



## Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

### Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

#### AGENDA & MINUTES Approved during the March 26, 2019 meeting

AGENDA	MEMBERS
<p><b>Date: Jan. 22, 2019</b></p> <p><b>Time: 1:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> <b>Northampton County Admin. Building</b> <b>16404 Courthouse Road</b> <b>Eastville, VA 23347</b></p> <p><b>I. Call to order</b></p> <p><b>II. Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p><b>III. Staff Update</b></p> <p><b>IV. Unfinished business</b></p> <p><b>V. New business</b></p> <p><b>VI. Public participation</b></p> <p><b>VII. Next meeting – March 26, 1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>VIII. Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Barbara Haxter, Accomack Airport* Tim Holloway, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel* Susan McGhee, Northampton County* Rich Morrison, Accomack County* Jerry Pauley, VDOT District Planner* Curt Smith, A-NPDC* Larry DiRe, Town of Cape Charles William Kerbin, Town of Onancock Bill Moore, STAR Transit</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Chris Isdell, VDOT Accomack Residency* Jim West, Town of Chincoteague* Ron Wolff, A-NTDC* Joe Bulin, ESCSB, Alt. Vanessa Cousineau, ESAAA/CAA/Head Start Robert Duer, Town of Exmore Abra Jacobs, Center for Independent Living Dinah Oliver, VDOT Ivan Rucker, FHWA Lisa Sedjat, ESCSB Eric Stringfield, VDOT District Planner Stuart Hall, Accomack County, Alt.</p> <p><b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> Zack Parks, Town of Cape Charles Tommy Spring, VDOT</p> <p><b>STAFF:</b> Clara Vaughn, A-NPDC</p> <p><b>2019 MEETING DATES, all at 1:30 p.m.:</b> Mar. 26, May 28, Jul. 23, Sep. 25 Nov. 27</p> <p><b>CONTACT:</b> Clara Vaughn <a href="mailto:claravaughn@a-ndpc.org">claravaughn@a-ndpc.org</a> 757-787-2936 x 127</p> <p><b>FOLLOW US:</b> <a href="http://www.a-ndpc.org">www.a-ndpc.org</a></p> <p><b>*Voting Members</b></p>

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- I. Call to Order – A quorum being present, Vaughn called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting were accepted as presented by a motion of Morrison, seconded by Smith and carried unanimously. Minutes of all 2018 meetings were accepted as presented by a motion of Pauley, seconded by Haxter and carried unanimously.
- III. Unfinished Business –
  - A. **Phase III & IV Southern Tip Bike Trail** – Vaughn reported that, at VDOT’s recommendation, an application for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program funding to complete Phase IV of the Southern Tip Bike & Hike Trail will be postponed until the fall application cycle. This is based on two primary concerns raised by VDOT: the uncertainty of whether environmental review will reveal contaminants in the former Cape Charles rail yard (where a trailhead is proposed), and the uncertainty of the schedule for a SMART Scale project to install a second traffic signal at the Food Lion shopping complex (the preferred location for an at-grade pedestrian crossing of Route 13). The application has been postponed until the fall, and VDOT has agreed to work with A-NPDC staff to prepare a two-phase application addressing these concerns.

The Nature Conservancy, A-NPDC, Kiptopeke State Park, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service continue to meet regularly to promote development of the Southern Tip Trail. Virginia State Parks Director Craig Seaver has written a letter stating State Park’s interest in continuing conversations about the possibility of State Parks owning the trail, contingent upon receipt of additional funding commitments from the Commonwealth for operations, long-term maintenance and additional staff.
  - B. **Pedestrian Facilities Study** – Vaughn reported that a meeting of Smith, Pauley, Holloway, and herself resulted in updates to the draft methodology to be used to score roads and determine which corridors are priority areas for addressing unsafe pedestrian and bicycle use. The new proposed scoring system uses a three-pronged approach that considers anecdotal, analytical, and “hard facts” evidence as factors in scoring road safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Anecdotal evidence (already provided by the TTAC and Community Partners for the Eastern Shore) will comprise 10 points. Factual evidence including bicycle and pedestrian accidents and fatalities and traffic counts will comprise 50 points (25 each). Analytical data examining origins and destinations will comprise 40 points (15 and 25 points, respectively). This new analytical component will use proximity to destinations such as restaurants and grocery stores, health and employment services, schools, retail outlets, bus stops, and large local employers to create priority scoring of projects on a 100-point scale.
  - C. **Ditch Outfalls** – Vaughn reported that researchers at VIMS have used high-resolution LiDAR data to produce two types of geographic data related to roadside ditches: polygons showing ditch footprints and points showing point and non-point source ditch outfalls. Findings will be used to identify ditch location and elevation, showing areas where tidal waters enter ditches and result in stormwater drainage issues. Smith reported that next steps in the project include capturing ditch centerline data by elevation to show which ditches are tidal and flood two times per day, which flood infrequently with saltwater, and which ditches are not subject to flooding.
  - D. **Funding Opportunities** – Vaughn reported that A-NPDC staff have continued building out a master list of transportation grants. Grants will be matched to transportation projects in local comprehensive plans, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Bike Plan, and other local documents, and TTAC members will identify priority projects for which to pursue funding.
- IV. New Business
  - A. **Coordinated Human Services Mobility Plan** – Vaughn reported that the updated Pedestrian Facilities Study scoring system will provide data to be used in addressing several aspects of the CHSMP, including

prioritizing Star Transit stops lacking adequate pedestrian access. Moore reported that the largest problem for Star Transit is the number of pedestrians that flag down buses from the roadside in the portion of Northampton County between Treherneville and Birdnest, and that localities may request new bus shelters at a relatively low cost.

B. **Other Matters** – No other matters were raised.

V. Public Participation – None.

VI. Next Meeting – March 26, 2019, 1:30 p.m. at the VDOT residency in Accomac.

VII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. by motion of Morrison, seconded by Holloway and carried unanimously.