



## Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

### Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

### AGENDA & MINUTES Approved during the September 24, 2019 meeting

AGENDA	MEMBERS
<p><b>Date: May 28, 2019</b> <b>Time: 1:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Northampton County Admin. Building Conference Room #201 6404 Courthouse Road Eastville, VA 23347</p> <p>I. <b>Call to order</b></p> <p>II. <b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p>III. <b>Staff Update</b></p> <p>IV. <b>Unfinished business</b></p> <p>V. <b>New business</b></p> <p>VI. <b>Public participation</b></p> <p>VII. <b>Next meeting – July 23, 1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>VIII. <b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Barbara Haxter, Accomack Airport* Tim Holloway, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel* Chris Isdell, VDOT Accomac Residency* Susan McGhee, Northampton County* Rich Morrison, Accomack County* Jerry Pauley, VDOT District Planner* Curt Smith, A-NPDC* Jim West, Town of Chincoteague* Ron Wolff, ANTDC*</p> <p>Joe Bulin, ESCSB, Alt. Vanessa Cousineau, ESAAA/CAA/HeadStart Larry DiRe, Town of Cape Charles Robert Duer, Town of Exmore Abra Jacobs, Center for Independent Living William Kerbin, Town of Onancock Bill Moore, STAR Transit Dinah Oliver, VDOT Ivan Rucker, FHWA Lisa Sedjat, ESCSB or Barbara Young, Alt. Eric Stringfield, VDOT Stuart Hall, Accomack County, Alt.</p> <p><b>STAFF:</b> Clara Vaughn, A-NPDC</p> <p><b>2019 MEETING DATES, all at 1:30 pm:</b> Jul. 23, Sep. 24, Nov. 26</p> <p><b>CONTACT:</b> Clara Vaughn <a href="mailto:claravaughn@a-ndpc.org">claravaughn@a-ndpc.org</a> 757-787-2936 x127</p> <p><b>FOLLOW US:</b> <a href="http://www.a-ndpc.org">www.a-ndpc.org</a></p> <p><i>*Voting Members</i></p>

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- I. Call to Order – A quorum being present, Parks, serving as an alternate for Chair McGhee, called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting were accepted as presented by a motion of Smith, seconded by Holloway and carried unanimously.
- III. Staff Update – No update.
- IV. Unfinished Business –

A. **Pedestrian Facilities Study** – Vaughn presented a sample map using feedback from the previous TTAC meeting to capture priority areas for pedestrian improvement projects. This map depicted origins, destinations, and buffered “heat maps” surrounding these points of interest. For pilot purposes, the map depicted only the area north of Atlantic. Discussion followed to better identify which specific origins and destinations will be included in the final scoring system for the Pedestrian Facilities Study update. Committee members’ input is captured below:

- The 100-point scoring system for prioritizing pedestrian projects is comprised of three factors:
  - 1. **“Factual” data:** Pedestrian and cyclist accidents (25 pts) and traffic counts (25 pts) using the most recent five years of data available
  - 2. **“Analytical” data:** Origin and destination (40 pts) information to prioritize areas where pedestrians are most likely to be
    - *Destinations include:*
      - Public transportation: STAR Transit bus stops, Greyhound bus stops
      - Employment: Large-scale employees, Virginia Employment Commission
      - Health services: Hospitals, doctor’s offices, pharmacies
      - Schools: Public and private elementary, middle, and high schools; community colleges; combined K-12 schools
      - Food: Grocery stores, food pantries, farmers markets participating in SNAP
      - Community resources: Libraries, community centers, social services and county hubs, courts, banks, post offices, public parks, YMCA’s
      - Retail: Wal-Mart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, Dollar Village, Royal Farms, Corner Mart
    - *Origins include:*
      - Town housing centers
      - Public housing
      - Hotels
      - Campgrounds
      - Mobile Home Parks

3. **“Anecdotal” data:** Existing reports from TTAC (5 pts) and Community Partners of the Eastern Shore (5 pts) on where pedestrians are walking along roads

Changes included combining origin and destination points into one uniform score (40 pts), versus the previous separate scores for origins (15 pts) and destinations (25 pts). Committee members supported decreasing heat map rings from radii of 0.5, 1, and 1.5 miles from these points of interest to 0.25, 0.5, and 1 mile to better identify priority. Changes will be presented at the next Committee meeting.

**B. Phase III & IV Southern Tip Bike Trail** – Vaughn presented progress on the Southern Tip Bike & Hike Trail Phase IV application for Bike and Pedestrian Safety funding, to be submitted this fall on behalf of the Town of Cape Charles. VDOT plans to host meetings to review draft and final alignment this summer. Representatives from the Town of Cape Charles and Northampton County will be invited to provide input at the meetings.

Vaughn also presented a summary of the May 17 Southern Tip Trail Phase II ribbon-cutting ceremony. Senator Lynwood Lewis, Delegate Robert Bloxom, and Director of Virginia State Parks Craig Seaver attended the ceremony and spoke about the trail as an asset for economic development on the Eastern Shore.

#### V. New Business

**A. Transportation Studies** – Vaughn presented a list of requested and ongoing VDOT studies in Accomack and Northampton Counties. This marks an effort to improve communications across organizations and build momentum towards implementing local transportation projects. Staff will request updates from VDOT Residency and District staff, to be provided during future Committee meetings:

- Southern Tip Trail Phase IV grant application –VDOT consultants are drafting alignments and other materials in support of a Bike and Pedestrian Safety Program grant application, to be submitted on behalf of the Town of Cape Charles this fall.
- Parksley Transportation Alternatives grant application –VDOT consultants are drafting alignments and other materials in support of a Parksley Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School project, with the goal of improving walkability in downtown Parksley and to Metompkin Elementary School. Grant applications for both projects will be submitted on behalf of the Town of Parksley this fall, contingent upon receipt of Community Development Block Grant funding necessary to meet 20% match requirements.
- Route 175 study – Accomack County and the Town of Chincoteague have requested VDOT complete a feasibility study examining widening sections of Route 175 and identifying preferred measures for improving causeway resiliency in the face of anticipated sea-level rise.
- Redwood Road study -- Accomack County has requested VDOT complete an assessment of improvements to Redwood Road, from Route 13 to Airport Drive, in support of a SMART SCALE application next spring.
- Locustville Road – Accomack County has request VDOT complete an assessment of improvements to Locustville Road, from immediately outside the Onley town limits to Drummondtown Road, in support of a SMART SCALE application next spring.

Committee members expressed support of A-NPDC staff engaging localities via mailings to clarify the process by which a VDOT study can be requested. Staff plan to mail letters to the 19 incorporated towns in Accomack and Northampton Counties to promote awareness of this process as a preliminary step necessary for project implementation.

Smith presented the 2015 Eastern Shore of Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Inundation Vulnerability Assessment (TIIVA) to spark discussions on priority projects within the region. Committee members suggested developing a matrix by which to score priority roads for improvements, including population affected by limited road access due to flooding; Average Daily Traffic Counts; and years into the future a community will be remain accessible. Committee members also suggested economics potentially factor into scoring. These recommendations will be used to guide an upcoming study exploring implementation projects based on TIIVA report findings.

**B. SMART SCALE Technical Assistance Program** – Rail Planning Project Manager Randy Selleck gave a presentation on DRPT's SMART SCALE Technical Assistance Program and answered Committee members' questions regarding the program. Assistance must be requested by September 1, 2019 for the upcoming round of SMART SCALE applications.

**C. Other Matters** – Holloway noted that Phase I of the Southern Tip Bike & Hike Trail requires maintenance as roots are beginning to disturb portions of the paved path.

VI. Public Participation – None.

VII. Next Meeting – July 23, 2019, 1:30 p.m. at the VDOT Accomac Residency

VIII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m. by motion of Holloway, seconded by Smith and carried unanimously.