

VBTES

Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study

March 2010

Monthly update on the Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study

HRT has a new CEO!

Philip A. Shucet was installed as HRT's President and CEO on February 1, 2010. One of Virginia's leading transportation administrators, Mr. Shucet is the former commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation where he imposed a series of reforms that greatly improved the agency's on-time and on-budget performance.

When Mr. Shucet took over VDOT in 2001, one in every five construction projects was behind schedule and more than half were over budget. By the end of his tenure, Mr. Shucet had won widespread praise for imposing stronger business practices that reversed the department's management deficiencies.

Mr. Shucet replaces Michael Townes who helped forge the modern day HRT and was central to its successful efforts to bring Virginia's first light rail project to Hampton Roads. Townes announced his retirement in January.

Prior to his work with VDOT, Mr. Shucet worked for the West Virginia Department of Highways and the Arizona Department of Transportation. He was appointed by former Governor Mark Warner as VDOT commissioner after a successful career in private industry.

HRT looks forward to the leadership Mr. Shucet will bring to the agency and on the Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study.

HRT to help fund the VBTES

In December 2009, Hampton Roads Transit received notice of a \$1.2 million federal grant award from the Federal Transit Administration to continue the Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study. On February 9th, HRT's new CEO, Philip Shucet, announced that HRT would fund the required 20% local match in the amount of \$244,800 to draw down the grant. This grant completes HRT's search for money to complete the study.

Check out the updated VBTES webpage!

Hampton Roads Transit recently made changes to the gohrt.com website, which includes updated information for the VBTES webpage, including the complete information from the Station Area Workshops. To view these new updates, visit www.gohrt.com. Click on the link for the Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study.

Questions? Comments?

Your comments and questions with regard to the VBTES are welcome. You may submit them through the comment section of the VBTES webpage, by contacting Marie Arnt by e-mail at marnt@hrtransit.org, by phone at 757-222-6291 or by letter at 3400 Victoria Blvd. Hampton, VA 23661. We will be sure to get back with you in a timely manner.