

Current Work Efforts Update – Item A.5.a.

ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Following project scoring and discussions with project champions, the constrained list of projects was presented to RRTPO Policy Board for review and approval at their July 1 meeting. The requisite VDOT Air Quality Conformity public review process is also now underway. Staff continues to work on the full *ConnectRVA 2045* draft document, incorporating technical reports, and preparing for an active in-person and virtual public engagement process from August 16 through September 15.

Ashland Trolley Line Trail Study

Staff continues to work with the National Park Service's Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program to explore the opportunity for adding the skills of an NPS public historian for greater interpretation of the trolley line's former role in community connections through signage and self-guided walking tours. Plans are underway for a September field trip to the corridor with NPS staff. Two story maps for the project illustrate the importance and potential for the 14-mile Trolley Line Trail, now a segment of the Fall Line Trail, and include [history of the trolley line](#) and a [design sketchbook](#).

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Working with regional partners, staff continues to make additions and revise the interactive GIS story map data, project list, and foundational elements for the plan. The draft plan entitled *BikePedRVA 2045* including recommendations for priority projects to fulfill the regional network was presented to the steering committee for the plan on July 14. This plan is being prepared concurrently with *ConnectRVA 2045* as a major update to the 2004 Richmond Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Complete Streets toolbox or illustrated [story map](#) continues to be updated as one resource intended to implement *BikePedRVA 2045*.

Active Transportation Work Group (ATWG)

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings, staff continues to support Henrico staff on the County's ATWG and efforts to develop the bicycle and pedestrian chapter of the county's comprehensive plan. Staff also assists the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECG) on potential designations of segments of the future route of the trail through the Richmond region and during quarterly ECG council meetings.

Public Transportation Work Group

The RRTPO Public Transportation Work Group wrapped up its support in the development of the GRTC Regional Transportation Plan. The draft plan was approved by the CVTA on June 25th.

Vision Zero Work Group

The RRTPO Vision Zero Work Group is working with VDOT and their consultant on a regional action plan. The data collection and analysis kicked off with a work group meeting on May 13th and will progress for the next few months, with the next meeting scheduled for July 29th. This action plan will be a great resource for member localities

as they position for safety improvements around the region. A schedule for completion of the plan is being developed.

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Staff has provided road network resiliency mapping and data to help the four (4) rural localities which have made up RTAC over the years of the Rural Transportation Program to consider long-term resiliency in their own planning and prioritization for roadway and bridge/culvert improvements. This data will help them work with VDOT to ensure better service to populations vulnerable to flooding. The data has also been useful throughout the Richmond region to assist in measuring “environmental resiliency” performance for project scoring through the LRTP process. Funding opportunities for implementing flood prevention measures, addressing hazard mitigation, and coastal resiliency have also been shared with RTAC.

Staff will work with the four rural members of the RRTPO to prepare for the October 2021 full transition to urban designation in the RRTPO.