



# Active Transportation Advisory Committee

## Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026

3:30pm – 5:00pm

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

### Attendance

#### Members Present

Bryan Hickman (Chair), Ali Allred, Walter Camp, Don Krudop, Rob Lindauer, Sally McMahon, Mike Nerino, Catherine Peluso, Melissa Change (Student Member), and Collin Knightes (Student Member)

#### Members Absent

Ed Hazelwood

#### Liaisons Present

Dan Edwards (P&R Commission)

#### City Staff Present

Michael Kirschman, Chad Morris, Steve Lambert, Trina Harrell, Corinna Green, MPO D. Reader, and Jamik Alexander

#### Guests Present

Ron Kaufman (VBPRF), Judith Brandon, and Dustin Wallace (P/V)

### Approval of Minutes

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

### Presentation

Public Works CIP Projects – Dave Jarman

Mr. David Jarman, P.E., Transportation Division Administrator, gave a thorough presentation detailing 36 capital improvement projects that were recently completed, are currently under construction, or are planned soon. All these projects have or will create/improve pedestrian/bicyclist access and facilities across the City. Completed projects include the Bus Shelter Program Phases 5 and 7 and Independence Blvd/Columbus Street Pedestrian Improvements. Based on a recent tour of the area, a walk signal was requested for the north/south crosswalk. Mr. Jarman will discuss this with Mr. Steve Lambert after the meeting. Laskin Road Phase 1A and Bridge Replacement and Sandbridge Road/Nimmo Parkway Phase 7A were completed in May and August 2025, respectively, and West Neck Road Phase IV was completed in July 2024. Several projects currently under construction include 17<sup>th</sup> Street Phase I, Atlantic Avenue Pedestrian Improvements, Elbow Road Phase 2B and 2C, First Colonial Road/Virginia Beach Blvd intersection Improvements, and Shore Drive Phase III. Other sidewalk/trail projects that will be under construction soon include Parliament Drive Sidewalk Phases I & II, Sandbridge Road Sidewalk, and Violet Bank Trail, which are all TAP grant funded projects. Several upcoming projects include Atlantic Avenue Improvements, Centerville Turnpike Phase II, Clearfield Avenue, Cleveland Street Phase IV, HAWK Signal Phase I (Atlantic Avenue/South of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Cape Henry Trail at N. Great Neck Road), Holland Road Phases I

and II, Independence Blvd/Edwin Drive, and Laskin Road Phases IB, II, and III. Additional upcoming projects include the Leading Pedestrian Interval Intersection Improvements, which was previously discussed by Traffic Engineering last Fall, Nimmo Parkway Phase VIIB, and Northampton Blvd/Diamond Springs Road. Finally, Mr. Jarman briefly mentioned Independence/Baxter Sidewalk, Lookout Road Sidewalk, Pleasure House Road Phases I and II, Shore Drive Pedestrian Improvements, and the Woodstock Road Sidewalk projects, which are either in design, being scoped, or anticipate construction soon. Project costs continue to rise which means neighborhood sidewalk improvements that were previously funded by Traffic Safety Improvements Program (TSI) are more likely to be stand-alone projects due to stormwater, utility, curb, and acquisition impacts. He reminded the members to attend one of two upcoming public meetings for Nimmo Parkway Phase VII-B on February 18<sup>th</sup> (virtual) or February 19<sup>th</sup> (in person) at Three Oaks Elementary School. Chair Hickman thanked Mr. Jarman for sharing this valuable information with the Committee.

## Old Business

E-Bike Safety Working Group. Mr. Steve Lambert advised the new Mayor's Appointed E-Bike Task Force to meet on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and expect there will be discussion on several of the legislative items currently in review.

## Reports

- ✓ Staff Liaison Report – There was a preconstruction meeting last week and a field meeting at Violet Bank is scheduled for this week. Thalia Creek Phase III should be open by the end of the month. The City received a notice to proceed (NTP) for a progressive design/build for the VB Trail Phases I and IV. Construction for Harris Road is pending warm weather since it includes laying asphalt.
- ✓ ATAC Students – Mr. Rob Lindauer will provide the needed parts so Mr. Collin Knightes will be able to finish refurbishing the bikes.
- ✓ VB Trail – The SS4A grant debrief is pending. Mr. Walter Camp assisted Mr. Steve Lambert with the presentation to the Armed Services Academy Alumni Association, and they will provide a letter of support. Mr. Walter Camp recommends updating the letter of support template to endorse funding the 4.6-mile gap, which would complete the entire 12.6-mile trail. Delegate Alex Askew chaired a bill for a two-year study to extend light rail service from Norfolk to the Virginia Beach oceanfront, but it was tabled in a subcommittee. However, Delegate Askew also chaired another bill to create a committee to study whether Hampton Road's current public transit system is meeting the needs of the area.
- ✓ Collaboration-Engagement-Education.
  - Chesapeake Bicycle/Trails Advisory Committee – Mr. Mike Nerino advised they plan to host Bike Fest during Bike Month, which includes a ride on the Dismal Swamp Canal trail and is supported by vendors. He also mentioned the History Ride, which is a bicycle ride with a history lesson, which is expected during Bike Month.
  - Elizabeth River Trail – Ms. Ali Allred advised the new location is now open. Like Chesapeake, the ERT sponsors history tours as well.
  - Mr. Walter Camp will be a guest speaker at the Clean Community Commission on March 12<sup>th</sup> representing both the Planning Commission and ATAC. Three civic leagues have requested presentations.
  - Chair Hickman attended the Bayfront Advisory Committee/Design and Project Outlook and Infrastructure subcommittee meetings recently and advised the updated Marlin Bay condominium project proposal submitted is supported by the subcommittee and includes bicycle/pedestrian amenities. Chair Hickman asked members for any comments.
  - Ms. Sally McMahon is focusing on Bike Month activities for the committee and schools. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be Bike to Work or School Day and she will coordinate with her principal. Ms. McMahon appreciates everyone's input and looks forward to coordinating with Mr. Steve Lambert.
- ✓ Funding – Trail Maintenance and TAP Grants
  - Since most of the previous TAP Grant funded projects are either completed or under construction, a new list of priorities needs to be created with a focus on connector trails.

- The Commonwealth Transportation Board met last month, and the VB Trail was not selected for the \$2.5M TAP grant application submitted. TAP grants are on a 24-month cycle.
- ✓ ITA Implementation Plan
  - A new platform regarding the ITA, Responsible Growth VB, has been created for support. A feasibility/economic impact study for sports tourism and economic development uses in the ITA is underway and is expected to be completed early this year.
  - Mr. Walter Camp has met with several council members to champion support for soft trails in the ITA.
- ✓ Comprehensive Plan Update – If the draft Comprehensive Plan is received from the consultant and the notification requirements are sent by February 11<sup>th</sup>, then Planning Commission will review at their March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and potentially be reviewed by City Council in April. If the notification deadlines are missed, then the review dates are delayed at least one month. There will be high level changes to the existing Master Transportation Plan (MTP) to align it with the Comprehensive Plan, but additional changes/amendments will be made later this year once the regional traffic study is completed. Mr. Walter Camp thanked the members for their input and staff, Mr. Steve Lambert and Ms. Corinna Green, for reviewing and providing comments on the applications received by the Planning Commission.
- ✓ Design Standards – Ms. Catherine Peluso will provide an update at the March meeting.
- ✓ Public Maps & Signage – Ms. Catherine Peluso will provide an update at the March meeting.
- ✓ R.A.M.P., Rudee Park & Shore Drive – Chair Hickman congratulated Mr. Dan Edwards as the new chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Edwards mentioned new signage advising the status (full/open parking spaces) of the parking lot at the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility will be installed this spring to help reduce the bottleneck and congestion in the nearby neighborhood.
- ✓ Events - Tabled

## New Business

- a. Railroad Abandonment (Burton Station) – The railroad line built over a hundred years ago by the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) from the port landing in Virginia Beach to the City of Norfolk will be officially abandoned this week. Due to the lack of bicycle/pedestrian facilities in the vicinity including Diamond Springs Road, this railroad corridor would provide a buffered route connecting the Burton Station area to many destinations including Shore Drive, Norfolk Premium Outlets, and the Norfolk park system. Mr. Walter Camp has discussed this opportunity with several City council members as well. Mr. Walter Camp motioned to authorize Chair Bryan Hickman to write a letter in support of utilizing the railroad corridor per the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Ms. Catherine Peluso seconded and those in attendance approved unanimously. ward with something happening. Ali seconded, which passed unanimously.
- b. Legislative Report – Mr. Walter Camp reviewed the list of select bills relating to Active Transportation that are under review during the 2026 Virginia Legislature. Seven bills passed one chamber and crossed over to be reviewed by the other chamber. Several bills are still under consideration in the original chamber, including funding/budget amendments. Unfortunately, several bills involving cameras/automated enforcement were defeated. Three bills were continued to 2027 legislative session. Mr. Camp will send the list discussed during the meeting, and he will continue to monitor as needed.
- c. Crossing Guard Ceremony – The School Board is no longer issuing proclamations and declined an invitation to recognize the School Crossing Guards. Mr. Walter Camp approached Mayor Bobby Dyer and Chief Paul Neudigate, who support a proclamation recognizing the School Crossing Guards, which will be read and presented at 6pm on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in the City Council Chambers. Mr. Walter Camp invited all members to attend to show their support. Members were also invited to post on their social media accounts to recognize school crossing guards and contact Mr. Steve Lambert if they need any electronic materials. Mr. Dan Edwards, former chairman of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Board from 1999 to 2016, will reach out to his contacts to discuss recognizing the crossing guards in the future.

## Closing Comments From the Committee

None.

## Upcoming Meetings/Events and Adjournment

- ✓ 2/11/2026 – Virginia Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
- ✓ 2/14/2026 – London Bridge Shared Use Path Cleanup
- ✓ 2/17/2026 – Crossing Guard Proclamation
- ✓ 2/18 & 19/2026 – Nimmo Parkway Ph VIIB (18<sup>th</sup> virtual; 19<sup>th</sup> in person)
- ✓ 3/9/2026 – ATAC Monthly Meeting
- ✓ 4/13/2026 – ATAC Monthly Meeting
- ✓ 5/11/2026 – Bike Tour Event – Thalia Creek, Violet Bank & Greenwich East Greenway

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

Bryan Hickman  
Chair

Trina Harrell  
Recorder

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