



## Meeting of the Planning and New Starts Committee

Thursday January 23, 2025, 12:00 noon.  
3400 Victoria Blvd Hampton VA 23661  
HQ Boardroom, – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
In-Person & Hybrid (Zoom)

### **Call to Order.**

A quorum was attained, Chairwoman Ross-Hammond called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **Committee Members**

Commissioner Ross-Hammond, Virginia Beach  
Commissioner Johnson, Chesapeake  
Commissioner Goodwin, Portsmouth

#### **Commissioners in attendance:**

Commissioner Woodbury, Newport News  
Commissioner Stevenson, Norfolk

#### **Hampton Roads Transit Staff**

Ray Amoruso, Chief Planning and Development  
Tammara Askew, Administrative Support Technician (Zoom)  
Anthony Clemons, Sr. Client Technology Specialist  
Amy Braziel, Director of Contracted Services and Operational Analytics  
Rodney Davis, Director of Customer Relations  
Sherri Dawson, Director of Transit Development  
William Harrell, President and CEO  
Julee Martin, Sr. Transit Planner (Zoom)  
Carleen Muncy, Executive Assistant (Zoom)  
Noelle Pinkard, Organizational Advancement Officer (Zoom)  
Michael Price, Chief Technology Officer  
Luis R. Ramos, Senior Executive Administrator/Commission Secretary  
Brian Smith, Deputy CEO  
Robert Travers, HRT Corporate Counsel

The Planning and New Starts meeting package was distributed electronically to all Commissioners in advance of the meeting. The meeting package consisted of:

- Meeting Memo
- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes

**Approval of June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the June 27, 2024, minutes was made by Commissioner Woodbury and properly seconded by Commissioner Goodwin.

The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous decision.

**Systemwide Ridership Update**

Mr. Ray Amoruso gave a detailed presentation on Ridership. The presentation is incorporated as part of these meeting minutes.

There was discussion regarding the route 20 start time and the large increases in ridership for routes with 15-minute service.

It was stated that route 15 will increase to 15-minute service starting October 2025.

Recruitment efforts were discussed.

**Connecting Chesapeake: A Study of High-Capacity Transit**

Ms. Sherri Dawson gave a detailed presentation on a study being conducted in the City of Chesapeake on high-capacity transit. The presentation is incorporated as part of these meeting minutes.

There was discussion regarding Alternatives A & B and each of their end points.

**Naval Station Norfolk Transit Corridor Project**

Ms. Sherri Dawson gave a verbal update on the Naval Station Norfolk Transit Corridor Project.

Ms. Dawson stated that Norfolk Economic Development provided an update on Military Circle Mall at their retreat in November.

The City of Norfolk is engaging with private developers based on the conceptual plan and once the selection is made, HRT hopes to engage with the developer to discuss the exact location and the requirements needed for a new end-of-line station.

**Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

**New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm

Respectfully submitted by Amy Braziel  
1-23-25