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Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board

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Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Policy Board

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 5, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

PlanRVA James River Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224
and via Zoom (webinar link located on agenda cover page)
[PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector \(linked\)](#)

A. CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (20 Minutes)

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** (*Chair Jody Rogish*)
Chair to welcome any new members
2. **Roll Call & Certification of a Quorum** (*Sarah-Keel Crews*)
3. **Confirmation of Member Participation from a Remote Location** (*Chair Jody Rogish*)
Requested action (if there are member requests to participate remotely): confirm that the Chair's decision to approve or disapprove the member(s) request to participate from a remote location was in conformance with the RRTPO Policy for Meetings Held Through Electronic Communication Means; and, the voice of the remotely participating member(s) can be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location (by voice vote).
4. **Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda** (*Chair Jody Rogish*)
5. **Public Comment Period** (*Chair Jody Rogish*)
6. **Consent Agenda**
Requested Action: approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

- a. **Approval of February 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes**
Consent Action: approve the meeting minutes as presented



- c. **FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – Existing Projects** – page 5
Consent Action: approve the amendment to update planned obligations on four (4) existing projects as requested by VDOT and DRPT

B. REGIONAL FUNDING (20 Minutes)

1. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – New Projects - Rt. 288 Southbound Hard Shoulder Running Lane project (128639) & Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd Streetscape project (128657)

(Will Heller) – page 13

Requested action: approve the TIP amendment as requested by VDOT (voice vote).

2. FY27 – FY30 Transportation Improvement Project List

(Kerry Wagenhauser) – page 19

Requested action: approve the list of projects for the FY27 – FY30 Transportation Improvement Program and authorize the TAC to review and open public review of the draft regional conformity assessment (voice vote).

3. SMART SCALE Round 7 – Regional Candidate Projects

(Myles Busching) – page 24

Requested action: approve the ten (10) candidate projects for SMART SCALE pre-applications as recommended by TAC and refer four (4) additional projects to PlanRVA for consideration (voice vote).

C. MPO ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES & RRTPO SECRETARY'S REPORT (20 Minutes)

1. Proposed Amendment to Bylaws - Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization *(Martha Shickle/Eric Gregory)* – page 29

Note: this item requires affirmative vote of approval at two consecutive meetings. This is the second requested affirmative vote, as the first occurred at the February 5, 2026, RRTPO Policy Board meeting. **Requested action:** motion to approve the bylaws amendments as presented (voice vote).

2. FY26 Unified Planning Work Program – Midyear Update & Amendment *(Martha Shickle)* – page 30

Requested action: approve the amendment to the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (voice vote).

CI. COMMITTEE & PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS (20 Minutes)

1. Committee Updates (as needed)

a. Community Transportation Advisory Committee *(Chair Gordon Dixon)*

2. Agency Updates

a. FHWA – *Ivan Rucker*

b. VDOT – *Dale Totten*

c. DRPT – *Wood Hudson*

d. GRTC – *Adrienne Torres*

e. RMTA – *Joi Taylor Dean*

f. **CVTA** – *Chet Parsons*

g. **PlanRVA** – *Martha Shickle*

E. OTHER BUSINESS (10 Minutes)

1. **RRTPO Chair & Member Comments** (*Chair Jody Rogish*)

F. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be on **April 23, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** at PlanRVA, James River Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Richmond, VA 23224.

**ACTION ITEM**

March 5, 2026

TO Policy Board**SUBJECT** FY24-FY27 Transportation Improvement (TIP) – Existing Projects**BRIEF:**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for multiple existing projects from VDOT and DRPT. VDOT has requested an amendment to three of their existing projects, **#CIP – I-64 WB Exit 181 Improve Interchange Configuration (120374)**, **#SMART26 I-95/Rt.10 Interchange Improvement, Ph. II (127888)**, and **I-64 at N. Gayton Rd. Interchange (128623)**. DRPT has requested an amendment for one existing project, **Regional Air Pollution Reduction Program – RideFinders (T203)**.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends the Policy Board approve the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT and DRPT. A draft resolution of approval is included under Attachment B for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Under Federal law and agreements with state agencies, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) has authority to select projects and program regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, including the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside.

For other funding programs, the RRTPO does not have authority to select projects but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional long-term transportation plan, ConnectRVA 2045, and the regional conformity assessment. All proposed revisions are also evaluated for fiscal constraint, or the ability to fund the project with projected revenues.

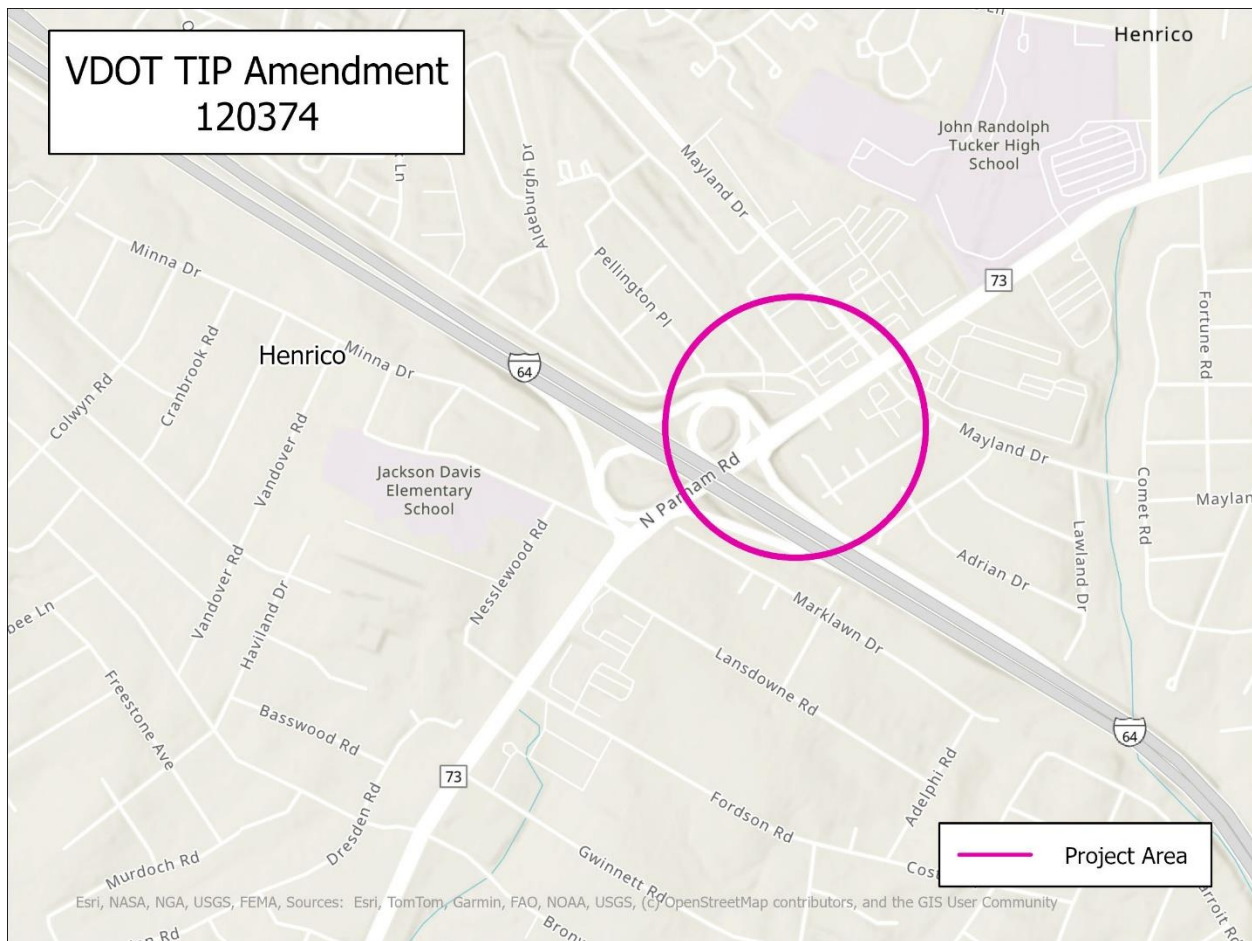


The proposed amendments requested by VDOT and DRPT have been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval. Draft TIP blocks can be found in Attachment A. A summary of the findings for each requirement is included below.

Project Overview:

#I64CIP – I-64 WB Exit 181 Improve Interchange Configuration (120374)

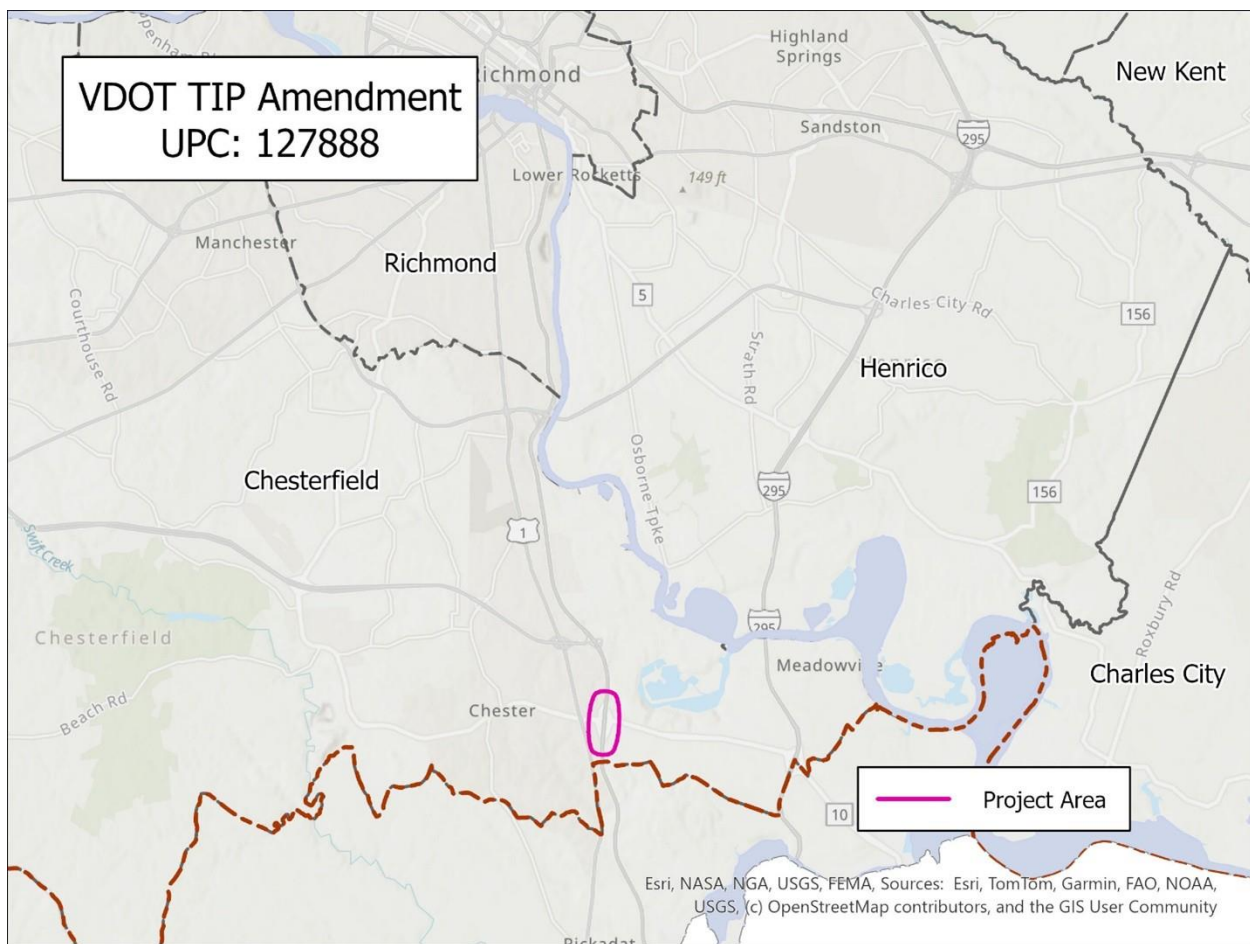
The #I64CIP – I-64 WB Exit 181 Improve Interchange Configuration project will provide safety and operational improvements along Parham Road between Mayland Drive and the eastbound I-64 off ramp. Current road conditions have a pattern of rear-end and angle collisions, queuing that exceeds the available northbound left turn storage.





#SMART26 I-95/Rt.10 Interchange Improvement, Ph. II (127888)

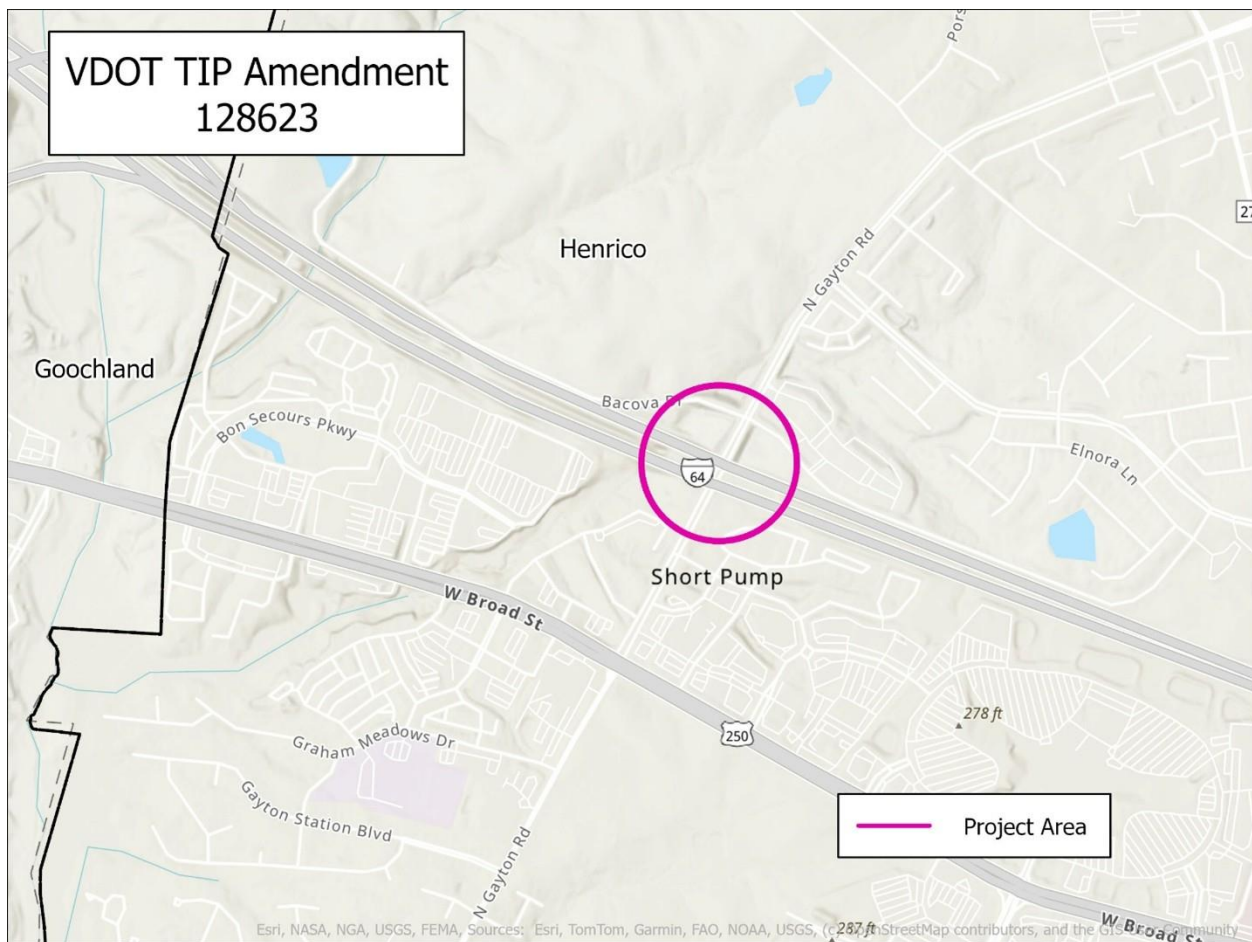
The I-95/Rt.10 Interchange Improvement project is modifying the existing interchange to a partial cloverleaf interchange. Specific improvements from phase II of the project include removing both the NB I-95 to westbound Rt. 10 loop ramp and the SB I-95 to EB Rt. 10 loop ramp, signaling the SB and NB I-95 Rt. 10 off-ramp intersection and widening the NB and SB off-ramps at their respective Rt. 10 intersection to create 3 left turn lanes for both the EB and WB. Additional improvements in phase II of the project include adding a 600' single lane driveway to the facility in the SW loop, adding a NB and SB acceleration lane onto I-95, adding 3400' of sidewalk on the southside of Rt. 10 from the western interchange through the interchange to Old Stage Rd, 750' sidewalk on the north side of Rt. 10 from Chestnut Hill Rd to Old Stage Rd, 600' of sidewalk on the north side of Rt. 10 from Redwater Creek Rd to SB I-95 off Ramp, and modifying the signal at Rt. 10 and Old Stage Rd. to provide a pedestrian crossing.





I-64 at N. Gayton Rd. Interchange (128623)

The I-64 at N. Gayton Road Interchange project (UPC 128623) seeks to improve safety at the intersection of I-64 and N. Gayton Road. The project will construct a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at the intersection of I-64 and N. Gayton Road. In addition to the interchange improvements, the project also calls for mainline improvements along I-64 and N. Gayton Road, including the addition of new auxiliary lanes and new medians.



Regional Air Pollution Reduction Program – RideFinders (T203).

RideFinders is the non-profit ridesharing and transportation demand management agency for the Richmond Region. The Regional Air Pollution Reduction Program – RideFinders project is a consolidation of the RideFinders Air Reduction Program and the City of Richmond’s Employee Trip Reduction Program. The goal of the project is to develop diverse TDM programs to reduce single-occupancy vehicle commuter



trips, and therefore alleviating traffic congestion and enhancing air quality. The TIP Amendment being requested would update funding to reflect the annual \$500,000 operational support provided to RideFinders, as well as the \$2,000,000 awarded as a pilot for the Regional Air Pollution Program.

ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency:

ConnectRVA 2045 establishes categories of projects which are regional in nature and must be included in the constrained long-range plan (CLRP) prior to the inclusion in the TIP. Conversely, other project types are considered either local or programmatic in nature and can advance without being specifically listed. The project types under each category can be reviewed in Chapter 5 of ConnectRVA 2045. All three of the existing VDOT projects are regionally significant in nature and are included in our CLRP. DRPT’s project is programmatic in nature and may be advanced without being listed.

Figure 1 below graphically shows the consistency review process.

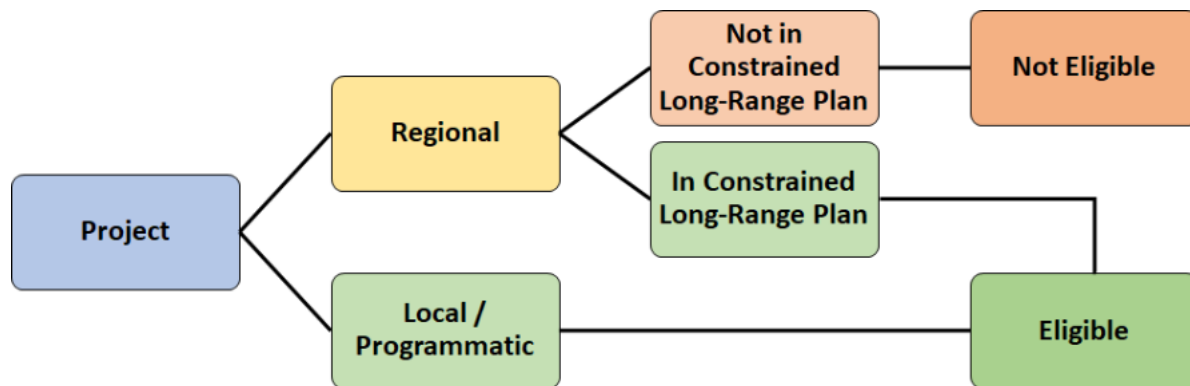


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

Air Quality Conformity: Portions of the RRTPO were formerly part of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area and projects in these areas must either be part of the Regional Conformity Assessment or must be exempt from air quality conformity analysis under federal regulations prior to being added to the TIP. The VDOT projects, **120374**, **127888**, & **128623** are already included in the Regional Conformity Assessment, they do not require a new assessment. DRPT’s project, **T203**, is exempt from air quality conformity according to 40 CFR § 93.126. **T203** is exempt under the *Air Quality* category, Continuation of ridesharing and van-pooling promotion



activities at current levels, and *Other* category, “Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction.”

Fiscal Constraint:

The funding changes are as follows:

CIP – I-64 WB Exit 181 Improve Interchange Configuration (120374) release \$2,000,000 (AC-NHPP) FFY24, add \$266,556 (AC-NHPP) & \$1,648,690 (NHPP) FFY26, add \$266,556 (ACC-NHPP) FFY27 PE phase; release \$1,000,000 (AC-NHPP) FFY25 RW phase; release \$5,083,553 (AC-Other), add \$7,812,672 (AC-NHPP) FFY26, add \$2,812,672 (ACC-NHPP) FFY27 CN phase.

#SMART26 I-95/Rt.10 Interchange Improvement, Ph. II (127888) add \$1,720,110 (AC-Other) FFY27 RW Phase.

I-64 at N. Gayton Rd. Interchange (128623) add \$10,050,000 (AC-Other) FFY27 RW Phase.

Regional Air Pollution Reduction Program – RideFinders (T203) add \$2,000,000 (CMAQ) and \$500,000 (State Match) to FFY26.

Federal Fund Source Description:

CMAQ – These funds are for projects that can be proven to reduce traffic congestion and/or improve air quality in federally designated non-attainment areas.

AC-Other – This category covers non-federal funds on projects which are being developed under the Advance Construction approach allowing them to potentially be converted to federal obligations in the future

NHPP – Funds dedicated to improving infrastructure condition, safety, congestion reduction, system reliability, or freight movement on the NHS.

For more information, please contact Will Heller at wheller@planrva.org or 804-924-961

Attachments

- A. [Draft TIP Project Blocks](#)
- B. [Draft Resolution](#)



POLICY BOARD AGENDA 3/5/2026; ITEM A-6-b.

FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) (UPC 120374, UPC 127888, UPC 128623) & Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Amendment (T203)

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the members of the RRTPO Policy Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has requested a revision to the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for the **#I64CIP – I-64 WB Exit 181 Improve Interchange Configuration project (UPC 120374)**, the **#SMART26 I-95/Rt.10 Interchange Improvements, Phase II project (UPC 127888)**, and the **I-64 at N Gayton Rd Interchange (UPC 128623)**; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has requested a revision to the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for **Regionwide Air Pollution Reduction Program - Ridefinders project (T203)**; and

WHEREAS, these projects are fully funded by state, federal, and local dollars and,

WHEREAS, UPC 120374, UPC 127888, and UPC 128623 are already included in the Regional Conformity Assessment and do not require a new assessment; and,

WHEREAS, T203 has been determined to be exempt from regional air quality conformity under 40 CFR § 93.126 under the “Air Quality” and “Other” categories; and,

- *Air Quality* - Continuation of ridesharing and van-pooling promotion activities at current levels
- *Other* - Specific activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the proposed amendment and recommends approval of the request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board amends the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for UPCs 120374, 127888, and 128623 as requested by VDOT, and for T203 as requested by DRPT.



This is to certify that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held March 5, 2026.

WITNESS:

BY:

Sarah-Keel Crews
Manager of Board Operations
PlanRVA

Martha Shickle
Secretary
Richmond Regional
Transportation Planning
Organization

**ACTION ITEM**

March 5, 2026

TO Policy Board**SUBJECT** FY24-FY27 Transportation Improvement (TIP) – New Projects**BRIEF:**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two new projects to the TIP, the **Rt. 288 Southbound Hard Shoulder Running Lane project (128639)** and the **Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd Streetscape project (128657)**. Each of these projects will serve to reduce congestion by improving throughput on their respective roadways.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends the Policy Board approves the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT. A draft resolution of approval is included under Attachment B for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

Under Federal law and agreements with state agencies, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) has authority to select projects and program regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, including the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside.

For other funding programs, the RRTPO does not have authority to select projects but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional long-term transportation plan, ConnectRVA 2045, and the regional conformity assessment. All proposed revisions are also evaluated for fiscal constraint, or the ability to fund the project with projected revenues.

The proposed amendments requested by VDOT have been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval. Draft TIP blocks can be

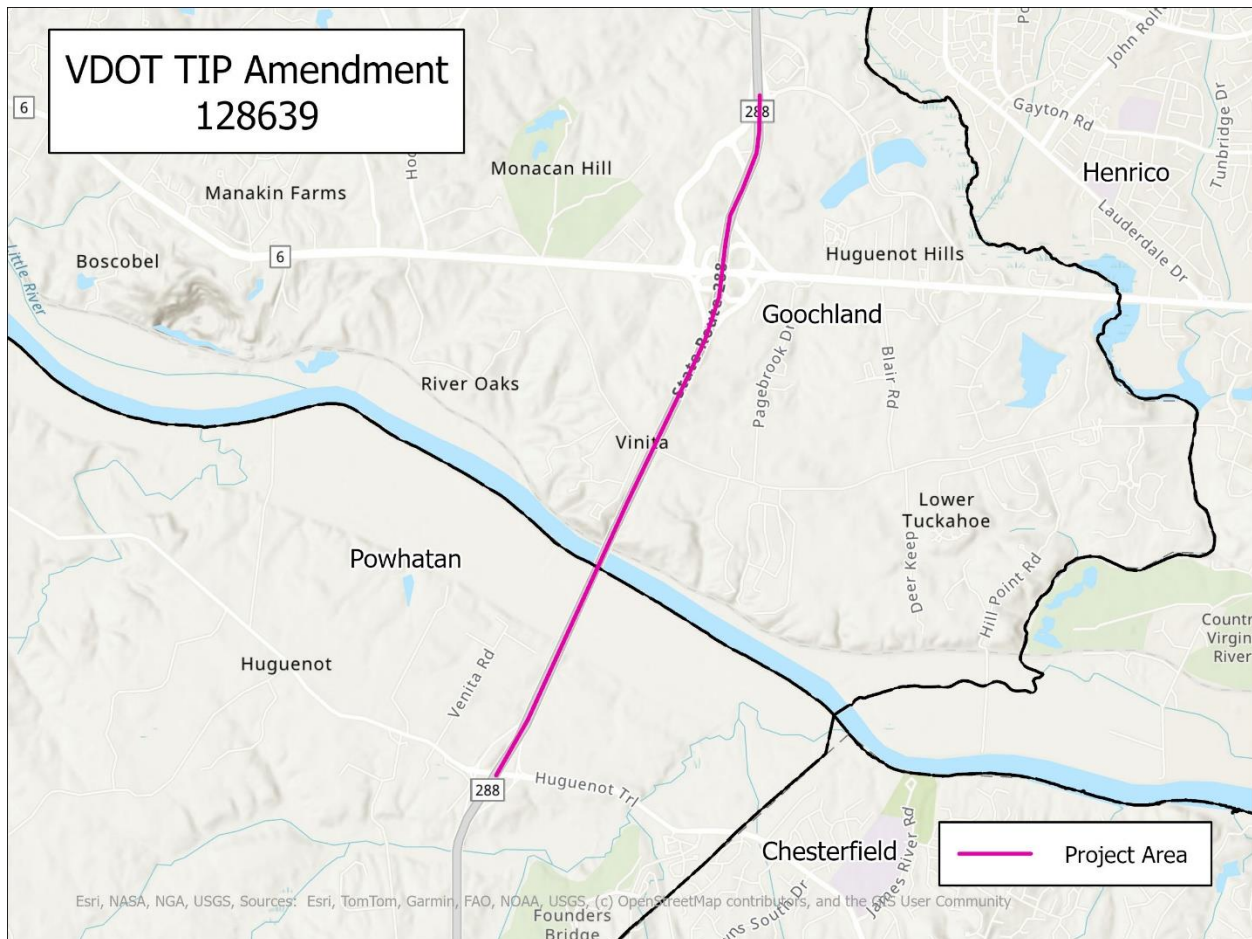


found in Attachment A. A summary of the findings for each requirement is included below.

Project Overview:

Rt. 288 Southbound HSR (128639)

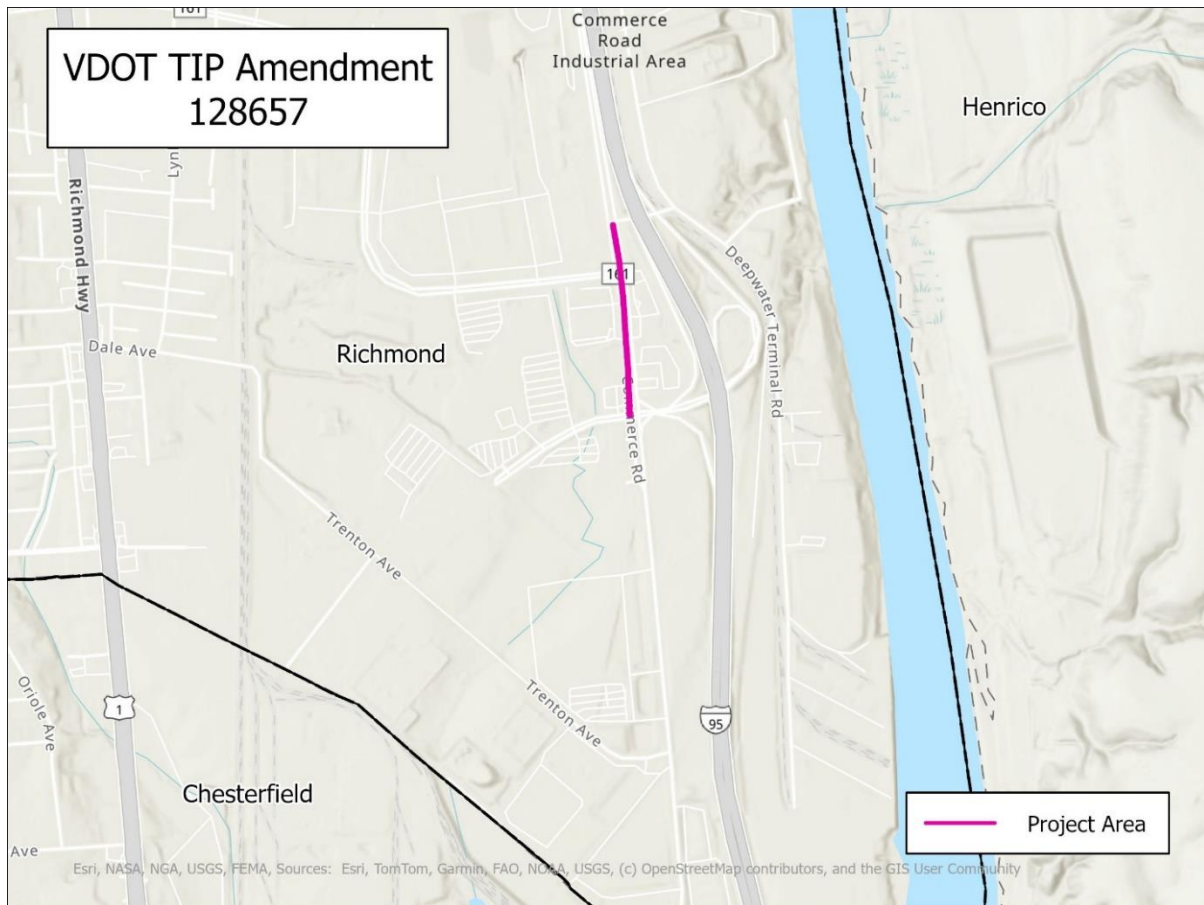
The Rt. 288 Southbound Hard Shoulder Running Lane will reconstruct the shoulder on the southbound side of Rt. 288 between the on ramp at West Creek Parkway and the off ramp at Rt. 711. The goal is to provide a hard shoulder running lane that can be used during peak PM travel hours. The project also involves installing gantries with explanatory signage and ITS improvements within the corridor and constructing emergency pull-offs for disabled vehicles while the hard shoulder running lane is in use.





Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd Streetscape (128657)

The Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd Streetscape project will provide multiple improvements along a 0.4-mile stretch of Commerce Rd between Bells Access Rd and Walmsley Blvd/I-95. Multimodal safety and operational improvements between Bells Access Rd and Walmsley Blvd/I-95 include a 5' sidewalk with 4' buffers, pedestrian and transit access improvements and crossing accommodations at two existing intersections and three transit stops, and new dedicated turn lanes. This project will also provide improvements at the intersection of Commerce Rd and Walmsley Blvd/I-95 Interchange by providing a multilane roundabout, improving lane configurations, and providing pedestrian access improvements and crossing accommodations. In addition to operational and safety improvements, this project will also improve access management by consolidating commercial entrances, removing two and relocating one further away from the Commerce Rd./Walmsley Blvd intersection.





ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency:

ConnectRVA 2045 establishes categories of projects which are regional in nature and must be included in the constrained long-range plan (CLRP) prior to the inclusion in the TIP. Conversely, other project types are considered either local or programmatic in nature and can advance without being specifically listed. The project types under each category can be reviewed in Chapter 5 of ConnectRVA 2045. The **Rt. 288 Southbound HSR (128639)** project is considered regionally significant and is already included in our CLRP under project ID, *FWW-161*. The **Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd Streetscape (128657)** project is not considered regionally significant and is already in our CLRP, as project ID *FWW-19*.

Figure 1 below graphically shows the consistency review process.

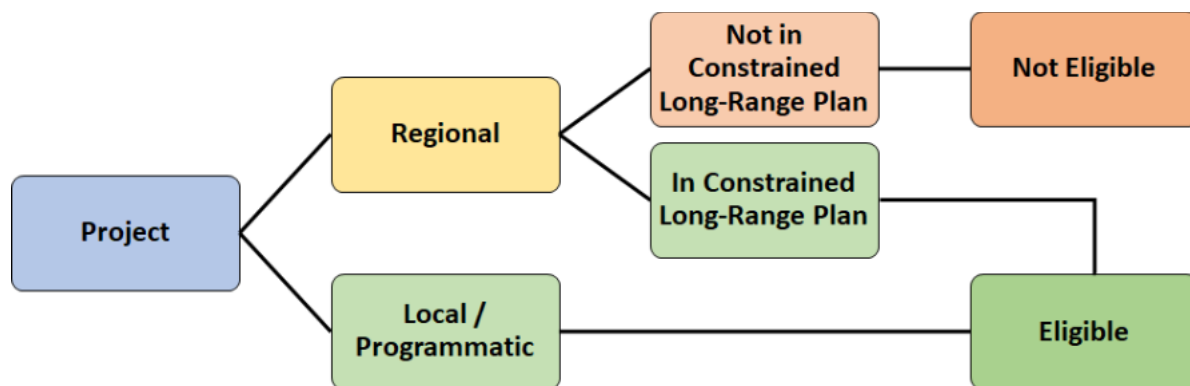


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Air Quality Conformity: Portions of the RRTPO were formerly part of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area and projects in these areas must either be part of the Regional Conformity Assessment or must be exempt from air quality conformity analysis under federal regulations prior to being added to the TIP. The **Rt. 288 Southbound HSR (128639)** project falls outside of the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration area. The **Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd (128657)** project has been determined to be exempt under 40 CFR 93.127 and not regionally significant and is already included in the regional conformity analysis report.

Fiscal Constraint:

The funding changes are as follows:

Rt. 288 Southbound HSR (128639) add \$5,814,100 (AC Other) to FFY26 PE phase and add \$713,790 (AC Other) to FFY27 RW phase.



Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd Streetscape (128657) add \$2,072,300 (AC Other) to FFY26 PE phase and add \$4,506,925 (AC Other) to FFY27 RW phase.

Federal Fund Source Description:

AC Other – An innovative financing tool permitted under FHWA rules that, with approval of the FHWA, allows the state to begin a project using state funds prior to the availability of federal funds.

For more information, please contact Will Heller at wheller@planrva.org or 804-924-961 or 804-924-961

Attachments

- A. [Draft TIP Project Block](#)
- B. [Draft Resolution](#)





POLICY BOARD AGENDA 3 /5/2026; ITEM B-1.

FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) (UPC 128639 & UPC 128657)

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the members of the RRTPO Policy Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has requested a revision to the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the **Rt. 288 Southbound Hard Shoulder Running Lane project (UPC 128639)** and the **Port of Virginia Interchange/Commerce Rd Streetscape project (UPC 128657)**; and

WHEREAS, these projects are funded by federal, state, and local dollars and,

WHEREAS, UPC 128639 falls outside of the Air Quality Conformity Demonstration area, and UPC 128657 is already included in the regional conformity analysis report; and,

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the proposed amendment and recommends approval of the request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board amends the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC 128639 and UPC 128657 as requested by VDOT.

This is to certify that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held March 5, 2026.

WITNESS:

BY:

Sarah-Keel Crews
Manager of Board Operations
PlanRVA

Martha Shickle
Secretary
Richmond Regional
Transportation Planning
Organization

**ACTION ITEM**

March 5, 2026

TO

Policy Board

SUBJECT

FY27 – FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Project List

BRIEF:

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC), and Richmond Regional TPO (RRTPO) localities have provided the RRTPO with their lists of projects for inclusion into the FY27-FY30 Transportation Improvement Program. RRTPO localities and agencies have had the opportunity to review their project lists and suggest changes. The draft project list must be approved by the RRTPO to advance the TIP to final development and conduct the air quality conformity process required by federal law. The ungrouped projects in the draft FY24-27 TIP and ConnectRVA 2045 that are located within the former 8-hour ozone maintenance area will constitute the RRTPO set of projects for this analysis. Staff are finalizing reviews of the project list with VDOT and DRPT; the attached list may be updated for the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends the Policy Board approve the draft project list from the FY27 – FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the air quality conformity analysis and authorize TAC to open the public comment periods on the conformity analysis and draft TIP in March. Attachment B contains the Draft Resolution of approval.

DISCUSSION:

The RRTPO does not have authority to select projects for all funding programs but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the short-term plan for how federal transportation funding will be used over the next four (4) years. Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional long-range transportation plan, ConnectRVA 2045. All proposed revisions are also evaluated for fiscal constraints, or the ability to fund the project with projected revenues.



The proposed Project Lists provided by VDOT and DRPT have been reviewed by localities, agencies, and staff. They have been found to be consistent with the requirements of the RRTPO approval. They can be found on attachments A and B.

Project Overview: DRPT and VDOT have provided their lists of FY27-FY30 TIP projects. GRTC and RRTPO member localities have had the opportunity to review and suggest changes to their specific list of projects. DRPT provided their final updated list Thursday, December 11, 2025. VDOT provided their final updated list Thursday, January 22, 2026, with an update on February 13, 2026. Localities had the opportunity to review from July 28, 2025, to August 8, 2025. Other interested agencies had the opportunity to add projects from August 14th, 2025, to September 5, 2025.

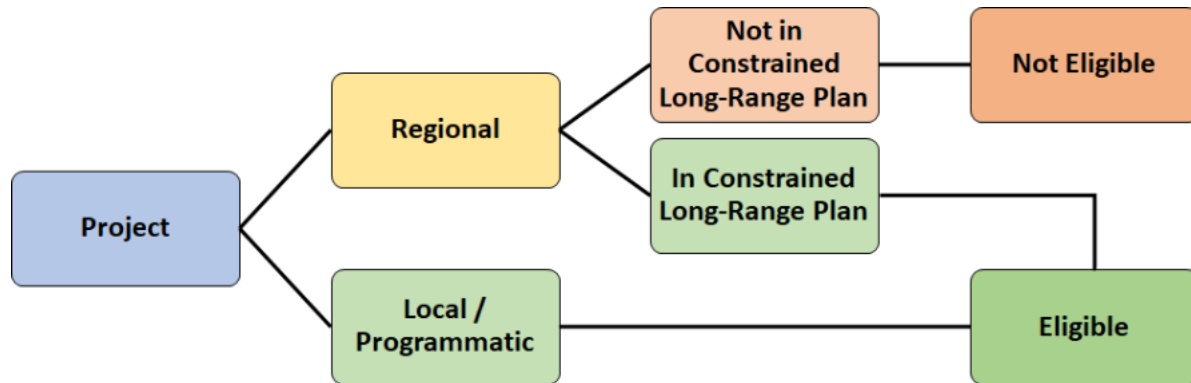


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

Air Quality Conformity:

Portions of the RRTPO were formerly part of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area and projects in these areas must either be part of the Regional Conformity Assessment or must be exempt from air quality conformity analysis under federal regulations prior to being added to the TIP. Upon approval of the TIP project lists by the RRTPO and Tri-Cities Area MPO, an interagency consultation group meeting will be held on March 10th to review the project list and initiate the conformity review process.

Fiscal Constraint:

Projects included in the TIP are required to show fiscal constraint. Projects included in this project list have funding allocated or reasonably expected funding in future fiscal years. Tables demonstrating this fiscal constraint will be included in the draft TIP.



Federal Fund Source Description:

Federal funding found in the TIP includes the following

- Federal Highway Funding
 - **BR:** Provides funding for bridge improvements both on and off the National Highway System
 - **CMAQ:** Provides flexible funding for congestion reduction and air quality improvement projects and programs; funding only available for areas not meeting federal air quality standards or maintenance areas.
 - **CRP/F:** Funding for projects that reduce on-road emissions of climate change causing pollutants.
 - **DEMO:** Provides specialized funding to demonstration, priority, pilot, or special interest projects.
 - **EB/MG:** Historic program providing minimum guaranteed funding for localities.
 - **HIP/F:** Provides funding for restoration, repair, and construction of federal aid eligible roads, bridges, and tunnels.
 - **HSIP:** Funds projects to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on public roads; set aside for Railway Highway Crossing Program.
 - **NHFP:** Provides funding to improve the movement of freight on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN).
 - **NHPP/E:** Funds dedicated to improving infrastructure condition, safety, congestion reduction, system reliability, or freight movement on the NHS.
 - **NHS/NHPP:** Funds projects to construct new facilities on or improve the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS)
 - **RSTP:** Provides funding for a broad range of capacity, operational, and mitigation related improvements.
 - **STP/STBH:** Provides flexible funding for a wide range of eligible projects and programs to address state and local transportation needs.
 - **TAP:** Funding dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian facilities through the Surface Transportation Block Grant.

- Federal Transit Funding
 - **FTA 5307:** Provides funding to public transit systems in large urban areas for capital, planning, job access projects, and some operating expenses such as ADA paratransit and preventative maintenance.
 - **FTA 5310:** Program to assist local transit agencies, governments, and nonprofit groups in meeting the needs of seniors and people with disabilities.



- **FTA 5339:** Provides funding to transit agencies and states to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities.

For more information, please contact Kerry Wagenhauser at 804-924-9616 or email KWagenhauser@PlanRVA.org.

Attachments

- A. [TIP Project List](#)
- B. [Draft Resolution](#)





POLICY BOARD AGENDA 3/5/2026; ITEM B-2.

FY27 – FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Project List

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the members of the RRTPO Policy Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization policy board approves the attached list of ungrouped projects from the FY27-FY30 Transportation Improvement Program and the projects in ConnectRVA 2045 as the RRTPO universe of projects for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis as required by federal regulations (23 CFR § 450.326)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board authorizes the TAC to review and open the public comment on the draft FY27-FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Conformity Assessment at the March 10, 2026 meeting.

This is to certify that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held March 5, 2026.

WITNESS:

BY:

Sarah-Keel Crews
Manager of Board Operations
PlanRVA

Martha Shickle
Secretary
Richmond Regional Transportation
Planning Organization

**ACTION ITEM**

March 5, 2026

TO Technical Advisory Committee**SUBJECT** SMART SCALE Round 7 - Regional Candidate Projects**BRIEF:**

The SMART SCALE program is the principal program for awarding state and federal transportation funding in Virginia. This process helps Virginia meet its most critical transportation needs using limited tax dollars. It evaluates potential transportation projects based on key factors like how they improve safety, reduce congestion, increase accessibility, contribute to economic development, promote efficient land use, and affect the environment. Each round, the RRTPO is eligible to submit regional projects to compete in the statewide High-Priority Projects (HPP). The RRTPO has also recommended projects to PlanRVA for planning district commission consideration in recent rounds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval of nine (9) projects at RRTPO preapplications and requested staff to fill the remaining slot(s) with eligible new requests (project 10 in the recommended list). The TAC also recommends forwarding four (4) projects to PlanRVA for consideration as regional applications. A draft resolution of approval is included for consideration as Attachment B.

DISCUSSION:

Under Federal law and agreements with state agencies, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) has authority to select projects and program regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, including the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside. For other funding programs, the RRTPO is responsible for maintaining the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and ensuring projects that advance using federal funds are consistent with regional planning.

In December, member localities submitted proposed projects for consideration. In total, 16 candidate projects were submitted. Attachment A is a summary of each project recommended by the TAC. The following sections describe the general screening process.



ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency: ConnectRVA 2045 establishes categories of projects which are regional in nature and must be included in the constrained long-range plan (CLRP) prior to inclusion in the TIP. Conversely, other project types are considered either local or programmatic in nature and can advance without being specifically listed. The project types under each category can be reviewed in Chapter 5 of ConnectRVA 2045. Each proposed project was reviewed for consistency with ConnectRVA 2045. Figure 1 graphically shows the consistency review process.

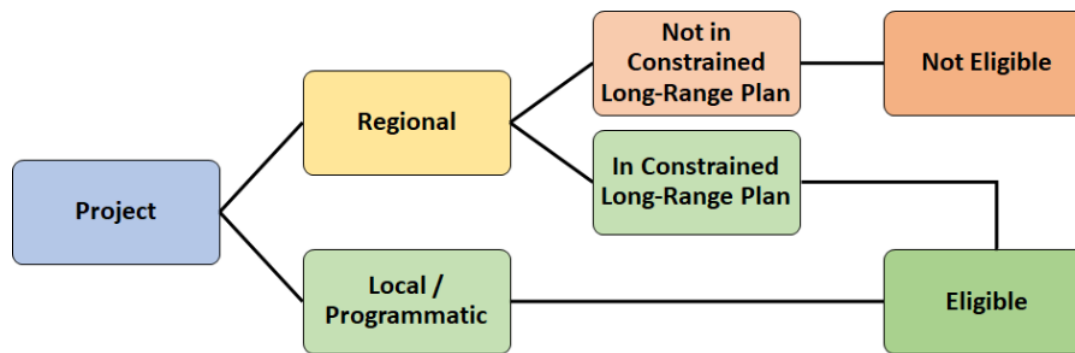


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

VTRANS Needs: All SMART SCALE projects are required to meet a need identified as a mid-term need in the statewide transportation plan, VTRANS. For high-priority projects, the project must meet a need on a Corridor of Statewide Significant (CoSS) or on the regional network (RN). Safety needs and Urban Development Area (UDA) needs are not eligible as regional applications; these projects must be submitted by localities to be considered. All projects were screened against the eligible VTRANS needs.

High-Priority Projects (HPP) Eligibility: The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has made significant changes to the types of projects that are eligible for the high-priority projects program this year. Each project was screened against the available guidance for Round 6. The following project types are eligible for RRTPO submission:

- Highway Capacity: Adding New Lanes, Roadway on New Alignment, and Managed Lanes (HOV/HOT/Shoulder), New Bridge
- Interchanges: New Interchange-Non-Limited Access Facility, Improve Grade-Separated Interchange, New Interchange-Limited Access Facility, and Ramp Improvements



- Transit or Freight Improvements: New or Improved Passenger Rail Stations or Service, Freight Rail Improvements, High-Capacity / Fixed Guideway Transit (including Light Rail Transit or Bus Rapid Transit), Transit Transfer Stations
- Other Project Types: preferred alternative in a STARS, Pipeline Study, or Arterial Management Plan or MPO Study (refinement forthcoming)

Recommended Pre-Applications: Based on the review and discussion, the TAC recommends the following projects be advanced to pre-application as RRTPO regional projects.

1. Walmsley Boulevard Extension to Port of Virginia (Richmond)
2. I-95 / I-64 at Belvidere Street Interchange (Richmond)
3. Richmond Layover Facility (Richmond/Henrico)
4. I-64 & West Broad Street Interchange Improvements (Henrico)
5. I-95 and Parham Road Interchange Improvements (Henrico)
6. Bryan Park Interchange Improvements (Richmond/Henrico)
7. I-64 & Gaskins Road Interchange (Southern Quad Partial Cloverleaf (Henrico)
8. I-95/Willis Rd Interchange Improvements (Chesterfield)
9. Route 150/Route 360 Interchange Improvement (Chesterfield)
10. Meadowbridge Road & I-295 Continuous Green T (Hanover)

The TAC also recommends the following projects be referred to PlanRVA for consideration:

1. Route 10 (Jessup Road - Cogbill Road) Safety and Operational Improvements (Chesterfield)
2. Route 10 (Cogbill Road - Addison Gate Drive) Safety and Operational Improvements (Chesterfield)
3. US-301/Chamberlayne Road Improvements, Phase 1 (Henrico)
4. Norfolk Street Bridge Connection (Richmond)

For more information, please contact Myles Busching at mbusching@planrva.org or 804-924-7035.

Attachments

- A. [Summary of Recommended Projects](#)
- B. [Draft Resolution of Approval](#)



POLICY BOARD AGENDA 3/5/2026; ITEM B -3.

SMART SCALE ROUND 7 - Regional Candidate Projects

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the members of the RRTPO Policy Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the SMART SCALE program is the primary process that helps Virginia meet its most critical transportation needs using limited tax dollars by evaluating potential transportation projects based on key factors like how they improve safety, reduce congestion, increase accessibility, contribute to economic development, promote efficient land use, and affect the environment.; and

WHEREAS, the pre-application period for SMART SCALE Round 6 begins in March; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) is eligible to submit up to ten (10) regional applications for SMART SCALE; and

WHEREAS, PlanRVA, the regional planning district commission, is eligible to submit up to four (4) regional applications; and

WHEREAS, the candidate projects have all been screened for consistency with regional planning and SMART SCALE eligibility criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the candidate projects and provided a recommended list of priority projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board approves submission of the following projects for SMART SCALE Round 7:

1. Walmsley Boulevard Extension to Port of Virginia (Richmond)
2. I-95 / I-64 at Belvidere Street Interchange (Richmond)
3. Richmond Layover Facility (Richmond/Henrico)
4. I-64 & West Broad Street Interchange Improvements (Henrico)
5. I-95 and Parham Road Interchange Improvements (Henrico)
6. Bryan Park Interchange Improvements (Richmond/Henrico)
7. I-64 & Gaskins Road Interchange (Southern Quad Partial Cloverleaf (Henrico)
8. I-95/Willis Rd Interchange Improvements (Chesterfield)
9. Route 150/Route 360 Interchange Improvement (Chesterfield)
10. Meadowbridge Road & I-295 Continuous Green T (Hanover)



FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RRTPO respectfully requests PlanRVA consider the following projects for its SMART SCALE Round 7 regional applications:

1. Route 10 (Jessup Road - Cogbill Road) Safety and Operational Improvements (Chesterfield)
2. Route 10 (Cogbill Road - Addison Gate Drive) Safety and Operational Improvements (Chesterfield)
3. US-301/Chamberlayne Road Improvements, Phase 1 (Henrico)
4. Norfolk Street Bridge Connection (Richmond)

This is to certify that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held March 5, 2026.

WITNESS:

BY:

 Sarah-Keel Crews
 Manager of Board Operations
 PlanRVA

 Martha Shickle
 Secretary
 Richmond Regional
 Transportation Planning
 Organization



ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

March 5, 2026

TO TPO Policy Board
SUBJECT Bylaws Amendment Proposals

BRIEF:

The RRTPO Bylaws have some proposed amendment changes that were presented at the February 5, 2026 meeting. The highlighted language in the attached document reflects the potential changes. This item requires affirmative vote of approval at two consecutive meetings. The first approval occurred February 5, 2026, at the RRTPO Policy Board Meeting, the second vote is scheduled for today, March 5, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve the bylaws amendments as presented.

For more information, please contact Martha Shickle at martha@Planrva.org or 804-924-7030.

Attachment

- A. [Bylaws with highlighted amendment changes](#)



**ACTION ITEM**

March 5, 2026

TO

Policy Board

SUBJECT

FY26 Unified Planning Work Program – Midyear Update & Amendment

BRIEF:

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the RRTPO's budget and plan of work for the year and is intended to reflect all the major work of the metropolitan planning organization. The UPWP is developed each spring for the upcoming fiscal year with projections of expected carryover of 5303 funds. This midyear update addresses the difference between the projected and actual carryover funds and adjust line-item budgets based on observed spending year to date. Additionally, this amendment adds the multiyear Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) grant to the UPWP.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval of the updated budget and the addition of the PPPP grant. A draft resolution of approval is included for consideration as Attachment B.

DISCUSSION:

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source of funds. The UPWP also serves as the RRTPO budget and work program for the current fiscal year.

The two primary funding sources supporting the UPWP work program are FHWA Planning funds (PL) and FTA Section 5303 funds. These two federal fund sources are generally matched by state and local sources on an 80% federal (FHWA and FTA) 10% state (VDOT and DRPT), and 10% local (PlanRVA member dues) basis.



Program Development and Work Priorities: As part of the UPWP development process, a summary of work tasks is prepared based on anticipated needs for the upcoming year with estimates of staff time required for each effort. These work activities are translated into corresponding budgets which are included in each section of the work program. The programmed budget includes the fund sources and the match sources.

5303 Carryover

Each year, the budget for the UPWP is developed in the spring for the upcoming fiscal year which starts July 1. As the fiscal year is underway, the amount of carryover for 5303 is a projection based on remaining work and expenditure rates. Once the fiscal year is completed, staff can calculate the actual carryover and adjust planned spending. The difference between planned and actual funding (including match) is shown in the table in Attachment A. Staff have proposed adjusting the budget for each task in the UPWP to account for the reduced carryover and to reflect the work completed year-to-date. Staff have made a minor adjustment (+\$142) to the proposed adjustment to 7325 (Regional Transit Access Plan) between the TAC review and the policy board agenda to fully reflect allocated revenue.

Prioritization Process Pilot Program

The Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) grant was obligated in September of 2025. This grant will allow the RRTPO to build on the scenario planning process to develop tools to improve our project scoring process to account for more holistic lifecycle cost accounting, monetize multidisciplinary benefits, and quantify risk across a variety of potential futures. While not required, USDOT has recommended including this program in the UPWP and any surplus funds from the project remain with the MPO for other eligible metropolitan planning activities.

The following table summarizes the proposed revisions by task. Details are provided in the draft amendment (Attachment A) budget table.

Task	Approved UPWP	Proposed UPWP	Change	Notes
Program Admin (7110)	\$576,840	\$576,840	\$-	
Outreach & Engagment (7210)	\$302,768	\$290,768	\$(12,000)	Transfer\$12k to 7230
Data & Modeling (7220)	\$715,776	\$715,776	\$-	
Housing & Economy (7230)	\$44,833	\$56,833	\$12,000	Add\$12k for balance of FY26



System Readiness (7240)	\$77,529	\$77,529	\$-	
Environmental Linkages (7250)	\$128,705	\$128,705	\$-	
Long-Range Plan (7310)	\$389,942	\$389,942	\$-	
Transit & Passenger Rail (7320)	\$139,412	\$87,402	\$(52,010)	Adjusted for 5303 CO
Transit Access Plan (7325)	\$250,492	\$250,843	\$352	Matched to MERIT Award
Active Transportation (7330)	\$195,879	\$195,879	\$-	
Freight & Intermodal (7340)	\$49,015	\$49,015	\$-	
Financial Programming (7410)	\$198,506	\$198,506	\$-	
Safe Streets & Roads (7420)	\$108,192	\$108,192	\$-	
System Reliability (7430)	\$17,473	\$17,473	\$-	
Prioritization Process Pilot (7440)	\$-	\$580,290	\$580,290	Expected cost for phases in development this FY
Grand Total	\$3,195,362	\$3,723,993	\$528,630	

For more information, please contact Myles Busching at mbusching@planrva.org or 804-924-7035.

Attachment

- A. [Draft Amendment \(budget table & new task page\)](#)
- B. [Draft Resolution of Approval](#)





POLICY BOARD AGENDA 3/5/2026; ITEM C - 2.

FY26 Unified Planning Work Program Midyear Update & Amendment

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the members of the RRTPO Policy Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the primary budget and work plan for the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the FY26 UPWP was adopted in May of 2025 based on projected revenues and carryover balances; and

WHEREAS, the RRTPO has been awarded a \$1.495M Prioritization Process Pilot Program grant to improve project scoring and selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the proposed amendment and recommended approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board approves Amendment 1 to the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented by staff.

This is to certify that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held March 5, 2026.

WITNESS:

BY:

Sarah-Keel Crews
Manager of Board Operations
PlanRVA

Martha Shickle
Secretary
Richmond Regional
Transportation Planning
Organization