

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, September 2, 2021
9:30 a.m.
PlanRVA James River Board Room**

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
John H. Hodges	X	William G. Coada		Kevin P. Carroll	X
Anita Barnhart (A)		Vacant (A)		James M. Holland	X
				Christopher Winslow	X
				Leslie Haley (A)	
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
John L. Lumpkins Jr.	X	Sean M. Davis	X	Patricia S. O'Bannon	X
Vice Chair Susan F. Lascolette	X	W. Canova Peterson	X	Frank J. Thornton	X
Vacant (A)		Faye O. Prichard (A)		Thomas M. Branin (A)	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)	
New Kent County		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
Patricia A. Paige	X	David T. Williams	X	Andreas D. Addison	
C. Thomas Tiller Jr.		Karin M. Carmack	X	Katherine L. Jordan	X
Thomas W. Evelyn (A)		Vacant (A)		Stephanie A. Lynch	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Cynthia I. Newbille	X
				Michael J. Jones (A)	
				Kristen Nye Larson (A)	
				Ellen F. Robertson (A)	
				Vacant (A)	
Capital Region Airport Commission		GRTC Transit System		RIC Metropolitan Transp. Authority (RMTA)	
John B. Rutledge		Julie E. Timm	X	Joi Taylor Dean	
		Sheryl Adams (A)			
Secretary of Transportation or Designee		CTAC		DRPT	
R. Shane Mann	X	Upton S. Martin (non-voting)		Jennifer B. DeBruhl (non-voting)	X
Mark E. Riblett (A)	X	Lisa M. Guthrie (A) (non-voting)		Tiffany T. Dubinsky (A) (non-voting)	
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)		Federal Transit Administration (FTA)		RideFinders	
Thomas L. Nelson Jr. (non-voting)		Daniel Koenig (Liaison)		Von S. Tisdale (non-voting)	
Ivan Rucker (A) (non-voting)				Cherika N. Ruffin (A) (non-voting)	X
VA Dept. of Aviation (DOAV)					
P. Clifford Burnette Jr. (non-voting)					

The technology used for the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom and YouTube Live Streaming and was open and accessible for participation by

participation by members of the public. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

CALL TO ORDER

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board Chair, David T. Williams, presided and called the August 5, 2021 RRTPO Policy Board action meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in PlanRVA's James River Board Room.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Williams introduced Mr. Ivan Rucker as the new policy board non-voting member representing the Federal Highway Administration.

Nicole Mueller, Transportation Program Coordinator, was recognized by the board for her excellent service to the RRTPO. Chair Williams and the board wished her the best in her new position with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM

Phil Riggan, Planner, certified that a quorum was present.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda.

2. Approval of July 1, 2021 RRTPO Policy Board Action Meeting Minutes

On motion of Patricia A. Paige, seconded by Frank J. Thornton, the RRTPO Policy Board unanimously by acclamation (voice vote) approved the minutes of the July 1, 2021 meeting as presented.

3. Open Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the RRTPO Policy Board.

4. RRTPO Chair's Report

Chair Williams asked Mr. Parsons to provide an update on the upcoming certification review. Mr. Parsons reported the last review was in 2017. The Federal Highway Administration is carrying out the review on the 24th of August.

5. RRTPO Secretary's Report

a. Current Work Efforts

A copy of the report provided by Mr. Parsons is available at: [Current Work Efforts](#).

b. RRTPO Work Status and Financial Report for June 2021

A copy of the report provided by Mr. Parsons is available at: [Work Status and Financial Report](#).

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Virginia's Transportation program: Recent Changes and COVID Impacts

Mr. Nick Donohue, the Commonwealth of Virginia's Deputy Secretary of Transportation presented on Virginia's transportation program, including adjustments being made due to fuel tax revenue shortages and changed in driving habits during the COVID-19 pandemic. [See full presentation on PlanRVA.org.](#)

2. Action on FY21 – FY24 TIP Amendments: GRTC Request

On motion of James M. Holland, seconded by Cynthia I. Newbille, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board amends the *FY21 – FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* adding the following new project and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project is considered exempt from conformity under provisions contained in section 93.126 of the conformity rule as follows:

One New Project:

- UPC GRTC069: Shop Equipment Shed – GRTC; **Mass Transit - Reconstruction or renovation of transit buildings and structures**

3. Action on Draft Regional Conformity Assessment Report

On motion of John L. Lumpkins, seconded by Kevin P. Carroll, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

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

[See the presentation on PlanRVA.org.](#)

4. Action on ConnectRVA 2045 – Public Review and Comment Period

On motion of John L. Lumpkins, seconded by John H. Hodges, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board authorizes staff to open the final public review and comment period for the ConnectRVA 2045 plan from August 16, 2021 through September 15, 2021.

C. AGENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Transportation Agency Updates

- a. A copy of the Virginia Department of Transportation update provided by R. Shane Mann is available at: [VDOT Update](#).
- b. A copy of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation update provided by Jennifer DeBruhl, Chief of Public Transportation at DRPT, is available at: [DRPT Update](#).

2. Community Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Report

A copy of the CTAC meeting report can be found on pages 36-37 in the [August 5, 2021 RRTPO Policy Board agenda packet](#).

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Future Meeting Topics

- Annual Richmond Region Transportation Forum (November)
- DRPT Transit Modernization and Equity Study
- Agreement between the Commonwealth and Amtrak, CSX, and Virginia Railway Express, launching a \$3.7 billion investment to expand and improve passenger, commuter, and freight rail in Virginia and create a vital connection in America's national rail network between the Northeast and Southeast corridors.
- Public Engagement/Community Outreach Efforts

2. RRTPO Member Comments

There was a discussion about the need for better outreach to the public and media. The importance of ensuring that accurate information about RRTPO programs and accomplishments is shared with the public and the media was stressed in light of a recent newspaper article that contained inaccurate information. There was further discussion about the need to increase public participation.

3. Next RRTPO Policy Board Meeting: September 2, 2021

The next action meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:27 a.m. on August 5, 2021.