

AGENDA

**RICHMOND AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**February 11, 2010
2:30 p.m.**

**Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
Board Room
9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23235**

CALL TO ORDER (Note start time)2:30 p.m.

MEETING QUORUM (Certification by MPO Secretary)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION

- Timothy A. Foster, MPO Alternate
Director of Public Works, Henrico County

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I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Additions/Changes to MPO Agenda –
(O’Bannon/3 minutes) –

MPO action requested if any additions or changes to the agenda
are requested.

MPO ACTION (IF ADDITIONS OR CHANGES REQUESTED)

B. Minutes of the November 12, 2009 MPO Meeting –
(Lysy/3 minutes) 1

MPO ACTION REQUESTED

C. Open Public Comment Period – (O’Bannon/10 minutes)	–
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During open public comment period, each speaker is allowed up to three minutes to address the MPO. Speakers are requested to give their name, address, and if appropriate, organization that they represent.

D. MPO Chairman’s Report – (O’Bannon/5 minutes)	–
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E. RRPDC Transportation Director’s Report – (Lysy/10 minutes)	2
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1. Completed RSTP and CMAQ Projects Reconciliation –
 Staff report showing final funding status (surplus or deficit of funds) for completed projects identified by the MPO’s actions of April 12, 2007 and August 9, 2007, and reallocation of surplus funds to active projects attached (pages 1 – 3).

2. ARRA Projects Status –

a. Letter from Congressman Oberstar on ARRA/RSTP Projects Status –

See attached letter (pages 4 – 5) from Congressman James L. Oberstar, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, requesting MPOs to coordinate with their Governor’s office to ensure the Governor provides to the MPO by the 20th day of each month specific transparency and accountability information about funds suballocated (i.e., ARRA/RSTP) to the Richmond Area MPO (data in reports to be cumulative regarding what has occurred as of the final day of the previous month).

b. ARRA Projects Tracking Sheet: VDOT Report –

See attached tracking sheet prepared by RRPDC staff based on latest available information posted on VDOT’s ARRA projects web site (page 6). Includes ARRA/RSTP projects.

c. ARRA Projects Tracking Sheet: GRTC Report –

See attached tracking sheet prepared by RRPDC staff based on latest available information provided by GRTC (page 7).

**d. Letter from VDOT Acting Commissioner Whirley on
Obligation of ARRA Funds and Response Letter from
MPO Chairman O'Bannon –**

Both letters with documentation requested by VDOT
attached (pages 8-21).

**NOTE THAT 100 PERCENT OF ARRA FUNDS
MUST BE OBLIGATED BY MARCH 2, 2010.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EDAC Membership Limitations for the Private, For-Profit
Transportation Operator Member –**
(Lysy/5 minutes) 3

See attached staff report. MPO action qualifying the new private,
for-profit transportation operator EDAC member position
requested.

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III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MPO Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee (EDAC)
Meeting Report –**
(Broady-Myers/Yolton/5 minutes)..... 4

See attached staff report for the January 27, 2010 EDAC meeting.

- B. MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meetings Report –**
(Adkins/Nelson/5 minutes)..... 5

See attached staff report for the November 17, 2009 and January
26, 2010 CTAC meetings.

- C. Approval of Federal Rail Stimulus Funds for the Washington,
D.C. to Richmond High Speed Rail Corridor and Other
Virginia Projects –**
(Page/15 minutes) 6

Brief presentation/report by Kevin Page, Chief of Rail
Transportation for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public
Transportation (DRPT). Background information prepared by
RRPDC staff and announcement from VDRPT and other
organizations attached.

D. Richmond/Hampton Roads Passenger Rail Project Draft Tier I EIS –
(Page/Lysy/20minutes) 7

See attached staff report. Presentation by Kevin Page, DRPT, on alternatives covered in the draft EIS. MPO action to endorse an alternative and to submit this to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) requested. Staff recommends that the MPO include as part of its action a reaffirmation of its July 9, 2009 action, “Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Supporting the Extension of High Speed Rail Service to The Richmond Region” (MPO resolution attached). Also attached are resolutions by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization and Tri-Cities Area MPO endorsing Alternative One as the preferred alternative (i.e., high speed passenger rail for the NS/Rt. 460 corridor and enhanced intercity passenger rail along the CSX/I-64 corridor).

MPO ACTION REQUESTED

E. I-295/Meadowville Road Interchange Air Quality Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment Request –
(Nelson/10 minutes)..... 8

See attached staff report. Public review comments received during the public review period (from January 25, 2010 to February 9, 2010) and staff response to comments received to be presented at the MPO meeting. MPO action to approve the conformity analysis findings and to approve the proposed amendment to the FY 09 – FY 12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) requested.

MPO ACTION REQUESTED

F. I-64 Connector Designation for America’s Marine Highway –
(Nelson/5 minutes)..... 9

See attached draft resolution. MPO action requesting designation of the I-64/James River corridor from Hampton Roads to Richmond as an America’s Marine Highway.

MPO ACTION REQUESTED

G. “64 Express” James River Barge Project –
(Nelson/ 5 minutes)..... –

Brief report by Barbara Nelson, RRPDC Principal Planner and project manager for the “64 Express” on first year of operation and upcoming presentation at future MPO meeting.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Targeted for 4:15 p.m. Staff recommends the March 11, 2010 MPO meeting be cancelled (next regularly scheduled MPO meeting would be April 8, 2010.)

Items for your information attached. 10

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Attachments