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PlanRVA Commission



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AGENDA

PlanRVA Commission

September 12, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
PlanRVA James River Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300,
Richmond, VA 23224 and via Zoom

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Call to Order (Dr. McGraw)

Pledge of Allegiance (Dr. McGraw)

Welcome and Introductions (Dr. McGraw)

Roll Call of Attendees and Certification of a Physical Quorum (Ms. Scott)

1. Administrative Items

a. Confirmation of Member Participation from a Remote Location (Dr. McGraw)

Action requested (if there are member requests to participate remotely): motion to 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 PlanRVA Commission Policy for Remote Participation of Members; and, the voice of the remotely participating member(s) can be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location (voice vote).

b. Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda (Dr. McGraw)

c. Public Comment Period (Dr. McGraw)

d. Approval of August 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes (Dr. Newbille) – page 4

Action requested: motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented (voice vote).

e. FY25 Meeting Schedule (Ms. Shickle) – page 12

Information Item: The schedule is provided for members to address meeting date changes.

2. Standing Committee and Other Reports

a. **Chair's and Executive Committee Report** (*Dr. McGraw*)

b. **Executive Director's Report** (*Ms. Shickle*)

i. **Intergovernmental and Environmental Reviews** – page 14

ii. **Regional Strategic Plan Update** – page 17

3. Partner Reports - Information Items (*Ms. Shickle*)

a. **PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector** ([linked](#))

b. **CVTA Report** – page 21

c. **EMACV Report** – page 22

d. **RRTPO Report** – page 24

e. **Special Program- [One Small Step](#)** ([linked](#)) (*Ms. Shickle*)

StoryCorps launched the One Small Step program in 2021. Richmond was chosen as one of three One Small Step "model communities" because of our proven record for building bridges across physical or social divides. One Small Step and Plan RVA are partnering to help raise awareness about the One Small Step program and to encourage participation from members of your communities.

Adjourn - targeted adjournment time is 11:00 a.m.



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PlanRVA Commission Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

PlanRVA James River Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224

Members Present (A = Alternate)

Town of Ashland		Hanover County		New Kent County	
Brent Chambers (virtual)	X	Sean Davis	X	Milton Hathaway	
Daniel McGraw, Chair	X	Sue Dibble	X	Amy Pearson	
Steve Trivett		Faye Prichard (A)		Jordan Stewart, Vice Chair	X
Charles City County		Charlie Waddell	X	Powhatan County	
Byron Adkins		Larry Leadbetter	X	Bill Donati	
Ryan Patterson		Henrico County		Steve McClung	X
Chesterfield County		Chris Bast	X	Robert Powers	
Kevin Carroll (virtual)	X	Roscoe Cooper		Jessica Winall (virtual)	X
Tim Davey		William Mackey		City of Richmond	
James Holland	X	Tyrone Nelson		Andreas Addison	
Jim Ingle	X	Jody Rogish	X	Cameron George	X
Dr. Mark Miller	X	Dan Schmitt		Cynthia Newbille	X
Jessica Schneider	X	Misty Whitehead		Rodney Poole	X
Frank Petroski	X			Ellen Robertson (A)	
Goochland County					
Neil Spoonhower	X				
Jonathan Lyle					
Dwain Cosby	X				

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Welcome and Call to Order

Chair McGraw welcomed all attendees and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

Janice Scott, Board Relations Manager, called the roll for attendance and certified that a physical quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair McGraw.

1. Administration

a. Confirmation of Member Participation from a Remote Location

Chair McGraw announced that the following members requested approval to participate remotely:

- Kevin Carroll. Reason: a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance.
- Brent Chambers. Reason: a personnel matter, specifically a scheduling conflict that prevents in-person attendance.
- Jessica Winall. Reason: a personnel matter, specifically a scheduling conflict that prevents in-person attendance.

Chair McGraw announced his approval of the requests to participate remotely.

On motion by Jordan Stewart, seconded by Cynthia Newbille, the PlanRVA Commission voted to confirm that the Chair's decision to approve the requests to participate from a remote location was in conformance with the PlanRVA Policy for Remote Participation of Members; and, the voice of all remotely participating members could be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location (voice vote).

The quorum was updated to show the presence of the remote members.

b. Agenda Amendments

There were no requested amendments to the agenda.

c. Public Comments

There were no requests to offer public comment to the Commission.

d. Approval of April 11 and August 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes

On motion by Jim Holland, seconded by Jessica Schneider, the members of the PlanRVA Commission voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented (voice vote).

2. New Business

a. Amendments to the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan (CVSWMP)

Martha Shickle, Executive Director, reported that the CVWMA requested the inclusion of amendments to the Solid Waste Management Plan for Central Virginia on this month's agenda.

The CVWMA is responsible for implementing solid waste management and recycling programs for 13 participating local governments in Central Virginia. As such, they are responsible for developing and submitting the region's Solid Waste Management Plan to the Virginia DEQ.

i. Proposed Amendment 10 to the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan – Shoosmith Landfill

Kim Hynes, CVWMA Executive Director, came forward and explained the request for amendment 10 to the CVSWMP.

On motion by Jordan Stewart, seconded by Jim Holland, the members of the PlanRVA Commission voted to adopt the following resolution (voice vote):

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.1-1411 of the Code of Virginia, the Central Virginia Solid Waste Planning Area was designated by the Virginia Department of Waste Management as a planning area on May 31, 1991, and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Solid Waste Planning Area is contiguous with and concurrent to the geographic boundaries of the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) comprised of the following member jurisdictions: Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Richmond, the Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan and Prince George and the Town of Ashland, and

WHEREAS, Section 9 VAC 20-130-30 of the Code of Virginia requires that Solid Waste Planning Areas develop comprehensive and integrated solid waste management plans that at a minimum consider and address all components of the following hierarchy: source reduction, reuse, recycling, resource recovery (waste-to-energy), incineration and landfilling, and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission and the Crater Planning District Commission are designated as the entities responsible for the development and maintenance of the solid waste management plan for the central Virginia region; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority is the legal entity responsible for the implementation of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan horizon covers the 20-year period from 2024 through the year 2044; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Environment Quality approved the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) originally on August 20, 2004, and updates on July 22, 2009, May 13, 2015 and a most recent update on October 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority Board of Directors has reviewed and approved Amendment 10 to the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan at its regular meeting of May 17, 2024, to modify the Plan to reflect the removal of cells 27 and 28, also known as the quarry, of the Shoosmith Sanitary Landfill located at 11800 Lewis Road, Chester, Virginia as this capacity is no longer available to the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, this 1st day of August 2024, formally approves Amendment 10 to the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan and authorizes the CVWMA to submit the amendment to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for approval.

ii. Proposed Amendment 11 to the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan – Tri-Cities Sanitary Landfill

Ms. Hynes explained the request for amendment 11 to the CVSWMP.

On motion by Jordan Stewart, seconded by Sean Davis, the members of the PlanRVA Commission voted to adopt the following resolution (voice vote):

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iii. Proposed Amendment 12 to the Central Virginia Solid Waste Management Plan – East End Landfill

Ms. Hynes explained the request for amendment 11 to the CVSWMP and offered clarification on that amendment as well as the others. Commissioners discussed the amendments, landfill capacities, and solid waste practices in Virginia.

On motion by Jordan Stewart, seconded by Jim Holland, the members of the PlanRVA Commission voted to adopt the following resolution (voice vote):

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2. Standing Committee and Other Reports

a. Chair and Executive Committee Reports

Chair McGraw reported that committee assignments are as follows based on his outreach to members. The bylaws do not require approval but rather concurrence of the Executive Committee.

Audit Facilities & Finance Committee:

- Byron Adkins
- Sean Davis
- Jim Holland
- Neil Spoonhower

Public Outreach & Engagement:

- Chris Bast
- Brent Chambers
- Dwain Cosby
- Tim Davey
- Cameron George
- Dr. Rev. Milton Hathaway
- Larry Leadbetter
- Frank Petroski
- Jessica Schneider
- Charlie Waddell

Chair McGraw reviewed the expected upcoming meeting topics related to the FY25 priorities and the special programs or topics that will be covered. He reminded

Commissioners that Commission meetings will be held every other month instead of every month.

Meeting Month	Commission Business	Special Program/Topic
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Strategic Plan Update/Discussion 	One Small Step
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY24 Audit & Annual Report FY26 Member Dues Succession Management Plan 	PreK and K-12 Funding
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Annual Meeting Transportation Update 	Regional Equitable Mobility Framework
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development Update 	Housing Affordability - Partnership for Housing Affordability and Richmond Assn of Realtors
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resiliency, Emergency Management, and Environment Update FY26 Key Imperatives 	Broadband
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY26 Work Program & Budget FY26 Election of Officers 	

b. Executive Director’s Report

i. Intergovernmental and Environmental Reviews

The report was included in the meeting packet.

ii. PlanRVA Day Recap

Ms. Shickle provided a recap of PlanRVA Day and reported that three afternoon sessions featuring speaker panels were held that:

- explored the evolution of local media and tools for public information and outreach,
- shared data and best practices for better decision-making with a focus on economic mobility from poverty and
- focused on efforts underway in the region and across the commonwealth to increase affordable housing opportunities for all

The blog has been updated to provide summaries of each session, and recordings of the sessions are available on PlanRVA’s YouTube channel.

In 2025, staff is planning a day-long event as a standalone from the Joint Annual Meeting (which will move to December to better align with the calendar year-end) and will incorporate the Transportation Forum into a single, larger event.

Staff is looking at space options for 2025 as the event has outgrown the meeting room at PlanRVA. Input from the Public Engagement and Outreach Committee will be sought to identify content relevant to the planning work

scheduled for this year. The general theme of the day will be focused on how we're advancing the Regional Strategic Plan.

3. Partner Reports - Information Items

a. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector (linked)

Ms. Shickle reported that the newsletter will be coming out soon.

b. CVTA Report

The CVTA report was in the meeting agenda packet.

c. RRTPO Report

The RRTPO report was in the meeting agenda packet.

Ms. Shickle reminded everyone that a "save the date" for the Port of Virginia Facilities Tour, scheduled for October 3, 2024, has been sent to all members of the RRTPO, TAC, CTAC, CVTA, TAC and the PlanRVA Commission.

4. Special Program

a. Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia (EMACV)

Ms. Shickle introduced Steven Herring, Chair, and Darshan Parikh, Vice Chair, of EMACV, who came forward and gave a presentation on the priorities and capabilities of EMACV. The report included information about the Alliance's leadership team committee activities and upcoming training events.

Adjourn

Chair McGraw adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



**FY25 MEETING SCHEDULE
PLANRVA COMMISSION**

MEETING DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July – no meeting		
August 1, 2024	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
September 12, 2024	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
October – no meeting		
November 14, 2024	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
December 5, 2024*	8:00 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
January – no meeting		
February 13, 2025	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
March – no meeting		
April 10, 2025	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
May – no meeting		
June 12, 2025	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, V

*Joint Meeting & End-of-Year Breakfast

PLANRVA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July and August – no meetings		
August 1, 2024	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
September 12, 2024	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
October – no meeting		
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December and January – no meetings		
February 13, 2025	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
March– no meeting		
April 10, 2025	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
May 8, 2025	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
June 12, 2025	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA



PLANRVA AUDIT, FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE	TIME	LOCATION
October 28, 2024	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
January 27, 2025 Note: this date is a placeholder; meeting may be moved to another date between January 27 and January 31	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
April 21, 2025 Note: this date is a placeholder; meeting may be moved to another date between April 21 and April 25.	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
May 12, 2025 Note: this date is a placeholder; meeting may be moved to another date between May 12 and May 31.	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA

PLANRVA PUBLIC OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE	TIME	LOCATION
August 29, 2024	9:00 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
October 10, 2024	9:00 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
January 9, 2025	9:00 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA
March 27, 2025	9:00 a.m.	PlanRVA, James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA

Environmental & Intergovernmental Reviews

In cooperation with State Agencies, PlanRVA routinely is requested to provide environmental and intergovernmental reviews. PlanRVA staff circulate the review requests among member locality staff for comments and questions prior to submitting a response to the requesting State Agency.

Environmental reviews can include:

- **Environmental Assessments and Impact Reports** - Virginia code requires state agencies to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for each major state project.
- **Coastal Consistency Determinations and Certifications** - Due to receipt of Federal funds or permits, proposed projects must prove consistency with the enforceable policies of Virginia's Coastal Zone Management Program.
- **Groundwater Withdrawal Permits** - PlanRVA staff receives notice of Groundwater Withdrawal Permits in the Eastern Virginia Ground Water Management Area (GWMA). The eastern portion of PlanRVA is located in the Eastern Virginia GWMA. All jurisdictions in the Eastern Virginia GWMA are notified of pending permits as part of this process, therefore PlanRVA receives review requests for projects outside of the Richmond region. For more information about the Eastern Virginia GWMA see <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits/water/water-withdrawal>.
- **Virginia Water Protection (VWP) Permits** - DEQ issues VWP Permits for activities related to the quality of surface waters in the Commonwealth including the filling, dredging, draining or excavation of wetlands, streams, or other state waters. Surface water withdrawals are also permitted through VWP permits.
- **Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permits** – DEQ issues VPDES permits to any person who discharges any pollutant into surface waters of the Commonwealth from a point source.
- **Virginia Pollution Abatement Permit** - A VPA permit may be issued by DEQ whenever an owner handles waste and wastewater in a manner that does not involve a point-source discharge to state waters.

Intergovernmental reviews can include:

- State Agency grant applications for Federal funding, including:
 - CERCLA grant funds from US EPA (Superfund programming and site remediation)
 - Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) State Clean Diesel funds from US EPA
 - Capitalization funds for the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund for wastewater treatment facility improvements from US EPA
- FHWA Section 5310 funding for projects involving transit and mobility enhancements for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

For additional information on the reviews, please go to the following:

<https://planrva.org/environment/reviews/>.

Environmental and Intergovernmental Reviews

Date Completed	Review Title	Environmental					Intergovernmental		
		Federal Consistency Determinations/Certifications	Groundwater Withdrawal Permit	Environmental Assessments and Impact Statements or	Virginia Pollution Abatement	VPDES Permis	Virginia Water Protection Permits	State Corporation Commission	Superfund
<i>Locality/ Area</i>									
Located within the Richmond Region									
<i>Chesterfield</i>									
8/15/2024	VSU Student Union Building, DEQ 24-118S			X					
<i>Henrico</i>									
8/8/2024	USDA Sheetz Site 214431, DEQ 24-108F	X							
8/23/2024	DEQ #24-122F Daniels Road Golf Course Improvements	X							
<i>New Kent</i>									
8/22/2024	GW1000050 Woodhaven Shores		X						
<i>Powhatan</i>									
8/14/2024	VPDES Permit VA0089206 Fighting Creek					X			
<i>Richmond</i>									
8/14/2024	VPDES Permit No. VA0063177 Reissuance - City of Richmond WWTP					X			
<i>Virginia</i>									
8/23/2024	VADEQ - IRA Direct Award Needs Assessment Air Monitoring								X

For additional information on the reviews, please go to the following:
http://www.richmondregional.org/planning/environmental/eig_reviews/

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			Federal Consistency Determinations/Certifications	Groundwater Withdrawal Permit	Environmental Assessments and Impact Statements or	Virginia Pollution Abatement	VPDES Permis	Virginia Water Protection Permits	State Corporation Commission	Superfund
8/23/2024	VADEQ - IRA Direct Award Needs Assessment Air Quality Sensors									X
8/23/2024	VADEQ - CZM Annual (39th Year)									X
8/23/2024	VADEQ - 2024 Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Projects									X
Located outside - but potentially impacting - the Richmond Region										
<i>Prince George</i>										
8/8/2024	GW1000071 Rivers Edge		X							

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June 13, 2024 Joint Meeting Visioning Exercise Summary

1. Among the six elements which one do you feel is impacted the most by transportation actions? Example(s)?

- Infrastructure: 18
- Environment: 1
- Housing diversity: 3
- Safe/healthy communities: 10
- Economic vitality: 18
- Equitable opportunity and choice: 8

Tallies reflect that some respondents chose more than one element.

Examples Comments

- For Infrastructure, respondents added:
 - “Water, sewer, and roads drive economic development”
 - “Must have a plan for future growth of commercial and housing development”
 - “Public transportation is big for housing, safe/healthy communities, and economic vitality”
 - “You need the facilities in place to be able to have the resources to create the environment”
 - “Road improvements – capacity and congestion”
 - “Interstate exchange allows for more roads/industrial/commercial development”
 - “Transportation affects all of these, it is a linchpin that connects and creates all the elements”
 - “Transportation impacts all of the six elements”
- For Housing Diversity, respondent added “People will have choices if they have access to good transportation.”
- For Safe and Healthy Communities, respondents added:
 - “Depends on mode – I believe transit and bike/ped connections would have most impact”
 - “Accidents reduction”
 - “Safety - pedestrian deaths are increasing, need safe routes to school, vehicle accidents; Health – pollution, environmental justice, activity”
- For Economic Vitality, respondents added:
 - “Transportation of people to their jobs, their personal activities, their purchasing is dependent on the ability to safety and easily access their communities”
 - “Roads, bike, and ped are important – you have to have infrastructure”
 - “A strong, well-connected community contributes to a thriving community, and a thriving community is attractive and desirable, promoting economic vitality, and strong economic vitality is reflective of a healthy community”
 - “Where the roads take us to and from in the rural communities”
 - “Connect people to jobs, hubs in the community, family. Gives the community the ability to address problems”
 - “Limited and challenging public transportation”
 - “Within diverse communities, with socio-economic variances, transportation directly affects people’s ability to get to work”
 - “The ability to get to and from localities/businesses enables sustainable growth”
 - “Access to jobs, housing, places to shop/eat, etc. Transportation or the lack thereof impacts movement”

- “Economic vitality is the hub of all the others”
- For Equitable Opportunity and Choice, respondents added:
 - “Access to transportation, quality of life (costs, choice to live), economic investments/employment, growth (population)”
 - “Have to be able to get to jobs, shopping, medical, services”
 - “Extends to others (especially economic vitality) – more options on where to live and work if you are able to access reliably”
 - “Multi-modal”

Question 1 Summary

Respondents most frequently selected infrastructure and economic vitality as the elements most impacted by transportation actions. In considering the strong connection between economic vitality and transportation actions, one respondent noted “Transportation of people to their jobs, their personal activities, their purchasing is dependent on the ability to safety and easily access their communities.” Many respondents also selected the Safe and Healthy Communities and Equitable Opportunity and Choice elements; Environment and Housing Diversity had the fewest selections. All elements received at least one selection, and many comments noted linkages among the elements and transportation policy - one respondent noted: “Transportation affects all of these, it is a linchpin that connects and creates all the elements.”

2. Among the six which one do you feel is impacted the least?

- Infrastructure: 2
- Environment: 12
- Housing diversity: 17
- Safe/healthy communities: 10
- Economic vitality: 2
- Equitable opportunity and choice: 3

Tallies reflect that some respondents chose more than one element.

Written comments examples

- For Infrastructure, respondent added “We create things based on what we want/need, not based on transportation per se.”
- For Environment, respondents added:
 - “Still a long way from non-car transportation at community level – how to make this a more attractive choice?”
 - “Generally don’t have any major environmental issues”
- For Housing Diversity, respondent added “Transportation can be used to increase diversity but of the six, I see this as the least impacted.”
- For Safe and Healthy Communities, respondents added:
 - “Maybe safe/healthy communities, but people need good transportation to get to doctor appointments, hospitals”
 - “Traffic calming, speed reduction”
 - “Because I think VDOT does a good job keeping the roads safe and our law enforcement agencies are out of our realm of responsibility”
 - “More local resources, e.g., addressing access to food, healthcare, etc. within each community so that residents do not have to travel for those services”

- For Economic Vitality, respondent added “Trains, planes and shipping are huge economic components. Cars are expensive, but typically the only option.”
- “It’s hard to say that one is not important or is less important. They all play a part and we have the responsibility to serve all factors.”

Question 2 Summary

Respondents most frequently selected housing diversity as the element least impacted by transportation actions. One respondent noted of the Housing Division choice: “Transportation can be used to increase diversity, but of the six, I see this as the least impacted.” Environment and Safe and Healthy Communities were also frequent selections for this question. Perhaps reflecting the thoughts of some others in the room, one respondent noted: “It’s hard to say that one is not important or is less important. They all play a part and we have the responsibility to serve all factors.”

3. Among the six which do you feel deserves the most immediate, short-term attention from the transportation community?

- Infrastructure: 16
- Environment: 1
- Housing diversity: 3
- Safe/healthy communities: 15
- Economic vitality: 7
- Equitable opportunity and choice: 11

Written comments examples

- For Infrastructure choices, respondents added:
 - o “The declining state of our infrastructure, i.e., roads, bridges is at a critical point that requires attention”
 - o “Keeping up with the pace of our growing and changing community to set-up for long-term success – being thoughtful and intentional”
 - o “Electric vehicles, charging infrastructure”
 - o “Roads traveled with less backup time and bridge and road repairs – like beltways and HOV lanes”
- For Environment, respondent added “Top source of greenhouse gas emissions – apply for federal dollars, easier near-term actions.”
- For Housing Diversity, respondents added:
 - o “Transportation investments targeted to growth nodes”
 - o “We need public servants to be able to live in the communities they serve”
- For Safe and Healthy Communities, respondents added:
 - o “Sidewalks, bike lanes, safe crossings, slow speeds”
 - o “In today’s environment, this is a priority”
 - o “The growth of traffic and size of vehicles - on narrow roads”
 - o “All of these are important and serve a need. A part of the planning process is to create the best environment for the communities we serve – we need to work toward all.”
 - o “Develop safer roads for current/future development”
- For Equitable Opportunity and Choice, respondent added “To ensure everyone has access to the same level of service.”

Question 3 Summary

Infrastructure and Safe and Healthy Communities were the top selections for the elements deserving the most immediate short-term attention from the transportation community. Written responses for those selecting infrastructure noted the need to both keep up with maintenance of existing infrastructure and to keep up with growth and new development as well as changing needs such as electric vehicle infrastructure. Several selecting Safe and Healthy Communities added comments about the need to improve the safety of various modes of transportation to create the best environment within our communities. Equitable Opportunity and Choice was also a frequent response to this question, and all elements received at least one selection, reflecting the range of priorities across the group.

4. Reflecting on the six elements, do you believe that there is an equally important topic that is not included?

The three most frequently listed were...

- Education (with one respondent suggesting “consider a regional plan that includes public/private/personal homeschool; consider model like the CVTA for education”)
- Community Engagement
- Public Safety

Many specific aspects of transportation planning and policy were listed...

- Multi-modal transportation
- Multi-modal facilities – air, rail, water, road, pipeline
- Multi-modal connectivity
- Convenient and affordable access to transportation hubs via BRT or light rail, which would facilitate regional tourism
- Perhaps increasing the safety elements of transportation
- Safety/security of the transportation system
- Accessibility
- Reliability
- Sidewalks from CVTA
- Convenience/efficiency of the transportation system
- Efficiency

Other items listed included...

- Workforce development, Talent development
- The relationship with other parts of the region, regional cooperation/collaboration funding
- Housing availability at all levels
- Mental Health
- Tourism
- Recreation and perspective on community identity
- Land Conservation
- Green Initiatives/Sustainability
- Disaster preparedness and/resilience
- Funding sources, resources
- Community volunteerism and engagement with charitable agencies
- Diverse communities
- Community
- Identify tomorrow's needs, i.e., what will be materially different in the future (compared to today)
- Remote work

Several respondents indicated that the six elements listed on the sheet covered what they considered the important topics for the region.

CVTA AGENCY UPDATE

PlanRVA Commission Meeting – September 2024

This report provides a summary of recent and upcoming activity of the Authority, Finance Committee, TAC and Fall Line Working Groups. Detailed information, including meeting videos and agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the [CVTA meeting webpage](#).

Authority Meeting - August 9th:

- Sean Davis was elected as FY25 Chair and Tyrone Nelson as FY25 Vice Chair.
- Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., provided a presentation on the bond finance validation process (implementing a legal structure for future bond financing). [The presentation can be viewed here](#).
- The Authority voted to direct the CVTA Executive Director to draft a letter to the Commonwealth Transportation Board outlining CVTA recommendations for allocation of the \$7.5 million in Fall Line funds from the 2024 Virginia General Assembly. The \$7.5 million in dedicated Fall Line funding from the 2024 State Budget should be allocated to the Fall Line: Kanawha Plaza (5A-R) project in the amount of \$4.5 million and the Fall Line Trail: Route 1 (Food Lion – Falling Creek Wayside) UPC 115415 project in the amount of \$3 million.
- The Authority voted to approve the Fall Line Trail Wayfinding Plan, which includes a comprehensive signage/wayfinding package.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting– August 12th

- Barbara Smith was elected FY25 Chair and Austin Goyne FY25 Vice Chair.
- The committee voted to recommend full Authority approval of the following:
 - Henrico County Draft SPAs
 - CVTA-0052 – Route 60, Route 33 and Beulah Road Roundabout
 - CVTA-0058 – Route 5 and New Osbourne Turnpike Improvements
 - City of Richmond Draft SPAs
 - CVTA-0031 – Hull St Phase II (US 360)
 - CVTA-0062 – North South BRT
 - VDOT Draft SPA – CVTA 0001 - Fall Line Trail DB#2
 - FY25 Local Allocation Plan

Finance Committee Meeting – August 14th

- Neil Spoonhower was elected FY25 Chair and John Moyer FY25 Vice Chair.
- The committee voted to recommend full Authority approval of a request by Henrico County for revisions to a Fall Line Trail Standard Project Agreement .to shift CVTA Regional funds between several of the previously funded Fall Line Trail segments.
- The committee heard recommendations for use of CVTA Regional Fund Interest Earnings Fall and a presentation from Chesterfield County on their experiences going through the process of their recent transportation bond issuance.

Upcoming Authority Meeting

The Authority will meet again on September 27th and is expected to take action on the items recommended for approval by the TAC and Finance Committee.

Other Upcoming Committee Meetings

- TAC – September 9th – 1:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee – September 11th – 9:00 a.m.

EMACV Program UPDATE

PlanRVA Commission Meeting – September 2024

This report provides a summary of recent and upcoming activities of the Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia (EMACV) and its committees: Mass Care & Human Services, Outreach, Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Planning, and Training & Exercise. For more information, visit [EMACV](#).

EMACV Monthly Meeting - August 15th:

- Hosted by Dominion Energy in Richmond, with a presentation from the National Weather Service on the hurricane season outlook for our region.
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Mass Care & Human Services Committee – August 1st:

- The meeting was held at the Hanover Department of Social Services.
- **Current Projects:**
 - The Mass Care Shelter Video project is entering Phase 2, with expanded focus areas including dormitory intake, mental health, and feeding, in collaboration with Liz Ernest Photography, BES Studios, and the Hodges Partnership.
 - Planning for the 2025 Mass Care Symposium will reconvene in September.
 - SHSP grant requests for training and equipment were recently collected.
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Outreach/CERT Committee – August 26th:

- **Outreach Projects:**
 - Heat preparedness postcards are available at the PlanRVA Office.
 - “Preparedness Night” at the Richmond Flying Squirrels on July 25th was successful.
 - Upcoming Squirrels Games: Sept 4th (RVA Community Night) and Sept 6th (Hispanic Heritage Night).
 - Continued outreach to emergency management professionals.
- **CERT Projects:**
 - Regional CERT Exercise (“Operation CERT Unity 2024”) was held in Chesterfield on August 17th. This exercise, not focused on skills training, saw robust participation from CERT teams, staff, and volunteers.
 - Sam Burnette attended the CERT Master Instructor class at the National Conference, enhancing his ability to teach various CERT classes.
 - Fall CERT Skills Rodeo is scheduled for October 26th and November 2nd at the VCU Parham Facility.
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Planning/Training & Exercise Committee – August 27th:

- **Planning Projects:**
 - Expanding the business recovery toolkit beyond Chamber RVA. Andrew Terry is reaching out to EDA, chamber, or business group contacts.
 - Updating the Continuous Improvement Strategy and conducting a strategic planning process; surveys will be distributed soon.

- **Training & Exercise Projects:**

- Committee members are encouraged to share upcoming training classes to prevent scheduling conflicts.
- ESU-1 supported VCU's exercise on July 25th and the Regional CERT Exercise on August 17th. A planned exercise in Page County on August 8th was cancelled. Additional supplies for ESU-1 have been ordered, and new equipment from Colonial Heights CERT has been received.
- Ongoing election training in the Alliance region.

Upcoming EMACV Meeting:

- The next EMACV meeting will be held virtually on September 19th.

Other Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- Mass Care & Human Services – September 5th.
- Planning/Training & Exercise – September 24th.
- CERT/Outreach – October 28th.

RRTPO AGENCY UPDATE

PlanRVA Commission Meeting – September 2024

This report provides a summary of recent and upcoming activity of the Policy Board and its committees. Detailed information, including meeting videos and agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).

The Policy Board will meet on September 5th. The Board is expected to take the following actions:

- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan: Scope of Work, Schedule and Advisory Working Group
- Adoption of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) general scope of work and schedule and to authorize staff to establish the LRTP Advisory Working Group to provide input and oversight in the development of the plan.
- Adoption of the *Pathways to the Future (P2F)* - scenario planning process.
- Approval of four FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:
 - FY25 FTA 5310 Projects
 - Richmond Safe Streets 4 All Traffic Safety and Operations (T29775)
 - Maintenance: Traffic and Safety Operations Grouping
 - Arthur Ashe Blvd. Bridge Replacement over CSX Railroad (UPC T29776)
- Approval of a CMAQ Funding Request - Rte 1 - Intersection Improvements at Hopkins Rd & Harwood St (UPC 15955).
- Approval of proposed updates to the roadway functional classifications.

The CTAC will meet on September 18th. The group will elect an FY25 Chair and Vice Chair, form a CTAC Transportation Equity Workgroup and recommend strategies for the Long-Range Transportation Plan Strategies

The will meet on September 10th. The committee will hear updates on the Rural Transportation Analysis and the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. They are also expected to recommend Policy Board approval of three FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:

- FY25 FTA 5310 Existing Projects
- GRTC Existing Projects
- GRTC New Projects

Upcoming Meetings:

- TAC – September 10th – 9:00 a.m.
- Policy Board – October 3rd – 8:00 a.m. – Port of Virginia Facilities Tour (more information can be found [here](#)).
- CTAC – November 21st – 12:00 p.m.