

RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
February 17, 2025
VDOT Richmond District Updates

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

- [Draft Minutes CTB Workshop Meeting - January 2026](#)
 - The link above will take you to the presentations given at the January 6th CTB Meeting.
 - **Agenda Items related to the Richmond District and Richmond Regional TPO:**
 - Regulatory Reduction Program & Proposed Regulatory Amendments – Rules/Regulations for the Administration of Waysides and Rest Areas (24VAC30-50) and Rules/Regulations for the Administration of Parking Lots and Environs
 - Significant Amendments:
 - Reduce duplications.
 - New allowance for state government entities to request permission for activities at and uses and occupation of rest areas not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law such as parking lot events on weekends and mobile food vending.
 - Achieve administrative updates, add clarifying language, and bring the text in line with current practice.
 - Proposed Regulatory Amendments – Rules and Regulations Controlling Outdoor Advertising and Directional and Other Signs and Notices, 24VAC30-120
 - Significant Amendments:
 - Significant reorganization and streamlining of the regulation to make the text easier for regulated entities to read and understand
 - Nonconforming signs
 - ❖ The number of months a nonconforming sign can be blank will be revised from 18 months to 24 months to provide added flexibility to regulations
 - ❖ The number of days the sign owner has to display a message after receiving written notice will be revised from 120 days to 30 days in conformance with the timeline for corrective action set in § 33.2-1229
 - Transportation Alternatives Program – FY 27/28 Application Cycle
 - Statewide Pre-Application Insights
 - 109 pre-applications
 - 8 screen-out decisions
 - Statewide Full Application Insights
 - 89 full applications were submitted, of which Richmond District had 20 full applications and requested \$27.7M
 - 7 screen-out decisions
 - \$131.5M total requests for \$247.9M total estimated project costs
 - Two existing project requests valued at \$2M
 - FY 27/28 Available Allocations and Distributions – MPO Selection Responsibility
 - Richmond Regional TPO – \$4.7M
 - Tri-Cities Area MPO – \$0.6M
 - FY 27/28 Available Allocations and Distributions – CTB Selection Responsibility
 - Statewide \$39.5M (\$4M to Mr. Davis)
 - <5,000 Population Areas \$13.5M
 - 5,000-50,000 Population Areas \$2.1M
 - >50,000-200,000 Population Areas \$4.8M
 - Minus \$2M Statewide to keep for Balance Entry \$2M
 - TA Project Scoring Provided to the CTB Board in January of 2026
 - All projects have a score derived from responses in the application:
 - ❖ Project Delivery and Funding

- ❖ Readiness to Proceed
 - ❖ Project Concept and Benefit
 - ❖ Deductive Measure
 - Priority Status for Existing Projects
 - ❖ Existing projects are indicated on the scorecards
 - ❖ The following is the link to the [TA Scorecards](#)
- Next Steps:
 - By February 6, 2026, the CTB District Member and TMA selections will be provided to LAD
 - On February 17, 2026, the CTB At-Large member selection meeting following CTB Action meeting
 - March - May 2026 SYIP preparation and public meetings
 - June 2026 CTB approval of project allocations
- [Draft Minutes CTB Action Meeting - January 2026](#)
 - The link above will take you to the action/agenda items discussed and voted upon during the January 6th CTB Meeting.
 - **Agenda/Action Items related to the Richmond District and Richmond Regional TPO:**
 - *Action on Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) for the I-64 and Route 623 (Ashland Road) Interchange Improvements Project 0064-037-805, P101, R201, C501 UPC# 123919*
 - Issues: The area designated as limited access previously approved for I-64 needs to be modified to accommodate interchange improvements at Route 623. These changes require the approval of the CTB.
 - Recommendations: VDOT recommends that I-64 continue to be designated as limited access with the LACCs modified and/or established as shown on the attached exhibits. This action will modify the limited access line and right of way previously approved by the CTB on September 20, 1962.
 - Result: Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.
 - *Action on FY2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program Transfers November 15, 2025, through December 12, 2025*
 - Issue: Each year the CTB must adopt a SYIP in accordance with statutes and federal regulations. Throughout the year, it may become necessary to transfer funds between projects to have allocations available to continue and/or initiate projects and programs adopted in the Program. Within the Richmond District, we had two SYIP Allocation Transfers that required approval:
 - First SYIP Transfer:
 - ❖ Donor UPC/Description: 70700 – Statewide Highway Safety Balance Entry
 - ❖ Recipient UPC/Description: 117778 Signal MUTCD Compliance Upgrades – Districtwide
 - ❖ Fund Source: VA Safety HSIP – Federal and VA Safety HSIP – Soft match
 - ❖ Transfer Amount: \$227,041
 - ❖ Total Allocation: \$692,411
 - ❖ Total Estimate: \$692,411
 - ❖ Comments: Transfer of surplus funds recommended by District and Traffic Operations Division from the Statewide Highway Safety Balance Entry line item to fund an underway project.
 - Second SYIP Transfer:
 - ❖ Donor UPC/Description: 127921 - #SMART26 – I-95 at Rives Road Exit Roundabouts
 - ❖ Recipient UPC/Description: 118949 - Appomattox River Trail (ART) – Western Extension
 - ❖ Fund Source: CMAQ: Tri-Cities and CMAQ Match: Tri-Cities
 - ❖ Transfer Amount: \$341,627
 - ❖ Total Allocation: \$1,130,892
 - ❖ Total Estimate: \$1,167,941
 - ❖ Comments: Transfer of surplus funds recommended by District and MPO from a scheduled project to fund an underway project.
 - Result: Transfers were approved, unanimously.
 - *Action on Addition of Projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2031*
 - Issue: Each year the CTB must adopt a SYIP and allocations in accordance with the statutory formula. There were two projects listed that will be added to the SYIP for FY26-31 within the Richmond District:
 - UPC Number: T31239
 - ❖ Project Description: Richmond Structure Recoating - #4

- ❖ Total Cost: \$5,642,040
- ❖ Total Allocation: \$5,642,040
- ❖ Major Fund Source: Bridge Formula Program
- UPC Number: T31240
 - ❖ Project Description: Richmond Structure Recoating - #5
 - ❖ Total Cost: \$5,373,540
 - ❖ Total Allocation: \$5,373,540
 - ❖ Major Fund Source: Bridge Formula Program
- Recommendations: VDOT recommended the addition of the projects to the Program for FY 2026–2031.
- Result: Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.
- Action on Location Approval for the Powhite Parkway Project
 - Issue: The Powhite Parkway Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) involves the consideration of the construction of a four-lane road from Woolridge Road to Hull Street Road, to include reconstruction of an existing two-lane road from Hull Street Road to the Westerleigh Parkway Extension, identified as “Alternative 1A” in the presentation to the CTB on December 9, 2025. Pursuant to Va. Code § 33.2 208, the CTB is required to locate and establish the routes to be followed by the highways comprising the systems of state highways.
 - Recommendations: VDOT recommended approval of the location of the Project as presented at the Location Public Hearing and as shown in Exhibit A.
 - Result: Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.
- Delegation of Authority to Correct Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Version 11.0
 - Issue: VDOT seeks approval from the CTB to delegate authority to make minor edits to the Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which includes the Work Area Protection Manual (Virginia MUTCD), version 11.0
 - Recommendations: VDOT recommended the Board authorize the Commissioner of Highways.
 - Result: Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.
- Action on Making Efficient and Responsible Investments in Transit Program Review
 - Issue: The Code of Virginia requires that the CTB evaluate DRPT's transit operating assistance methodology ("MERIT Operating Assistance") every three years. Any changes require consultation with DRPT, TSDAC, and interested stakeholders, and shall provide for a 45-day public comment period, before being considered for approval.
 - Recommendation: Considering the TSDAC's resolution seeking a delay, and considering the 10 months of work invested by DRPT staff, consultants, and stakeholders, DRPT recommends that the CTB resolve to take future action on the MERIT operating formula and capital prioritization process changes, no later than the May 2026 CTB Action Meeting.
 - Result: Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.
- Action on Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund Allocation to the County of Chesterfield for the West Area Arterial Collector Project
 - Issue: The Governor has directed \$35.0 million from the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF) to the CTB pursuant to § 33.2-1529.1 of the Code of Virginia for allocation to the County of Chesterfield for the West Area Arterial Collector Project. The direction of funds has been recommended by the Secretaries of Transportation and Commerce and Trade and CTB allocation of said funds to the County for the Project is sought.
 - Result: Motion carried to allocate the funds, unanimously.
- Action on Regulatory Reduction Program and Final Regulatory Amendments: Rules/Regulations for the Administration of Waysides and Rest Areas (24VAC30-50) and Rules/Regulations for the Administration of Parking Lots and Environs (24VAC30-100)
 - Issue: VDOT is requesting approval from the CTB to move forward with the final stage amendments to consolidate and amend the Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Waysides and Rest Areas (24VAC30-50) and Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Parking Lots and Environs (24VAC30-100). VDOT received no public comments during the proposed stage public comment period, and as such, recommends no changes to the amendments as previously approved by the CTB.
 - Recommendations: VDOT recommended the CTB authorize VDOT to file the final regulatory stage, including the proposed consolidation and amendments and associated Agency Background Document, for 24VAC30-50 and 24VAC30-100.
 - Result: Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.
- Action on Next Gen Traffic Operations Data Service (Next Gen) Contract Award

- Issue: VDOT solicited proposals from qualified firms to contract for a Next Gen Traffic Operations Data Service capable of providing high-fidelity, low-latency data to the Richmond District Traffic Operations Center to enable shorter incident response times, decrease congestion caused by incidents, increase safety on the corridor, and be able to communicate real-time data to the travelling public. CTB approval of this contract is required by Virginia Code § 33.2-209 as a contract for “construction, maintenance, and improvement of the highways comprising systems of state highways in excess of \$5 million.”
 - Recommendations: VDOT recommended that the CTB approve and authorize the Commissioner of Highways to execute the contract with Cavnue, LLC, to provide the Next Generation Traffic Operations Data Service.
 - Result: Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.
- Bids For January CTB Action Meeting Located within the Richmond District
 - Order No. 495 – Richmond District – UPC 127953, 127954, & 127955
 - Location: Dinwiddie, Nottoway, & Prince George Counties
 - Low Bid: \$8,336,998
 - Contractor: Colony Construction, Inc.
- CTB – Next Meeting (VDOT Auditorium)
 - Workshop Meeting on February 17th at 10:00 am.
 - Action Meeting on February 17th at 12:30 pm.

Funding & Programming Activities*

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) & Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program
 - Richmond District has finished reviewing this year’s RRTPO CMAQ/STBG applications and emailed our comments on December 29th.
- Transportation Alternatives & Revenue Sharing (FY27 – FY32 SYIP)
 - Richmond District has been coordinating with our CTB representative (Mr. Davis) and the RRTPO to recommend funding of priority district and TPO projects.
 - We are anticipating funding recommendations at the end of the month for Revenue Sharing.
- SMART SCALE - Round 7
 - March 2nd, 2026, will be when Round 7 Pre-Applications Open.
 - April 1st, 2026, at 5:00 PM will be the Deadline for the Round 7 Pre-Application Submission.
 - June 1st, 2026, will be when Round 7 Full Applications Open.
 - If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Naomi Siodmok (Naomi.Siodmok@vdot.virginia.gov).

Key Projects / Status and Schedule

- Mayo Bridge Replacement Project (UPC 104888)
 - VDOT is coordinating with the City of Richmond and DCR on the development of the Mayo Island Park.
 - Attended the Urban Design Committee and City Planning Commission meetings. Received conditional preliminary approval with comments
 - There is currently a \$100 +/- million shortfall. The City of Richmond is actively seeking additional funding.
- Fall Line
 - VDOT Design-Build Package:
 - DB#2 (Patton Park to W Hundred Rd/Chester Linear Park, UPC 121511) –
 - Construction is planned to start in September of 2026.
 - Design approval phase is ongoing. ROW acquisition phase has begun.
- Powhite Parkway Project EIS
 - Powhite Parkway Extension NEPA Study (UPC 122800)
 - Progressing toward a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, anticipated in mid-2026.
- I-64 Gap Widening Project
 - Segment A – MM 204.9 to MM 215.6 in New Kent County (UPC 122805)

- Project is under active construction.
- Estimated completion is Summer 2027.
- [Segment B](#) – MM 215.6 to MM 224.3 in New Kent County (UPC 123831)
 - Project is under active construction.
 - Estimated completion is Summer 2029.
- [Segment C](#) – MM 224.3 to MM 233.3 in James City County/Hampton Roads District (UPC 123129 & 123832)
 - Project is under active construction.
 - Estimated completion is Fall 2027.
- Speed enforcement for the I-64 widening construction zone is actively in effect.

Upcoming Public Hearings/Citizen Information Meetings [\(Calendar\)](#)

- [Event Details | Through Truck Traffic Restriction Parkside Village Subdivision Goochland County | Virginia Department of Transportation](#)
 - **Date & Time:** February 10, 2026 – March 14, 2026
 - **Location:** Comments can be sent to VDOT Ashland Assistant Resident Administrator, 523 N. Washington Highway, Ashland, VA 23005.
 - **Information:** Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Department of Transportation is accepting written comments through Saturday, March 14, 2026, regarding the restriction of thorough truck traffic for the following routes:
 - Route 1246 (Hemsby Road), Route 1247 (Stradsett Road), Route 1248 (Brandiston Street), Route 1251 (Park Village Boulevard), Route 1253 (Yare Street) and Route 1254 (Village Trail) from Route 623 (Ashland Road) to Route 271 (Pouncey Tract Road). The proposed restriction is approximately 0.75 miles.
 - The proposed alternate route for trucks is via Ashland Road and Pouncey Tract Road. The proposed alternate route is approximately 0.85 miles.
 - **Contact Information:** N/A
- [Event Details | Hard Surfacing 1.4 Miles of Clarke Road in New Kent | Virginia Department of Transportation](#)
 - **Date & Time:** Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM
 - **Location:** 12007 Courthouse Circle, New Kent, VA 23124 – Boardroom of the County Administration Building
 - **Information:** Find out about the proposed project to hard-surface (tar and gravel) 1.4 miles of Route 678 (Clarke Road) between Stage Road and the end of the state-maintained portion of Clarke Road in New Kent County. The new, hard-surfaced road will be on the same horizontal and vertical alignments as the existing unpaved road. All work will be done within the existing right-of-way. The proposed work meets the criteria to be classified as routine maintenance as described in the Code of Virginia and the Rural Rustic Program Manual.
 - **Contact Information:** Give your written or oral comments at the meeting or submit them no later than March 19, 2026, to Jessica Miller (Jessica.Miller@vdot.virginia.gov).

Upcoming Training Opportunities – Business Opportunity & Workforce Development (BOWD) [\(Calendar\)](#)

- [SMART SCALE Round 7 Pre-Application Training](#)
 - **Date & Time:** February 24th, 2026, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - **Location:** Online
 - **Meeting Information:** During this training session, you can gain a comprehensive understanding of the Round 7 Pre-Application process, updates to the SMART Portal, and essential project readiness requirements.
 - **Contact Information:** Brooke Jackson – Brooke.Jackson@oipi.virginia.gov

*Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing: A public hearing is held if a written request is made and contact by VDOT cannot resolve the questions and concerns.