



## Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

### Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

### AGENDA & MINUTES Approved during the May 28, 2019 meeting

AGENDA	MEMBERS
<p><b>Date: March 26, 2019</b> <b>Time: 1:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> VDOT Residency Conference Room 23096 Courthouse Road Accomac, VA 23301</p>	<p>Barbara Haxter, Accomack Airport* Tim Holloway, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel* Chris Isdell, VDOT Accomac Residency* Susan McGee, 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>I. <b>Call to order</b></p>	<p>Joe Bulin, ESCSB, Alt. Vanessa Cousineau, ESAAA/CAA/HeadStart Larry DiRe, Town of Cape Charles Robert Duer, Town of Exmore</p>
<p>II. <b>Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Abra Jacobs, Center for Independent Living William Kerbin, Town of Onancock Bill Moore, STAR Transit</p>
<p>III. <b>Staff Update</b></p>	<p>Dinah Oliver, VDOT Ivan Rucker, FHWA</p>
<p>IV. <b>Unfinished business</b></p> <p>A. Pedestrian Facilities Study Scoring B. Phase III and IV Southern Tip Trail Update</p>	<p>Lisa Sedjat, ESCSB or Barbara Young, Alt. Eric Stringfield, VDOT Stuart Hall, Accomack County, Alt.</p>
<p>V. <b>New business</b></p> <p>A. Updated Policy for Managing VDOT Projects B. VDOT FY-20 Rural Work Program C. Other Matters</p>	<p><b>STAFF:</b> Clara Vaughn, A-NPDC</p> <p><b>2019 MEETING DATES, all at 1:30 pm:</b> May 28, Jul. 23, Sep. 24, Nov. 26</p>
<p>VI. <b>Public participation</b></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>VII. <b>Next meeting – May 28, 1:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>FOLLOW US:</b> <a href="http://www.a-ndpc.org">www.a-ndpc.org</a></p>
<p>VIII. <b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>*Voting Members</p>

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission  
23372 Front Street  
P.O. Box 417  
Accomac, VA 23301



Podemos ofrecer servicios de interpretación para la reunión. Por favor, llámanos tres días de anticipación para que podamos servir mejor a usted. 757-787-2936, ext. 127

- I. Call to Order – A quorum being present, McGhee called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes –McGhee requested the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting be modified to amend the following: “*Moore reported that the largest problem for Star Transit is the number of pedestrians that flag down buses from the roadside in parts of Northampton County...*” The amended minutes read: “*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 Birdsnest...*” and were accepted by a motion of Smith, seconded by Pauley and carried unanimously.
- III. Staff Update – Vaughn requested Committee members review contact information and provide updates as necessary.
- IV. Unfinished Business –

A. **Pedestrian Facilities Study** – Vaughn presented the revised scoring system developed by A-NPDC and TTAC staff to identify priority areas for sidewalk improvements in the Eastern Shore of Virginia Pedestrian Facilities Study Update. The 100-point scoring system is comprised of three factors:

- “Factual” data: pedestrian and cyclist accidents (25 pts) and traffic counts (25 pts) using the most recent five years of data available
- “Analytical” data: origin (15 pts) and destination (25 pts) information to prioritize areas where pedestrians are most likely to be
  - *Destinations include:*
    - Food: grocery stores, restaurants, farmers markets
    - Services: Medical centers and doctors’ offices, pharmacies, libraries, Virginia Employment Commission
    - Large Employers: Tyson, Perdue, NASA, Riverside
    - Retail: Dollar General, Walmart
    - Schools and Colleges
    - STAR Transit bus stops
  - *Origins include:*
    - Housing centers within town limits and villages
    - Hotels
    - Campgrounds
- “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 the addition of the “Analytical” factor that will prioritize projects closest to destinations and population centers. Committee members agreed a central point within each town and village’s main housing area should be chosen. Heats maps in rings of 0.5, 1, and 1.5 miles from these points will be used to develop priority scoring to present at the next Committee meeting.

B. **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. VDOT has applied for pre-scoping funding to assist A-NPDC staff to prepare a two-phase application for the fall.

The Nature Conservancy, A-NPDC, Kiptopeke State Park, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service continue to meet to advance development of the Southern Tip Trail, including trail ownership and funding options for Phase III.

A Trail Dedication Ceremony for the recently completed Phase II of the Southern Tip Trail is planned for Friday, May 17, at 2 p.m. on the Eastern Shore Pottery property.

V. New Business

A. **Updated Policy for Managing VDOT-funded Projects** – Vaughn updated the Committee on the A-NPDC’s new policy on management of VDOT-funded projects. The PDC will continue to apply for VDOT grants, but will no longer administer the grants. Applications for funding will be broached on a case-by-case basis with VDOT to learn which projects the staff is willing to administer, or must be administered by a locality. VDOT has already stated its willingness to manage the Southern Tip Trail Phase IV project and interest in managing other projects on the Eastern Shore.

B. **VDOT FY-20 Rural Work Program** – Vaughn presented two options for the upcoming FY-20 VDOT Rural Work Program: an implementation-focused program and a planning-focus alternative. This is a product of the above A-NPDC policy on management of VDOT-funded projects. Committee members were favorable of an implementation-focused program, with additional time budgeted for continued work ground truthing and developing a final report on the ditch outfalls project currently underway.

C. **Other Matters** – Pauley requested information from the Committee on progress of the proposed Route 179 road diet. Isdell informed him that funding had not been sought, but the Towns of Onley and Onancock and Accomack County are supportive of the project. Isdell and Pauley will cooperate to submit the project for potential inclusion in VDOT Central Office’s pilot program to develop a road diet manual.

VI. Public Participation – None

VII. Next Meeting – May 28, 2019, 1:30 p.m. at the Northampton County Administration Building.

VIII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. by motion of Holloway, seconded by Wolff and carried unanimously.