



Meeting of the Planning and New Starts Committee

Thursday January 23, 2025, 12:00 noon.
3400 Victoria Blvd Hampton VA 23661
HQ Boardroom, – 2nd 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 Clemmons, 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

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