

Richmond Regional
**Transportation
Planning
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Draft Regional Conformity Assessment Report

**RRTPO Policy Board Meeting
August 5, 2021**

**Presentation by:
Sulabh Aryal, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager**

Action Requested

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approves the Richmond Regional Conformity Assessment Report as presented.

Conformity Overview

- Conformity analysis is a demonstration of compliance with the Clean Air Act
- Richmond area was a non-attainment (and later maintenance) area under the 1997 8-hour ozone standards
- In attainment for all current standards
- Court ruling in 2018 requires continued demonstration of conformity under 1997 standards (anti-backsliding)

Draft Regional Conformity Report

- Projects included from entire Richmond 8-hour Ozone attainment area.
- Projects from ConnectRVA 2045, FY21-24 TIP and Tri-Cities MPO 2040 LRTP.
- Policy Board authorized TAC to review draft and open public review in their July 1 meeting.
- Interagency Consultation Group Meeting - State, federal, and locality representatives (including Tri-Cities representatives) met on July 7. Meeting led by VDOT.
- TAC on behalf of the Policy Board opened the public review and comment period on their July 7 meeting.
- Changes from TAC members and other ICG members incorporated into final report.

Public Review and Comment Period

- A 15-day public review and comment was held from July 9 through July 24.
- Website with comment form and draft document.
- Shared via social media and email to interested parties.
- 6 public comments received.
- RRTPO and VDOT staff responded to all the negative comments.

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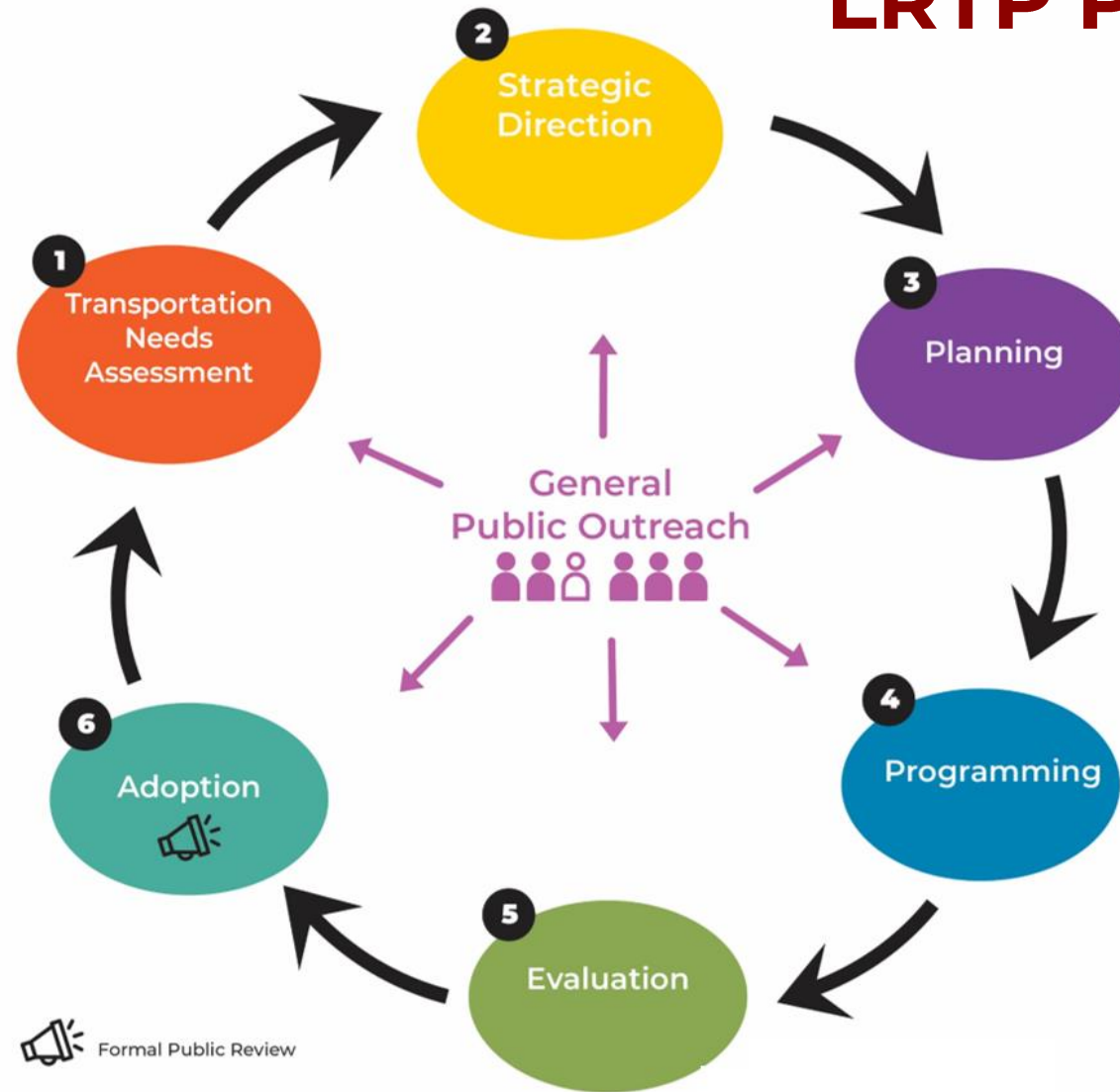
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L RTP Process Flow



Public Input Opportunities

- **ConnectRVA 2045 Website/Email**
 - February 2020 – September 2021
- **Phase 1: Transportation Needs Assessment**
 - Community Outreach Meetings: February– Early March 2020
 - Issues Interactive Mapping (Wikimaps): March 12- April 15, 2020
- **Phase 2: Strategic Direction - VGO development**
 - Vision Survey: March 12- April 15, 2020
 - Regional Goals and Priorities Survey: June 24 – August 15, 2020
 - Vision, Goals, and Strategies Survey: August 25- October 11, 2020
- **Phase 4: Programming- Constrained Plan Development**
 - Budget Allocation Survey: April 15- May 15, 2021

Formal Public Review & Comment Periods



Regional Conformity Report
15 Days
July 9-24, 2021

Final Public Review Period

- In-Person and Virtual Public Engagement Process
- Newspaper Ads, Social Media, Interested Party Email
- Open House Meetings
- Boards and Council Meetings
- LRTP Document
- Public Libraries & Government Agencies – Access to the LRTP Document
- Policy Board Meeting Update - September 2
- TAC, CTAC and LRTP-AC meetings in September

L RTP Report Documents

Main Document

- 70/75 pages targeted towards the general public and the RRTPO Policy Board
- Following Federal Plain Language Guideline and USDOT Plain Language Checklist
- Infographic heavy

Technical Documentations

A series of reports presenting all technical analysis targeted towards the transportation community

- A. Socioeconomic Data Report (2017-2045)
- B. Long Range Growth Forecast Analysis Report
- C. Structures Inventory and Assessment Report
- D. Local and Regional Transportation Issues Report
- E. Project Prioritization Process Report
- F. Constrained Plan Development Report
- G. Constrained Plan Evaluation Report
- H. Public Participation and Outreach Report
- I. Congestion Management Process Report/Story Map
- J. Air Quality Conformity Report – VDOT
- K. ConnectRVA 2045 Federal Compliance Report (TBD)

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Connect RVA 2045



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