



MEETING MINUTES

DATE November 17, 2025, at 3:00 pm

LOCATION Parks and Recreation Administration Building
2154 Landstown Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

Members Present: Bryan Hickman (Chair), Ali Allred, Walter Camp, Ed Hazelwood, Don Krudop, Rob Lindauer, Sally McMahon, Mike Nerino, Melissa Chang (Student Member), and Collin Knights (Student Member).

Members Absent: Catherine Peluso

Liaisons Present: Dan Edwards (P&R Commission)

City Staff Present: Michael Kirschman, Steve Lambert, Trina Harrell, Dempsey Bruton, and Jamarr Waples

Guests Present: Ron Kaufman (VBPRF) and Shawn Tasch (HRT GoCommute)

1. WELCOME & ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Chair Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 3:30pm and welcomed all present. Recorder Trina Harrell called the roll.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 13, 2025

- ✓ October 13, 2025. Upon motion by Rob Lindauer, seconded by Ali Allred, the minutes of the October 13, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

3. PRESENTATION:

a. Traffic Engineering Annual Update – Dempsey Bruton and Jamarr Waples

Mr. Dempsey Bruton presented the annual review on crashes between pedestrians or cyclists and motorists from January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025. While crashes occur throughout the City, he mainly focused on the higher volume areas such as the resort area and identified capital improvement projects such as 17th Street Improvements. Overall, total crashes have declined over a nine-year period (2016 – 2024), even though cyclist fatalities did spike during 2024. Behavioral factors such as alcohol use, disregarding traffic control devices, crossing mid-block, and wearing non reflective clothing also contribute to crashes between pedestrians or cyclists and motorists. CIP Project Atlantic Ave Pedestrian Improvements from 43rd Street to 83rd Street are expected to be completed by Spring 2026. Improvements include installation of ADA ramps or landing areas at 18 intersections, installation of high visibility crosswalk markings, and LED pedestrian warning signs at five unsignalized crosswalks spanning 42nd Street to 63rd Street. Also included is the installation of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the mid-block bicycle trail crossing between 80th and 81st Streets and pedestrian signalization improvements to six signalized intersection crossings from 47th to 77th Streets. A few improvements have already been made. Next, Mr. Bruton reviewed the Traffic Calming Program Phase IV Mediterranean Avenue from Lake

Drive to 16th Street. Construction of the HAWK (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) Pedestrian Signals planned for Cape Henry Trail at N. Great Neck Road and Pacific Avenue at Cavalier Hotel are anticipated to start in May 2026, with utility adjustments starting in January 2026. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funded pedestrian crossings and signals for Virginia Beach Boulevard, and a few Independence Boulevard sites are in design. Finally, nine Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs), which give pedestrians a three to seven second head start before vehicles in the parallel direction get a green signal were installed in Virginia Beach during calendar years 2023-2024. Fifteen additional LPIs are planned to be constructed between July 2028 and July 2029 at Town Center and the Oceanfront area. Members shared their views from a bicyclist's perspective and Mr. Bruton appreciated the feedback. Due to time constraints, Mr. Lambert asked members to send additional questions or feedback to him for coordination with Traffic Engineering. Chair Hickman thanked Mr. Bruton and Mr. Waples for their thorough presentation and a recommendation to share the presentation with other committees was suggested.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. ATAC Comp Plan Sub-Committee Recommendations. After reviewing both the draft Comprehensive Plan and the Master Transportation Plan, the sub-committee prepared a draft letter but has not submitted it yet pending revisions. An outline generated by the sub-committee has been conveyed to the ATAC Planning Commissioners and will be included. Mr. Camp thanked Ms. Corinna Green for her letter, written from the Open Space Program perspective, in support of trails and concerns of eliminating the right of way needed for the Southeastern Greenway linear park in the latest revision of the draft Comp Plan. Based on this feedback, Planning Staff agreed to revise the draft Comp Plan.
- b. E-Bike Solution and Safety Working Group. Mr. Steve Lambert advised the new Mayor's Appointed Task Force kickoff meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th. Work from the original task force is still moving forward. City Code was recently updated to define e-bikes and e-bikes are now allowed on Atlantic Avenue year-round. The brochure will be updated as well. Public Service Announcements are moving forward and should be released soon.
- c. Site Tour Visit – Details are still being planned, and possible sites could include Thalia Creek Greenway and Violet Bank Trail. Also, due to sunset before 5pm, the tour is anticipated to start around 1:00pm. Additional information forthcoming.

5. REPORTS

- ✓ Virginia Beach Trail, Other New Greenways, & Maintenance CIP Updates
 - a. Virginia Beach Trail
 - Phases I - IV No changes. Mr. Lambert advised grant announcements are expected in early December regarding the SS4A grant application previously submitted.
 - b. Other Greenways in Design or Construction – Tabled due to time constraints.
- ✓ Liaisons
 - a. City Council – No report.
 - b. Planning Commission – In Ms. Byler's absence, Mr. Walter Camp provided the following update on the upcoming athletic center at Regent University. Mr. Camp thanked the committee for the letter of support for continuous sidewalks along Regent University Drive, which will be a condition of the new athletic center when constructed. Also, an application was received for a restaurant on the first floor of an office building at N. Lynnhaven in anticipation of the future Virginia Beach Trail alongside the site.
 - c. Parks & Recreation Commission – Tabled due to time constraints.
- ✓ ATAC Students – Tabled due to time constraints.
- ✓ Bayfront Advisory Commission (BAC) – Tabled due to time constraints.
- ✓ Resort Advisory Commission Transportation Parking Ped Committee (TPPC) – Tabled due to time constraints.
- c. ATAC Member Reports

- i. Holiday Lights Bike Ride held Thursday, November 13th was very successful and estimated attendance was greater than 3,000 riders. Additional data will be available through Placer.ai software recently acquired by Parks and Recreation.
- ii. [I-264 Independence Blvd Improvements Citizen Information Meeting](#) – Based on comments received at the November 6, 2025, public meeting, plans will now include a pedestrian/bike path on east side of Independence, mirroring the west side path.
- iii. Chair Hickman, Mr. Walter Camp, and Mr. Steve Lambert gave a presentation to the Kings Grant Civic League that was well received, and the ATAC/Virginia Beach Trail slide deck was updated as needed.
- iv. Governor Glenn Youngkin's Office announced Virginia Beach was awarded a [\\$1.2M grant](#) through the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation to acquire 26 acres partially within Gum Swamp, one of the headwaters of the Virginia Scenic North Landing River. This site is part of the future Southeastern Greenway. Mr. Lambert thanked Ms. Corinna Green, Open Space Planner, for her due diligence in obtaining this grant.
- v. Rail biking in West Virginia – Contact Mr. Walter Camp with any questions.
- vi. Elizabeth River Trail (ERT) Foundation – Tabled due to time constraints.
- d. Staff & Other Liaisons - Tabled due to time constraints.

6. CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- a. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Camp will conduct a walking tour of Virginia Beach Trail Phases I and II for the Planning Commission on Wednesday, November 26th, and asked members if they would like to attend. This will be a public meeting and Recorder Trina Harrell will ensure the public notice is posted. Contact Mr. Walter Camp or Mr. Steve Lambert with any questions.

7. NOTE UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS, ADJOURN

- ✓ 11/19/2025 – Cleveland St Phase IV Public Meeting, 5-7:00pm, Renaissance Academy
- ✓ 12/8/2025 – ATAC Site Tour
- ✓ 1/1/2026 – First Day Hike/Boardwalk Holiday Lights - Final Night
- ✓ 1/12/2026 – ATAC Monthly Meeting
- ✓ 2/9/2026 – ATAC Monthly Meeting
- ✓ 2/11/2026 – Virginia Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Bryan Hickman, Chair

Trina Harrell, Recorder

Distribution:

- Mayor and City Council
- Patrick Duhaney, City Manager
- Kenneth Chandler, Deputy City Manager
- Amanda Jarratt, Deputy City Manager
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Open Space Advisory Committee
- Resort Advisory Commission, TPPC
- Transition Area/Interfacility Traffic Area Citizens Advisory Committee
- Michael Kirschman, Parks and Recreation Director
- Shirley Deibler, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director
- L.J. Hansen, Public Works Director
- Toni Utterback, Public Works, City Engineer
- David Jarman, Public Works
- William Morgan, Public Works
- Ric Lowman, Public Works
- Mike Shahsiah, Public Works
- Kathy Warren, Planning Director
- Carrie Bookholt, Planning Deputy Director
- Hank Morrison, Planning
- Lt. Bill Chisholm, Virginia Beach Police Department
- Lei Dunn, Virginia Beach City Public Schools
- Parks & Recreation Dept. – Planning, Design and Development
- Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Foundation