Richmond Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

Richmond Regional Transportation Organization Policy Board

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Purpose, Roles & Responsibilities

- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- PlanRVA team and primary responsibilities
- Project Steering Committee team, time commitment and responsibilities

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Look back at 2004 plan...
- Richmond Bicycle Master Plan
- Chesterfield Bikeways & Trails (comp plan)
- Hanover Active & Healthy Living Chapter
- Ashland Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Construction & dedication
- Virginia Capital Trail
- T. Tyler Potterfield Bridge
- Huguenot Bridge
- Cannon Creek Greenway

- East Coast Greenway designations & some signed routes

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Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) or ConnectRVA 2045

Guides the region’s transportation investments over the next 20 years.

Plan focuses on all modes of travel, including transit, highways, bicycles, and pedestrians.

As part of the LRTP, a key question for the Bike-Ped Plan is:

What does it mean to be part of the regional transportation network?

From the Project Inclusion Guidelines:
• Projects on segregated lanes within dedicated rights of way
• Projects of independent utility that are part of a larger multi-jurisdiction network or significantly contribute to filling identified gaps in an existing bike/ped network
• Projects that directly connect and support the existing transit service
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Where we are in the planning process
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Vision

The Richmond region provides mobility for people of all ages and abilities through a safe, continuous, recognizable, and intuitive pedestrian and bicycle network. Efforts to make walking and biking a safe travel mode are well-integrated into all regional and local comprehensive and related plans, implementing ordinances and guidelines to equitably enhance the quality of life, strengthen local economies and preserve the natural environment.
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Guiding Principles:

• Provide **Safe**, multimodal regional transportation system recognizing that vehicle speed and conflict between modes lead to higher roadway injury and fatality rates.
• Build **Equity** into all transportation planning and spending in the region with focus on connecting historically disregarded communities to employment and services.
• Ensure **Choice** among all travel options (private vehicle, transit, bike, walk) regionwide.
• Prioritize **Completion** of regional bicycle & pedestrian networks for individual and community health
• Make **last-mile transit access** a priority for a more resilient transportation system.
• Incorporate **context sensitive design** of all facilities to reduce conflicts and enhance sustainable communities.
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Key Definitions for Bike Infrastructure:

**Bicycle Boulevard**: A low-volume and low-speed street that encourages biking.
**Bicycle Lane**: A designated bikeway adjacent to automobile lanes.
**Connector Path**: A route similar to a shared use path but lacks important elements such as the necessary width.
**Cycle Track**: A one- or two-direction bikeway providing secure physical separation.
**Shared Use Path**: A separated off-street bicycle and pedestrian facility.

*Identified as bicycle facilities on the DRAFT: Richmond Regional Active Transportation Plan Update story map
Also being developed as an implementation tool is Complete Streets story map
Building a Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Network

Graphic from Athens In Motion, Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Final Report August 2018
Barriers
Low Stress Network
Activity Centers
Environmental Justice
Health Opportunity Index
EJ & HOI
With Existing Regional Bikeways
EJ & HOI
With Transit
Pedestrian Injuries & Fatalities
Cyclist Injuries & Fatalities
Existing Regional Bikeways
Existing & Proposed Regional Spines & Spurs
Regional Planning Framework
East End
Environmental Justice
East End
Health Opportunity Index (HOI)
East End
Pedestrian Injuries & Fatalities
East End
Cyclist Injuries & Fatalities
East End
Activity Areas
Existing & Proposed Projects
Southside
Environmental Justice
Southside Health Opportunity Index (HOI)
Southside Cyclist Injuries & Fatalities
Thank you!

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