

CHESAPEAKE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
May 16, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Chesapeake Transportation Safety Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 12 noon in the 4-H Trailer, adjacent to the Great Bridge Community Center at 212 Holt Drive.

Present

Jim Scruggs (Chair)
Ed Carbaugh, Commissioner
Chris Cormier, Commissioner
Bill Kenny, Commissioner
Mark Lutes, Commissioner
Terry Whitehurst, Commissioner
Robert Lassiter, Jr., Commissioner

Others

Mike Corwin, VDOT
LT Johnny C. Day, Chesapeake City Police
Mark Edwards, Fire Department/EMT
Eric Martin, Public Works

NOT PRESENT

Keith Lindgren (Vice-Chair)
Andree Butcher, Commissioner
Frank Davenport, Commissioner
Brandi Goza, Student Rep.
Ray Greenwood, Commissioner
Joe Newman, City Council
Heath Pope, Commissioner
Mary Ann Rayment, DMV
Paige Stutz, Chesapeake Public Schools
Al Thomas, Commissioner
Sgt. Allen Williams, Virginia State Police

CALL TO ORDER

- ⇒ Mr. Jim Scruggs, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and welcomed the Commissioners to the meeting.
- ⇒ There was an insufficient number of Commissioners present to constitute a quorum in accordance with the By-Laws. The meeting was conducted as an administrative work session.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- ⇒ The March 28, 2006 meeting minutes and the April 11 administrative work session were published and reviewed.

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- ⇒ Actions related to approving the March 28, 2006 meeting minutes were deferred until the May 16, 2006 meeting or when sufficient Commissioners are present as to constitute a quorum.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: (Mr. Jim Scruggs)

- ⇒ Reiterated that the February 2006 meeting minutes are posted on the City web site and that the Commission has the ability to post additional information (by-laws, etc.) as well. Intent is to have the last approved minutes posted on the site within a week of the Commission approving the minutes.

ACTIVITIES:

State Police (Sgt. Williams)

- ⇒ No Report.

City Police (Lt. Johnny Day)

- ⇒ Outlined the results of speed and red light enforcement operations conducted beginning on April 27, 2006.
- ⇒ Provided statistical data from DUI Enforcement operations conducted with North Carolina authorities at the border with North Carolina on Route 17 on Friday, April 17, 2006; 180 tickets issued and 5 DUI arrests.
- ⇒ Addressed the results of the Department's DUI operations conducted in conjunction with the celebration of Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2006; 5 DUI arrests.
- ⇒ Highlighted the fact that Click it or Ticket begins this week.
- ⇒ DUI and speed enforcement operations are scheduled for every Friday through Sunday during the summer months on Route 17 and the 168 Bypass. Additionally, six traffic and DUI operations are planned for May on Battlefield Blvd and the 168 Bypass.

Public Works (Eric Martin)

- ⇒ Discussed a recent Virginian Pilot article that highlighted the ongoing problem with weight restrictions on existing bridges located in Chesapeake and the impact on emergency services and vehicles.
- Department of Public Works is working with Fire and EMS representatives to mitigate the risk associated with emergency vehicle routing
 - Replacements for smaller bridges are ongoing and should solve some of the problems.
 - The City is preparing a submission for the Revenue Sharing Program to support the effort
 - Deep Creek Bridge design work is complete
- ⇒ An update to the Traffic Calming Program was provided
- A new initial first step has been implemented into the overall program construct.
 - Neighborhood associations or individual citizens may request signs that can be placed in yards to advise motorist that the speed limit is 25 mph.
- ⇒ Also discussed were recent Gracie Park Subdivision parking restriction and Chesapeake Colony Right-of-Way obstruction issues.
- Funding for two traffic signals on George Washington Highway has been received

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- Gilmerton Bridge funding has been approved/provided.
- Bruce and Taylor Road right turn lane funding has been provided which included some Americans with Disabilities Act sidewalk and ramp improvements.
- Greenbrier TIF sidewalk and crosswalk projects are ongoing
- State funding from VDOT will only address road maintenance projects. There is no money being made available to fund new road projects.

VDOT (Mr. Mike Corwin)

- ⇒ Emphasized the points made by Mr. Martin during the Public Works discussions concerning state provided transportation funding. The current view is that nothing is in the budget that is not fully funded.
- ⇒ Highlighted the I64info.com website as a means of finding out the latest road construction information; especially as it relates to the battlefield Blvd and I64 interchange. The system also supports weekly email updates containing latest project informational updates.
- ⇒ Announced that Public Hearings to develop the Six-year Plan will begin soon.
- ⇒ Discussed safetea-lu funding and indicated that \$10M in funds are earmarked for the interchange at Interstate 64 and Chesapeake/VA Beach.

Schools (Ms. Paige Stutz)

- ⇒ No Report.

Fire/EMT

- ⇒ Mark Edwards reemphasized the difficulties encountered with Fire Department equipment being unable to traverse some bridges; highlighting the need for some equipment to take indirect, less timely routes when responding to calls in certain parts of the City.
- ⇒ Mr. Edwards was prepared to provide a briefing on the City's Fire and EMT Services and the transportation safety challenges but due to time constraints he gladly provided copies of the Virginian Pilot article as well as maps identifying the problem areas.

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DMV

- ⇒ No Report.

City Attorney's Office

- ⇒ No Report.

Public Relations

- ⇒ No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative

- ⇒ No Report.

Nominating

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⇒ The Committee solicited nominations and/or volunteers to fill the Chair, Vice-Chair and Recorder positions. Elections are scheduled to occur during the June 20, 2006 meeting.

Public Relations

⇒ No Report.

CITY COUNCIL

⇒ No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Mr. Jim Scruggs)

⇒ Miss Brandi Goza recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Edge for the services she rendered to the Transportation Safety Commission. Miss Goza's term expires on 30 June 2006.

⇒ During the April 25, 2006 City Council meeting Ms. Mary McLamb was appointed to her first term on the Transportation Safety Commission as a replacement for Miss Goza. Her term commences on 1 July and expires in June 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

⇒ No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

⇒ No new business was discussed.

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There being no further business, everyone was reminded that the next meeting date is ***TUESDAY, June 20, 2006*** at 12:00 Noon. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Prepared/distributed by

Jim Scruggs
Chairman