

**CHESAPEAKE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**November 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

The Chesapeake Transportation Safety Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, **November 21, 2006** at 12 noon in the 4-H Trailer, adjacent to the Great Bridge Community Center at 212 Holt Drive.

**Present**

Mark Lutes, Chairman  
Keith Lindgren (Vice-Chair)  
David Boisselle, Commissioner  
Andree Butcher, Commissioner  
Ed Carbaugh, Commissioner  
Bryan Collins (City Council)  
Chris Cormier, Commissioner  
Mike Corwin, VDOT  
Frank Davenport, Commissioner  
Bill Kenny, Commissioner  
Matt Krakower, Commissioner  
Keith Lindgren, Vice Chairman  
Bill O'Connor, Commissioner  
Mary Ann Rayment, DMV  
Bill Sowers, Commissioner  
Ed Carbaugh, Commissioner  
Chris Cormier, Commissioner  
Bill Kenny, Commissioner  
Terry Whitehurst, Commissioner

**Others**

Earl Sorey, Public Works  
Lt. Johnny C. Day, Chesapeake City Police  
Lt. Mark Edwards, Fire Department/EMT

**NOT PRESENT**

Brandi Goza, Student Rep.  
Ray Greenwood, Commissioner  
Heath Pope, Commissioner  
Paige Stutz, Chesapeake Public Schools  
Al Thomas, Commissioner  
Sgt. Allen Williams, Virginia State Police

**CALL TO ORDER**

⇒ Mr. Lutes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and welcomed the Commissioners to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

⇒ The October 17, 2006 meeting minutes were published and reviewed.

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⇒ Actions related to the October 17, 2006 meeting were approved.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** (Mr. Lutes)

⇒ Reiterated that the 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. Day)

- ⇒ DUI Saturation Patrols will be conducted each weekend through December.
- ⇒ Conducting "red light runner" traps.
- ⇒ The High Rise Bridge will be closed on the evening of November 28 for repairs.

**Public Works** (Mr. Sorey)

- ⇒ Expect to let a contact for the guard rail project for the Great Bridge Bypass by Summer 2007.
- ⇒ Speed actuated warning lights for Mt. Pleasant Rd. have been approved and will be installed soon.
- ⇒ A first draft of the City's Capital Improvement Project has been completed.
- ⇒ The Southeastern Parkway project is awaiting funding and thus "on hold."
- ⇒ Funding for improvements to the Deek Creek Bridge is expected in October 2007.
- ⇒ The Battlefield Boulevard interchange reconstruction project is on or ahead of schedule.
- ⇒ There is a funding deficit for improvements to the Gilmerton Bridge.

**VDOT** (Mr. Corwin)

⇒ No report.

**Schools** (Ms. Stutz)

⇒ No Report.

**Fire/EMT** (Lt. Edwards)

- ⇒ A Medic Unit vehicle was recently "totaled" with injuries at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> and Liberty, which unfortunately was not equipped with a "preemption unit" that enables an emergency vehicle to control the stop light.
- ⇒ 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. Funding is needed.

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**DMV** (Ms. Rayment)

- ⇒ Discussed recent motor vehicle fatalities which involved young men, excessive speed, and alcohol.
- ⇒ DMV is consulting with Cox High School in Virginia Beach on its "Get it Together" seat belt safety program.
- ⇒ The "next generation" of the "Click-it or Ticket" program is expected in 2007.
- ⇒ More funding for the "Check Point Strike Force" program is being sought.
- ⇒ Possible increase in the minimum age for children who are required to be placed in booster seats has been proposed.
- ⇒ Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has proposed an ignition interlock for all those convicted of drunk driving, including first offenders.
- ⇒ Legislation to repeal the motorcycle helmet law is expected to be introduced again.
- ⇒ Legislation (and funding) for "photo-red" stop light enforcement is expected to be introduced again.
- ⇒ Drive Smart Hampton Roads Awards will be announced soon, including one to Lt. Johnny Day of the Chesapeake Police Department.

**City Attorney's Office**

- ⇒ No Report.

**Public Relations**

- ⇒ No Report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Legislative**

- ⇒ No Report.

**Nominating**

- ⇒ No Report.

**Public Relations**

- ⇒ No Report.

**CITY COUNCIL** (Mr. Collins)

- ⇒ Emphasized that he is ready, willing, and able to carry Committee issues to City Council, as required.
- ⇒ Deep Creek Bridge improvements have been moved up to 2007.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Mr. Lutes)

- ⇒ None.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

⇒ No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

⇒ Mr. Boisselle inquired of Mr. Sorey (Public Works) whether anything could be done in light of two recent motor vehicle fatalities on Elbow Rd., such as reducing the speed limit. Mr. Sorey advised that the situation is being reviewed and has been looked at in the past; that most mishaps involve bad driver behavior; that a full-blown Geometrics Survey involving possible redesign of the road would cost \$9 million and involve significant environmental impact concerns (e.g., protected wetlands).

There being no further business, everyone was reminded that the next meeting date is Tuesday, **December 19, 2006** at 12:00 noon. The meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Prepared by:  
David Boisselle, Recorder

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