Provider (Zoom)
Janice Taylor, Virginia Beach Provider (Zoom)
Denise Wilkins, Hampton Consumer

HRT Staff in Attendance

Tammara Askew, Administrative Support Technician
Amy Braziel, Director of Contracted Services and Operational Analytics
Linda Caroll, Southside Bus Operator Supervisor
April Garrett, Sr. Executive Assistant (Zoom)
Malik Greene, Administrative Coordinator
Monica Hatcher, HR Program Support Specialist (Zoom)
Danielle Hill, Director of Human Resources (Zoom)
Keith Johnson, Paratransit Service Contract Administrator
Christina Malcolm, Human Resources Compliance Manager (Zoom)
Noelle Pinkard, Organizational Advancement Officer (Zoom)
John Powell, Telecommunications Specialist

Others in Attendance

Paul Atkinson Jr., Eggleston (Zoom) Fonita Babb, Eggleston Thomas Bryan (Zoom) Tiffney Burke Marcia Coleman-Smith (Zoom)
Shawna Hadnot
Uricka Harrison (Zoom)
Trinetta Hayes, Eggleston
Wray Herring, Paratransit Driver (Zoom)
Trevor Hunter, Z-Trip (Zoom)
Denise Johnson, TRAC Chair
Ina Kreps
Sherry Moltamore-Mallory, Norfolk Public Schools (Zoom)
Michael Ortiz, VIA
Catherine Tyler-Northan (Zoom)
Michael Williams, Representing Mikka Williams
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The February Paratransit Committee meeting package was distributed electronically to committee members in advance of the meeting. The meeting package consisted of:

- Agenda
- Committee Roster
- Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- Paratransit Advisory Committee Guidelines
- Paratransit Operations & Certifications Reports

Approval of October 11, 2023 Minutes

Ms. Janice Taylor will submit corrections to the meeting minutes at a future date. A motion was made to approve the October 2023 meeting minutes with Ms. Taylor's corrections by Ms. Mary Mathena and properly seconded by Ms. Annie Ascher.

Public Comment

Mr. Michael Williams voiced a recurring concern regarding his daughter's rides to the base. Mr. Williams stated that his daughter's rides are extremely late, and she is being left at work for hours without a way to get home. Mr. Williams stated that he feels like the more he complains, the more these instances occur. Mr. Williams expressed that he has reached out to multiple people, but nothing gets done. Mr. Williams questioned who will be accountable for the actions that are affecting his child.

Mr. Michael Ortiz stated that he and Mr. Williams had a sidebar conversation about his daughter's rides. Mr. Ortiz said that there have been issues with drivers getting access to the gate. Mr. Ortiz assured that members of his staff personally went to all bases to ensure that all access lists are updated and that all drivers have proper identification.

Action Item: Mr. Ortiz will talk to Mr. Williams after the meeting to rectify his daughter's rides.

There was discussion regarding how many drivers have access to the various bases.

Mr. Williams questioned customer service not following up with complaints. Mr. Williams stated that he never receives a call within 24-48 hours. Mr. Williams also stated that the eta changes every time he calls to check. Mr. Williams emphasized that over the past two weeks his daughter has only gotten 4 days of pay.

Mr. Ortiz stated that his team has been handling more complaints and assured that with the measures taken, service should improve.

Mr. Keith Johnson suggested that the Eggleston team set up a travel training for the Circulator that goes on base.

Mr. Williams voiced appreciation for Mr. Ortiz taking accountability.

Ms. Taylor questioned if a backup list for the base can be created in case drivers call out.

Mr. Ortiz stated that Norfolk Naval originally proposed 18 drivers in total. Mr. Ortiz explained that drivers were selected by looking at attendance/reliability and performance, so there is no need to depend on a secondary list.

Ms. Taylor mentioned Mr. Williams daughter being stranded and how one cannot wait 24-48 hours for a call back in urgent situations.

Mr. Ortiz explained that VIA will always try to find a ride, even though sometimes it may be severely late. Mr. Ortiz said there have been unconventional means, i.e. uber, to make sure a rider gets transported. Mr. Ortiz stated that major complaints will be flagged and go to his team, so they are able to make contact and rectify the situation as fast as possible.

Ms. Amy Braziel stated that there are policies and procedures in place if a rider is stranded. Ms. Braziel explained that when calling reservations, there is a process that VIA goes through to flag and send to the local office immediately if a rider is stranded. Ms. Braziel emphasized the difference between a late ride and being stranded.

There was discussion regarding Z-Trip.

Ms. Uricka Harrison stated that she called reservations today to check on the rides she scheduled for Friday and Saturday, as well as her recurring rides for Wednesday and Sunday. Ms. Harrison explained that the automated system told her she didn't have any rides scheduled, but when she spoke to a reservationist, they were able to see the rides that she booked. Ms. Harrison said a similar situation also happened to her a month ago, but that time she was told she didn't have a ride and was never able to get one.

Mr. Bowser stated that Ms. Harrison's issue will be addressed in Service Quality.

There was discussion regarding getting more drivers to work.

Mr. Thomas Bryan voiced a complaint regarding rides coming from Norfolk to get him from Fort Eustis. Mr. Bryan stated that there have been instances when his rides have been 2-4 hours late. Mr. Bryan emphasized that he would like to see better service, especially for those who have conditions that make it difficult for them waiting alone outside of buildings after hours. Mr. Bryan stated that waiting outside of buildings after they close is a safety concern.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Troy Bowser

Mr. Bowser declared that in the past couple of months the number of complaints received has decreased tremendously. Mr. Bowser stated that although less complaints are being received, the complaints that are being received are the same issues, such as riders being picked up late. Mr. Bowser stated that riders have not been receiving the 5–15-minute notifications.

Mr. Johnson stated that Ms. Rogers and Ms. Boykins have also stated they are not receiving notifications.

Action Item: Mr. Johnson will open a ticket for VIA to investigate.

Mr. Bryan and Ms. Taylor also stated that they are not receiving notifications.

Mr. Wray Herring voiced some of his concerns as a TNC driver.

Action Item: Mr. Ortiz will call Mr. Herring to discuss his concerns.

Ms. Noelle Pinkard requested support for HRT working with Congress to get additional operating funding over the next two years. Ms. Pinkard stated this funding will help with infrastructure, investing more money into operations, and particularly financing for a legislative study that will look at multimodal transportation needs throughout Hampton Roads, not just specifically HRT, but also including WATA (Williamsburg Area Transit Agency) and Suffolk Transit. Ms. Pinkard stated there is not a bill for these requests, but they are working to get these items included in the committee report which is released on February 18, 2024. Ms. Pinkard stated that she will send Mr. Johnson two letters of support, one for the committee and one that is individualized, so that these letters can be sent to Congress.

Ms. Taylor mentioned that the U.S. Department of Transportation has a list of grants online that may include multimodal transportation.

VIA Updates

Mr. Ortiz reported on VIA updates as enclosed in the appendix of these minutes.

There was discussion regarding how many drivers are currently employed and if Z-Trip helps when there are shortages.

There was also discussion regarding the number of vehicles on the northside/southside, the number of drivers available during certain times, why some drivers go from northside to southside, and driver training.

Subcommittee Reports

Service Quality – Ms. Janice Taylor

Ms. Taylor mentioned an instance where she did not know the TNC driver arrived due to no sign being displayed on the vehicle and not receiving any notifications. Ms. Taylor also voiced a concern regarding a ride that took place on February 6, 2024, where the driver did not exit the van, had a faulty lift, and told her she did not have to assist her because it is not in her profile.

Ms. Taylor informed the committee that Mr. Bryan offered advice about information to access the base.

Ms. Harrison reiterated the issue she brought up during Public Comment with the automated system not showing her booked rides.

Mr. Bowser inquired if reservation numbers are given out when rides are booked.

Mr. Johnson stated that there is a ride request number that can be given out.

Ms. Mathena said on February 12, 2024, she was sitting beside another rider (Linda Midgett-Southard) that did not receive any notifications. Ms. Mathena also stated that another rider's (Karen Brown) rides were late on February 5, 2024, and February 12, 2024. Ms. Mathena mentioned the situation that happened to her on December 8, 2023, when she was stuck outside of the library after it closed due to a late ride. Ms. Mathena inquired why she couldn't get a ride with other riders that were leaving the library as well.

Mr. Ortiz verified what Ms. Mathena said and stated that his team is starting to call riders when rides are running late to let them be aware. Mr. Ortiz informed that this would allow his team to find another ride or contact Z-Trip.

Ms. Moltamore-Mallory stated that she would like the opportunity to develop one line of communication for Norfolk Public School students. Ms. Moltamore-Mallory said that their students are cognitively impaired as well as minors. Ms. Moltamore-Mallory mentioned that since there are multiple staff members responsible for the students, they would like one point of contact for when rides are late. Ms. Moltamore-Mallory inquired if one number could be put on Norfolk Public School students' profiles so that they can be contacted if rides are late.

Action Item: Mr. Ortiz will get Ms. Moltamore-Mallory's contact information.

Policy

There were no new policy updates provided.

Membership – Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated that Ms. Joann Mancuso will be moved from Virginia Beach Provider to Chesapeake Provider due to the service she works for being in Chesapeake.

Action Item: Mr. Johnson will reach out to Mr. Thomas Vann regarding membership.

Mr. Johnson expressed Ms. Moltamore-Mallory's interest in joining the committee.

Mr. Johnson informed the committee that there is an opening for a Portsmouth Provider.

There was discussion regarding expiring terms.

Mr. Johnson stated that Ms. Taylor is back on the committee as of today.

Training - Ms. Wanda Boykin

Ms. Boykin stated that the last Driver/Sensitivity training was done on January 27, 2024, and January 28, 2024.

Mr. Ortiz mentioned another training possibly being in July.

Action Item: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bowser will plan the next customer outreach at Insight.

Outreach – Ms. Janice Taylor

Ms. Taylor stated that she represented Paratransit riders and the Committee as a part of the HRT campaign called "Why I Ride."

Ms. Taylor informed the committee of Transit Equity 2024 - Moving Forward Together: Navigating Equity in Transportation on February 15, 2024. Ms. Taylor stated that they will be talking about transportation resources, dignity, access, labor rights, and social mobility.

Ms. Taylor gave an update on the State of Transit Event: Transit Means Business.

There was discussion regarding the State of Transit Event.

There was also discussion regarding the Transit Equity Day event on February 5, 2024.

Ms. Taylor gave thanks to Ms. Braziel, Mr. Benjamin Simms, and Mr. Johnson for the State of Transit event.

Paratransit Operations and Certifications Report

Mr. Johnson reported on Paratransit Operations and Certifications as enclosed in the meeting package.

Ms. Fonita Babb voiced a concern with drivers having no base access and dropping riders off at the commissary, leaving them to walk.

Old Business

Ms. Braziel stated that an active procurement is ongoing for new Paratransit service that will take effect around the July timeframe. Ms. Braziel also informed the committee that Mr. Johnson is retiring by the end of June.

Ms. Taylor inquired if the committee is following the Transportation District Commission meeting protocols.

Ms. Braziel declared that these meetings should be following those protocols and will start adjusting.

Ms. Taylor mentioned committee members reading the updated guidelines and expressed getting riders to become a part of the committee.

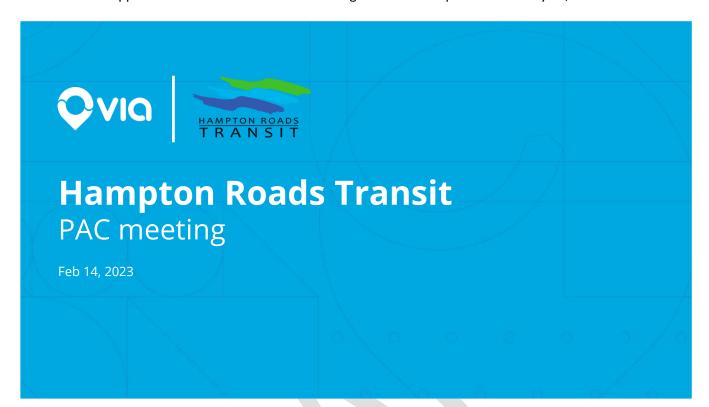
New Business

Mr. Johnson stated that he sent an invite out for the Ferry ribbon cutting on February 16, 2024.

Mr. Bowser adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM.

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Submitted by Malik Greene, Paratransit Administrative Coordinator





Follow up from the PAC



- Intro
- Service Review Michael Ortiz
- Vehicle Updates Javier Rodriguez
- Driver / Training Updates Josh Swann
- Using the App Michael Ortiz





Service Updates



	Trip g&:Պო ଡ଼ി¢%d	Pickup/Dropoff On-Time - Performance	Average trip duration	22 min
Jan	27.3k 90%			23 min
Dec				
Nov	31.6k 90%			26 min
Oct	33.3k 87%			26 min

Areas we are focusing on:

- Better communication
 - Calling riders about rides
- Better Process
 - TOS Retraining Base Passes
- Better Capture

 - Credit Card Control
- Better results
 - Better OTP

 - Better distribution of riders Less calls /complaints





Driver Training / Driver Acquisition/Vehicles



Vehicles

- Total Fleet: 100
- Total SS 79
- Total NS 21
- Maintenance/Compliance
 - The HRT fleet remains 100% compliant with PMs and state inspection requirements. Shift Transit's main effort remains on ensuring all vehicles are safe to operate in a high operational tempo while addressing common concerns such as wheelchair lifts.





- Driver hiring We are still onboarding new drivers and have maintained two training classes per month. We look to continue this trend to accommodate current demand and any increase in demand we see.
- Refresher training We held a successful refresher course on January 27th and 28th where
 we addressed issues such as, greeting the riders, assisting with boarding the vehicles,
 waiting on riders windows to start, contacting drivers center with any issues contacting
 riders at pick up, securments, and safe driving.





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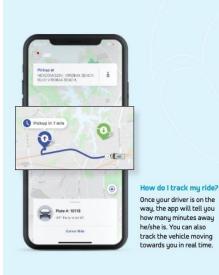
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How do I log into my account?

Click on the **Login** button. Your HRT ID is your username. Click **Retrieve Password**. We will send you a text message and a phone call with a password to login.

How do I book a ride?

Enter your pickup and dropoff addresses, and choose **Depart at** or **Arrive by** time. Select your travel reason. Choose from the series of ride proposal windows.



How do I see all of my pre-scheduled rides?

Head to the app menu by tapping the top left corner of your screen. Click on Scheduled Rides.

How do I cancel a ride?

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Learn how to get started at: gohrt.com/paratransit/app







Until the last day.







A STUDY OF HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT

Connecting Chesapeake

A Study of High-Capacity Transit

Presentation to HRT's Paratransit Advisory Committee

April 10, 2024



Welcome







A STUDY OF HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT

Hampton Roads Transit is collaborating with the City of Chesapeake to explore high-capacity transit options that enhance the City's economy, align with future growth plans and improve connectivity to the regional transportation network.



Agenda



- Background
- Study Overview
- Schedule
- Public Engagement
- Tier 1 Alternatives
- Next Steps
- Thoughts and Input











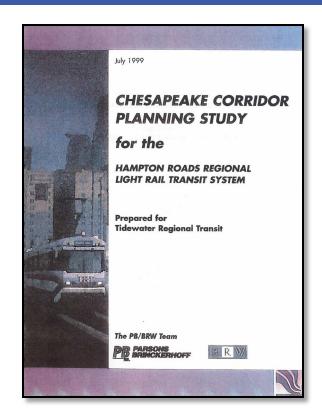


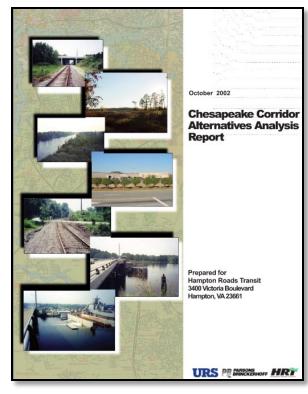


Background

- Previous studies conducted in 1999 and 2002
- Example 2015 A Key finding:

 Land development patterns in the City did not support a high-capacity transit investment at that time.



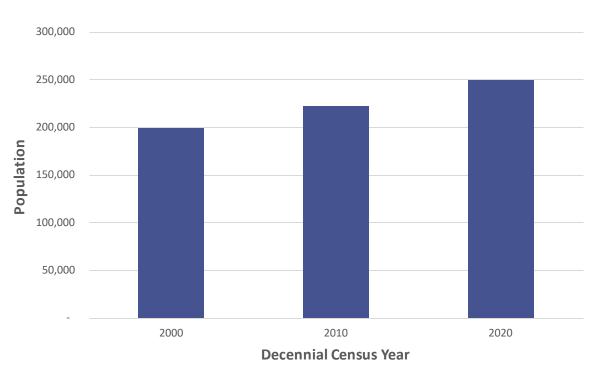






- Since 2000 the population has grown by **25.2 percent** from 199,184 to 249,422 people.
- Ohesapeake is the second largest city in the Commonwealth of Virginia, surpassing Norfolk.

Population of the City from 2000 to 2020



Source: United States Census Bureau, Decennial Census





Study Overview



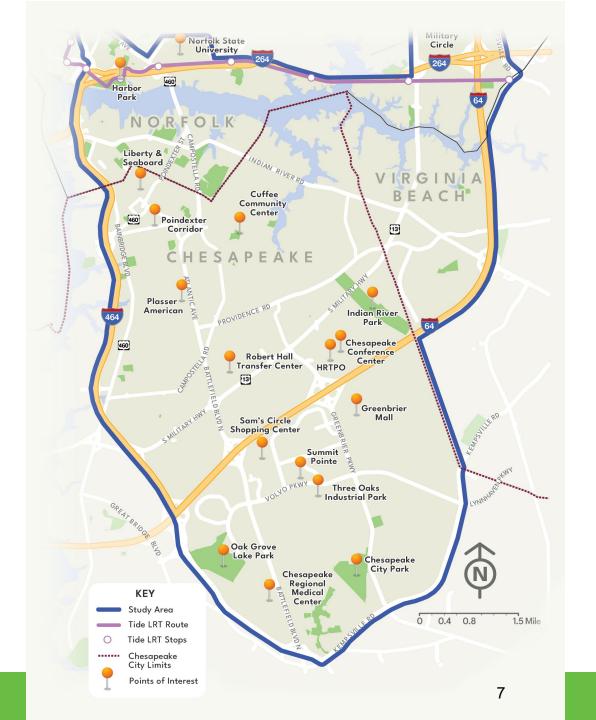
Study Area











Study Overview







- Define the purpose & need for high-capacity transit
- Identify, screen, and evaluate the feasibility of alignment and technology alternatives
- Refine concepts for most cost-effective alternatives and select an alternative that can be carried into the next phase of the FTA Capital Investment Grant program

Study Purpose





Improving connections between Chesapeake and the greater Hampton Roads area



Providing transit service that offers an alternative to SOV



Improving Chesapeake's transportation network to enhance the City's economy



Providing a sustainable transportation alternative



Reducing auto-dependency





- Can travel in its own dedicated right-of-way.
- Can include technologies that prioritize transit vehicles to improve mobility and operations.
- Makes **fewer stops**, travels at **higher speeds**, has more **frequent service**, and **carries more people** than local bus service.



Express Bus

Bus service that makes fewer intermediate stops and operates in mixed traffic or HOV managed lanes.



Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Bus service that operates in mixed traffic or its own lane. Technologies can be incorporated to prioritize BRT.



Light Rai

Electrified service that uses a steel-tracked fixed guideway and operates primarily along an exclusive right-of-way.

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Methodology Evaluation of Alternatives





TIER 1 ALTERNATIVES

Develop multiple conceptual alignment alternatives connecting Greenbrier Town Center Area to the wider Hampton Roads Service area.

TIER 1 SCREENING

Evaluate whether the Tier 1 alternatives meets the Purpose and Need of the project. This qualitative analysis will identify the most viable Tier 2 alternatives.

TIER 2 ALTERNATIVES

Develop the most viable Tier 2 alternatives by completing ridership forecasting, right-of-way analysis, traffic analysis, and corridor/street modification analysis.

TIER 2 SCREENING

Evaluate the performance of the Tier 2 alternatives by based on the criteria developed by stakeholders.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES

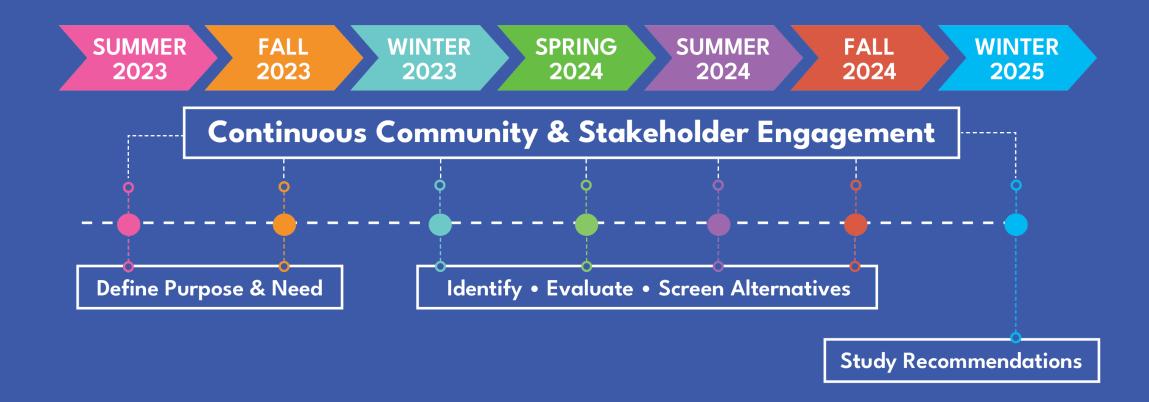
Recommend an alternative that can be further developed in the next phase of the FTA CIG program.





Study Schedule









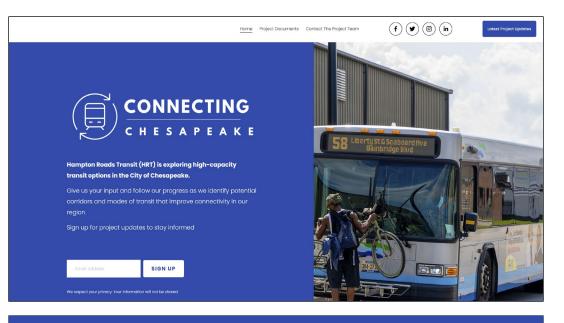
Public Engagement



Public Engagement









Public Engagement Round 1: October 2023

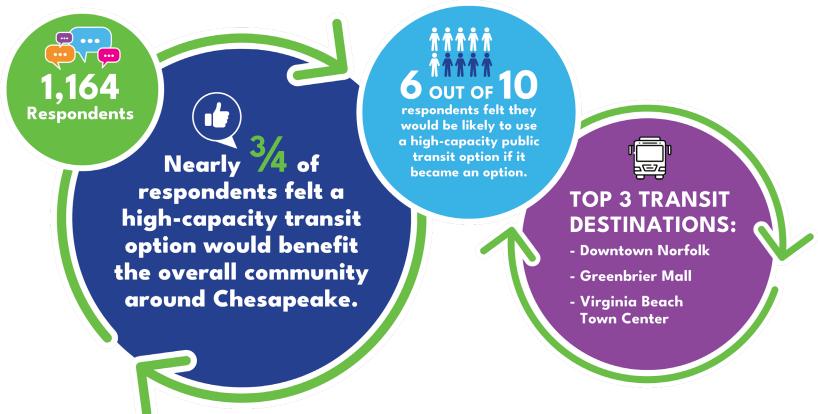
- Public Meeting: Hyatt Place -Chesapeake/Greenbrier October 17, 2023
- Pop-Up Event: Robert Hall Transfer Center October 18, 2023
- Public Meeting: South Norfolk Memorial Library October 19, 2023





Public Engagement Survey: Dec. 15 - Jan. 16

What We Heard...



Public Engagement Survey: Key Insights



Public Engagement Upcoming Events and Community Outreach

- Share preliminary alternative routes and seek public and stakeholder input
- April and May 2024
- Pop-ups and street teams
- Small Group and Stakeholder Meetings
- Online and printed versions of alternative maps
- Survey public input on alternatives
- Facebook Livestream event



Public Engagement Upcoming Events and Community Outreach



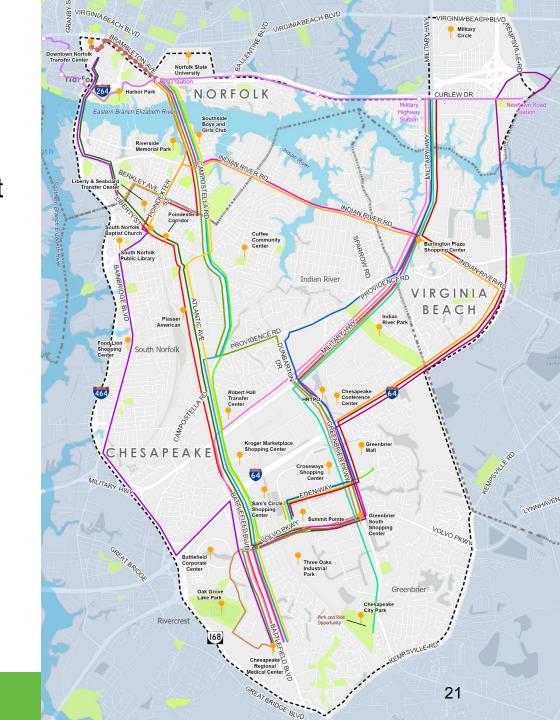


Tier 1 Alternatives



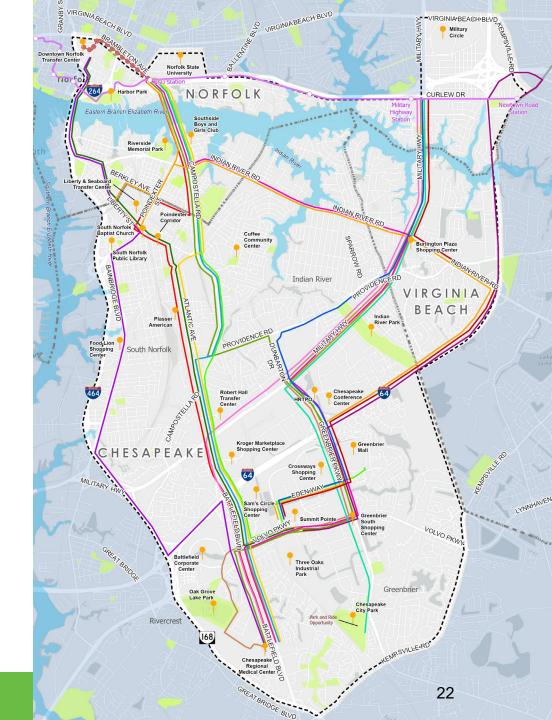
Tier 1 Alternatives

- Tier 1 evaluation includes 16 conceptual alignment alternatives connecting activity centers within Chesapeake and to the wider Hampton Roads service area
- Alternatives use existing streets and highways
- Most start in the vicinity of Summit Pointe or Chesapeake Regional Medical Center
- End near Downtown Norfolk or Military Highway Light Rail station or Newtown Road station
- Transit mode (BRT/LRT/Express Bus) will be evaluated in Tier 2



Tier 1 Alternatives

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Medical Center - Downtown Norfolk	MC-DN - 4				
	MC-DN - 5				
	MC-DN - 6				
	MC-MH – 1				
Medical Center - Military Highway Station	MC-MH - 2				
, ,	MC-MH-3				
Summit Pointe - Downtown Norfolk	SP-DN – 1				
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Summit Pointe - Newtown Road	SP-NR – 1				
Chesapeake Park - Military Highway Station	CP-MH - 1				
Greenbrier Mall - Downtown Norfolk	GM-DN – 1				
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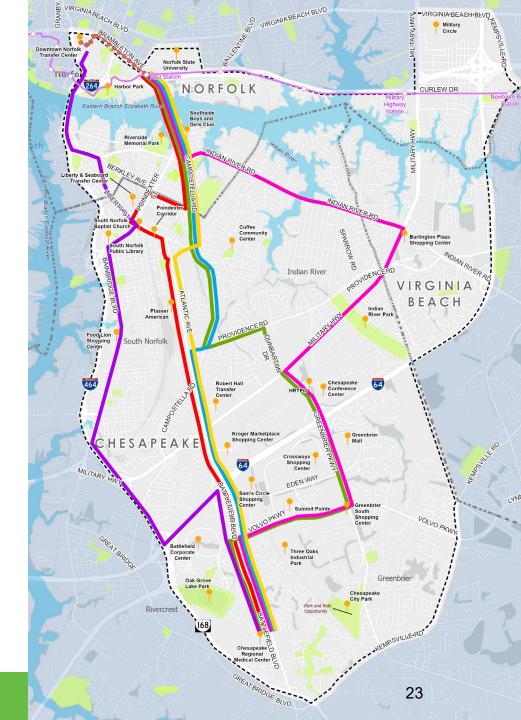




Medical Center - Downtown Norfolk (MC-DN) Options

Medical Center - Downtown Norfolk

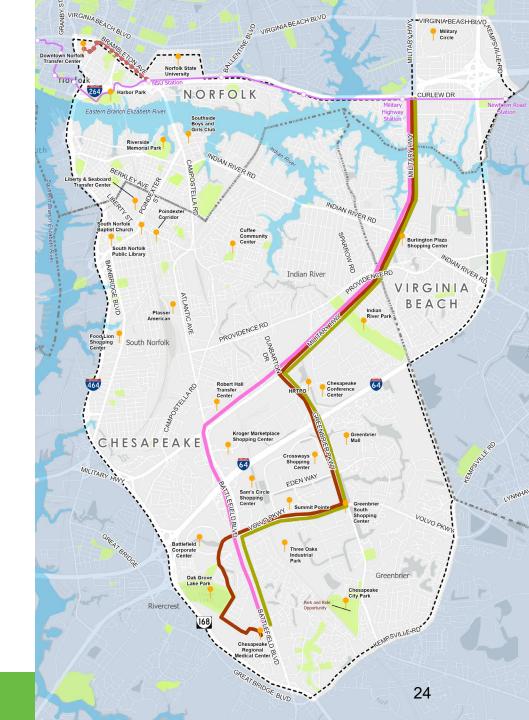
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Medical Center - Military Highway Station (MC-MH) Options

Medical Center - Military Highway Station

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MC-MH-2	
MC-MH-3	

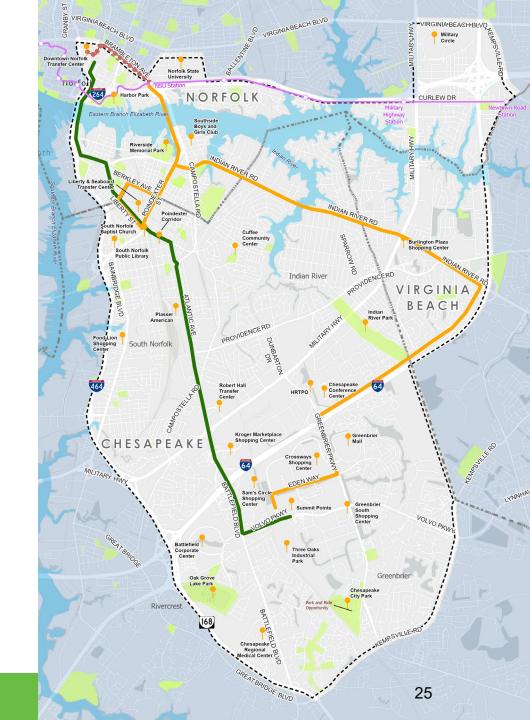


Summit Pointe - Downtown Norfolk (SP-DN) Options

Summit Pointe - Downtown Norfolk

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SP-DN - 2



Summit Pointe – Newtown Road (SP-NR) Option

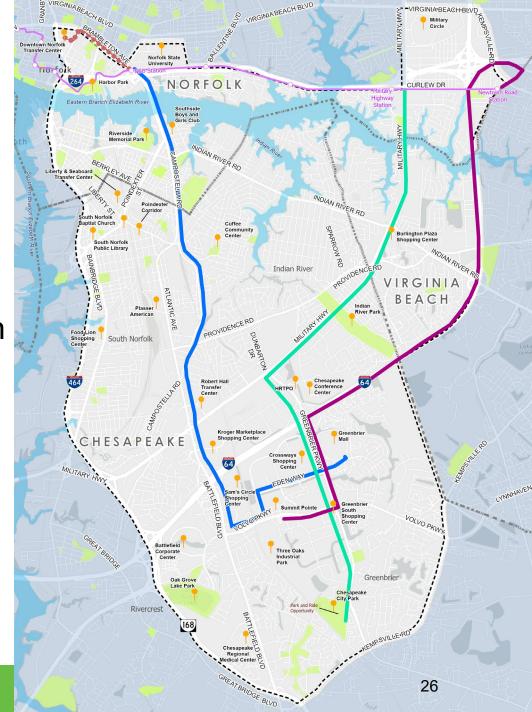
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Chesapeake Park – Military Highway Station (CP-MH) Option

Chesapeake Park - Military Highway Station | CP-MH - 1

Greenbrier Mall – Downtown Norfolk (GM-DN) Option

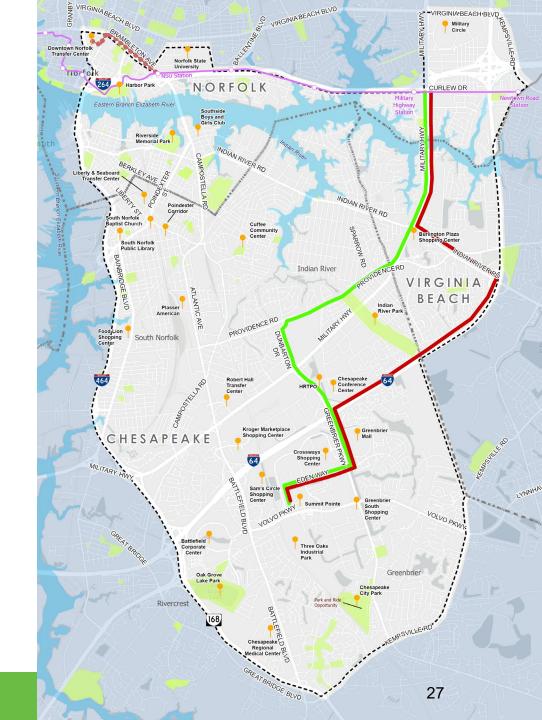
Greenbrier Mall - Downtown Norfolk GM-DN - 1



Summit Pointe - Military Highway Station (SP-MH) Options

Summit Pointe - Military Highway Station

SP-MH - 1 SP-MH - 2



Next Steps

- Complete the Tier 1 Screening Process
- Continued public involvement activities
 - April May Pop-ups, Small Group Meetings
- Select two or three alternatives for Tier 2 Screening
 - Cost
 - Ridership
 - Mode
 - Impacts to adjacent properties
 - Traffic impacts
- Recommend up to two preferred alternatives to City Council for approval











Additional thoughts, input and comments.





Thank You!





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Hampton Roads Transit PAC meeting

April 10, 2024





- Intro
- **Service Review Michael Ortiz**
- **Vehicle Updates Javier Rodriguez**
- **Driver / Training Updates Josh Swann**
- **Introducing Easton Coach**







	Trips completed	Pickup/Dropoff On-Time-Performance	Average trip duration
Mar	30k	91%	23 min
Feb	28k	92%	22 min
Jan	28k	91%	22 min
Dec	27K	90%	23 min

Areas we are focusing on:

- Shooting for 95% OTP monthly avg.
- Seamless transition with Easton Coach (more to follow on this!!)
- Continuing an open line of communication with our riders to the best of our ability
- **Still battling Credit Card failed payments**
- Doing the right thing, even when no one is looking







Vehicles

- Total Fleet: 100
- Total SS 76
- Total NS 24
- Maintenance/Compliance 0
 - The HRT fleet remains 100% compliant with PMs and state inspection requirements. Shift Transit's main effort remains on ensuring all vehicles are safe to operate in a high operational tempo while addressing common concerns such as wheelchair lifts.
 - Shift Transit conducts routine emissions tests on every vehicle in the HRT fleet to quarantee the safety of both drivers and passengers, as well as to adhere to OSHA regulations.





- Driver hiring We are still onboarding new drivers and have increased training classes to every week. In the last 2 months we have added 11 drivers. We still continue to see about a 50% drop rate due to background checks and other matters.
- Train the Trainer- We are looking at dates for a Train The Trainer class at the end of April to increase our pool of trainers we will need for the increase of candidates we are interviewing and brining on.
- New Face of Training- We have changed the face of training. Our new trainer has over 14 years of experience and has maintained a good standing with the company since day one. We look for her to do great things and for her experience to reflect on the way our new drivers interact with our riders.





Introducing Easton Coach!!!









Grant Holsinger - Regional Vice President





Paratransit Certification Report 04/10/2024 February and March

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2 Month Totals	February	Prior Year	March	Prior Year
Applications	124	85	94	114
Processed - 218	(+45.9%)		(-17.5%)	
New Certifications 173	99	70	74	89
Re-Certifications 36	19	13	17	21
Denials 9	6	4	3	4
Number of Eligible Clients	7,524 (+16%)	6,485	7,590 (+15%)	6,568
Number of Clients Using the Service	2,125 (+6.4%)	1,998	2,184 (+7.3%)	2,036
Number of eligible clients who did not recertify – 17	9	3	8	8
Sanction Notifications Sent	0	0	0	0
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	Filed – 1 Amended – 0 Overturned by Upheld by Pan			
4th Quarter Client Suspensions Served 0	4 th Quarter (2023) Sanction Appeals			1st Quarter (2024) Sanctions (Estimated)
0 – 7 day 0 – 14 day 0 – 21 day 0 – 30 day	Filed - 0 Amended - 0 Overturned by Panel - 0 Upheld by Panel - 0 Waived Suspensions - 0			382



Paratransit Call Center Performance Report 04/12/2023 February and March

	February	Prior Year	March	Prior Year
Total Incoming Calls	18,979 (+11.9%)	16,948	19,117 (+1.9%)	18,757
Calls Handled	16,118 (+12.7%)	14,297	16,640 (+4.1%)	15,989
Calls Abandoned (after 15 seconds)	1,598 (+236.4%)	475	1,166 (+125.9%)	516
% of Incoming Calls Successful	85.89%	85.84%	88.06%	86.48%
Average Speed to Answer Reservations	41.92 seconds	47.74 seconds	31.85 seconds	50.78 seconds
(Goal 90 seconds)	Daily average ranges were 12.5 to 197.9 seconds	Daily average ranges were 17.1 to 165 seconds	Daily average ranges were 15 to 65.7 seconds	Daily average ranges were 14.4 to 132.2 seconds



Paratransit Operations Performance Report 04/12/2023 February & March **Prior Year Prior Year** March **February** 90.30% **Pickup OTP** 90.80% 88.33% 87.10% (Goal 95%) **Drop-Off OTP** 91.94% 92.48% 92.03% 93.52% (Goal 95%) **Trips** 38,796 34,145 40,786 39,457 Requested (+13.6%)(+3.4%)**Trips** 28,701 25,784 30,104 29,859 **Performed** (+11.3%)(+0.8%)5,152 **Trips** 4,894 6,122 7,166 Cancelled in (12.6%)(12.6%)Advance 2,389 1,852 2,594 **Customer Trip** 2,021 **Violations** (8.3%)(8.6%)(NS/CD/LC) 326 387 250 411 **Trips** Cancelled For (1.1%)(0.8%)Cause 23.04 25.88 23.62 26.08 **Average Customer Trip** minutes minutes minutes minutes **Travel Time** Peak # of 99 106 85 88 65 Fleet 59 Fleet 65 Fleet Vehicles 55 Fleet **Scheduled** 1 Taxi 1 Taxi 1 Taxi 2 Taxi **39 TNC** 33 TNC 28 TNC **29 TNC**

8,686

11,190

(+7.4%)

10,421

Number of

Paratransit

trips taken on Fixed Route

9,622

(+10.8%)