

**Transportation Toll Facility Advisory Committee
November 3, 2011**

- 1. Call to Order:** Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Committee members in attendance.

Committee Members in Attendance

W. Scott Davis
Larry Zoeller
Vonda Chappell

Ex-officio Members in Attendance

Amar Dwarkanath
Kelly Lackey
Eric Martin

Committee Member not in Attendance

Robert Sciacchitano

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

Terry Herbert Mary Ann Saunders
Earl Sorey Michael Johnson
Belinda Malone Elizabeth Vaughn
Sean Ekiert

3. Meeting Discussion:

Mr. Zoeller made a motion to approve the September 1, 2011 meeting minutes. Ms. Chappell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Mr. Mellott has resigned from the Committee.

Mr. Davis informed the Committee that the National Weather Service has projected a weather event for this weekend that may cause problems for the new bridge. The area will be monitored by law enforcement and issues will be reported.

Mr. Davis stated that the Committee had a great time visiting the Jordan Bridge for the last meeting.

Mr. Sorey informed the Committee that the City continues to move forward on the Dominion Boulevard project. Applications were submitted for a number of Federal and State funding opportunities. Last week, the City submitted a Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) application in coordination with a Transportation Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act (TIFIA) application. The City's goal is to come up with enough government secured, low interest loans to advance the project. The State developed a similar program to the Federal program, which is the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB). The City is currently putting together an application for the VTIB to secure additional funding. The City has secured all of the State and Federal permits with the exception of the Coast Guard permit, which is in the

works. Mr. Sorey stated that we are on track to advertise for the project by the middle of next year. Mr. Zoeller asked if the Right of Way acquisitions for Dominion have been finalized. Mr. Sorey stated that the first phase, which was the total acquisition has been completed with the exception of a couple of unique acquisitions such as commercial acquisitions. Commercial acquisitions require environmental assessments due to the nature and use of the property. They have prioritized the remaining acquisitions. The first priorities are those that are associated with the construction of the bridge. Mr. Davis asked if they foresee any issues with finalizing the remaining acquisitions. Earl stated that they encountered a few issues, but they have overcome them.

Mr. Sorey also informed the Committee that he attended the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), which is the Technical Advisory Group to the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO). The TTAC presented a proposal for Hurricane Evacuations, which included the reversal of I-64. There is a study that would reverse the High Rise Bridge and a portion of the Chesapeake Expressway.

Mr. Davis informed the Committee that there will be a public hearing on the Jordan Bridge, which most likely will not happen until late March.

A draft of the Revenue Analysis of the Peak Season for the Chesapeake Expressway was presented to the Committee. The report offered a comparison of actual traffic and revenue as compared to the projections. Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions on changes to the draft before it is presented to City Council. Mr. Martin stated that traffic and revenue will continue to be reviewed and reported to the Committee as requested.

Mr. Zoeller stated that the results of the toll increase were what was expected by the Committee. He also commented that the Expressway acted appropriately when lifting tolls during the hurricane, which resulted in good publicity for the Expressway.

Committee members were informed of the City Council Work Session scheduled for November 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mr. Davis asked the Committee members if they wanted to indicate their support of the Revenue Analysis of the Peak Season Presentation for the Chesapeake Expressway. Mr. Zoeller motioned to indicate support of the presentation and Ms. Chappell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Davis stated that he would draft a letter to the Honorable Mayor and City Council acknowledging the Committees support of the presentation.

4. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., February 2, 2012 at the Chesapeake Expressway.