

CHESAPEAKE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
June 20, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Chesapeake Transportation Safety Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 12 noon in the 4-H Trailer, adjacent to the Great Bridge Community Center at 212 Holt Drive.

Present

Jim Scruggs (Chair)
Keith Lindgren (Vice-Chair)
Andree Butcher, Commissioner
Ed Carbaugh, Commissioner
Chris Cormier, Commissioner
Bill Kenny, Commissioner
Mark Lutes, Commissioner
Robert Lassiter, Jr., Commissioner

Others

Mike Corwin, VDOT
Mark Edwards, Fire Department/EMT
Earl Sorey, Public Works
Sgt. Allen Williams, Virginia State Police

NOT PRESENT

Jimmy Brock, Chesapeake Schools
Frank Davenport, Commissioner
LT Johnny C. Day, Chesapeake City Police
Brandi Goza, Student Rep.
Ray Greenwood, Commissioner
Robert Lassiter, Commissioner
Joe Newman, City Council
Mary Ann Rayment, DMV
Al Thomas, Commissioner
Terry Whitehurst, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

- ⇒ Mr. Jim Scruggs, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and welcomed the Commissioners to the meeting.
- ⇒ There were sufficient numbers of Commissioners present to constitute a quorum in accordance with the By-Laws.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- ⇒ The March 28, 2006 meeting minutes as well as the April 11, 2006 and May 16, 2006 administrative work sessions were published and reviewed.
- ⇒ The meeting minutes for March 28, 2006, April 11, 2006, and May 16, 2006 were approved.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: (Mr. Jim Scruggs)

- ⇒ Mr. William A. Sowers was appointed to the Commission during the May 23, 2006 City Council Meeting to fill the unexpired term of Phil Knoll. Mr. Sower's term begins immediately and expires in November 2007.
- ⇒ On May 26, 2006 Mayor Edge signed Certificates of Appreciation for Heath Pope and Phil Knoll for their service on the Transportation Safety Commission.

ACTIVITIES:

State Police (Sgt. Williams)

- ⇒ Discussed the increasing safety challenges associated with the I64/Battlefield Blvd project; especially work zone safety requirements.

City Police (Talking Points Provided by Lt. Johnny Day)

- ⇒ Chesapeake Police Department placed first in the 2005 Law enforcement Challenge; a state-wide competition with competitive categories by department size. In the 301-450 officers category Chesapeake was first while Chesterfield and Newport News placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.
 - ⇒ The Law Enforcement Challenge deals with the strategies developed and implemented to deal with DUI, speeding and safety belt usage.
 - ⇒ Each category is judged on enforcement, personnel training, public education and an evaluation of how well the programs actually worked. This year long process was labor intensive and clearly demonstrated the Departments resolve after placing 2nd in the challenge in 2004.
- ⇒ Police operations conducted since the last meeting of the CTSC reflect:
 - ⇒ A May 25, 2006 operation in Deep Creek resulted in 283 tickets, one cocaine arrest, and one assessment for \$15,000 for an overweight fine.
 - ⇒ A May 27, 2006 operation conducted on the 168 Bypass resulted in 260 tickets, 3 marijuana arrests, and one cocaine arrest.

Public Works (Earl Sorey)

- ⇒ The Safe-Accountable-Flexible-Efficient-Transportation-Equity-Act-A-Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) provided federal transportation funding for various improvements throughout the country. Recently, the City of Chesapeake was able to secure \$25M through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) that was funded through SAFETEA-LU. This amount represented 40% of the RSTP highway funding that was made available to the Hampton Roads region. The planned allocation of this funding includes:
 - ↳ \$9M for the southern section of Dominion Blvd (Cedar to New
 - ↳ \$8.3 to widen Mt. Pleasant Rd
 - ↳ \$3.4M for Long Bridge (fixed bridge on GWH near fire station)
 - ↳ \$2M additional funds for Portsmouth Blvd widening
 - ↳ \$1.2M additional funds for Mt. Pleasant Rd left turn lane at Fentress Airfield Rd
 - ↳ \$1.1M in various other projects (signal retimings, turn lane extensions, etc.)

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VDOT (Mr. Mike Corwin)

- ⇒ Addressed a VDOT Traffic Advisory issued on June 19, 2006 which advised motorists planning to use the I-64 High Rise Bridge on Saturday, June 24 of delays that may be encountered as a result of bridge maintenance crews conducting routine, quarterly inspections.
- ⇒ Outlined a July 2005 General Assembly action that permitted increases to posted speed limits on U.S. 58 from Bowers Hill to Emporia based on detailed analysis. The proposed plan reflects increases to specific highway segments and is currently awaiting Transportation Commissioner approval by July 1, 2006. Specific adjustments are as follows:
 - ⇒ Franklin to Courtland from 55 to 65 mph
 - ⇒ Everything else would increase from 55 to 60 mph

Schools (Ms. Paige Stutz)

- ⇒ No Report.

Fire/EMT

- ⇒ Mark Edwards discussed a May 16, 2006 vehicle fire on U.S. 58 West.9

DMV

- ⇒ No Report.

City Attorney's Office

- ⇒ No Report.

Public Relations

- ⇒ No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative

- ⇒ No Report.

Nominating

- ⇒ The Committee had previously solicited nominations and/or volunteers to fill the Chair, Vice-Chair and Recorder positions. Elections were conducted for Chair and Vice Chair with the following results:
 - ⇒ Mr. Mark Lutes was elected Chair
 - ⇒ Mr. Bill Kenny was elected Vice-Chair
- ⇒ No volunteers/candidates for Secretary were presented. A volunteer to fill this position will be solicited at the next scheduled meeting.

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⇒ 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.
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OLD BUSINESS

- ⇒ Newly installed no parking signs on Battlefield Blvd near Blakeley's are having the desired affect and has eased traffic congestion at this popular night spot.
- ⇒ Follow-up action with the Council Liaison is required with regard to Commissioner Terry Whitehurst's request to invite a state legislative rep to attend a CTSC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ⇒ A new round of toll studies and associated Smart Tag usage No new business was discussed.
- ⇒ A recently completed motorist awareness video features Governor Kaine highlighting the need for motorist to watch out for motorcyclists.

There being no further business, everyone was reminded that the next meeting date is ***TUESDAY, July 18, 2006*** at 12:00 Noon. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Prepared/distributed by

Jim Scruggs
Chairman