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Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting (webinar link provided in agenda cover page)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
(Chair Adams)
2. **Roll Call & Certification of a Quorum**
(Sarah-Keel Crews)
3. **Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**
(Chair Adams)
4. **Approval of October 14, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes** – page 4
(Chair Adams)
Action requested: approval of minutes as presented (voice vote).
5. **Open Public Comment Period**
(Chair Adams /5 minutes)
6. **TAC Chair's Report**
(Chair Adams /10 minutes)
7. **FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – UPC 124341-#SMART26 BUSY STREET EXTENDED** – page 7
(Will Heller/5 minutes)
Action Item.
8. **Long Bridge Work Windows & Rail Service Update**
(VPRA/20 minutes)
Information Item.
9. **Safety Plan Update**
(Dan Motta/20 minutes)
Information Item.
10. **Transportation Agency Updates**
(10 minutes)
 - a. **DRPT** – Hudson
 - b. **GRTC** – Robinson
 - c. **RideFinders** – O’Keeffe
 - d. **VDOT** – Siodmok

**11. [PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector \(linked\)](#)
Information item.**

12. TAC Member Comments
(Chair Adams /5 minutes)

13. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
(Chair Adams)

14. Adjournment
(Chair Adams)

**Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting**

Members and Alternates (Present – X):

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
Nora D. Amos	X	Sheri Adams, Chair	X	J.J. Banuelos	X
Goochland County		Gary Mitchell (A)		Barbara K. Smith (A)	
Patrick Longerbeam	X				
Josh Gillespie (A)		Hanover County		Henrico County	
New Kent County		Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler	X
Amy Inman	X	Randy Hardman (A)		Ashley Austin	
Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
John B. Rutledge		Ligon Webb		Dironna Moore Clarke	X
PlanRVA				GRTC	
Myles Busching	X	DRPT		Patricia Robinson	X
Dorian Allen		Wood Hudson	X	Corey Robinson (A)	
RideFinders		Tiffany T. Dubinsky (A)		VDOT	
John O’Keefe (A)	X	RMTA		Naomi Siodmok	X
		Theresa Simmons		Todd Scheid (A)	

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Adams opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. and welcomed all attendees. The roll call and certification of a quorum were led and certified by Sarah-Keel Crews, PlanRVA. There were no requested amendments to the agenda, so the committee moved on to the action items.

Dironna Moore Clarke entered the meeting at 9:15 am.

2. Approval of September 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Sharon Smidler, seconded by John O’Keefe, members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented (voice vote).

There were no requests to offer public comment and the chair did not have a formal report.

3. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – UPC 124712 - #SMART24 - BROAD ST STREETScape W/ PULSE BRT EXP PHASE III

Will Heller, PlanRVA, presented this request and reported that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the 124712 - #SMART24 Broad St. Streetscape W/ Pulse BRT Expansion project. This represents the third phase of the streetscape and expansion project which will provide multiple multimodal safety and operational improvements along 1.6 miles of Broad St. from Malvern Ave. to Libbie.

On a motion by Amy Inman, seconded by Joe Vidunas, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO Policy Board approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT. (roll call vote).

4. Transit Program and MERIT Update

Will Heller provided this update and spoke about the marketing and promotional plan for this grant. The MERIT grant's purpose is to use local program transit success to expand regional transit access. This regional expansion can lead to greater access to things such as healthcare, education, and employment. Will reported that there was a 1.6 million increase in ridership due to the Zero Fare initiative. This initiative ties into the proposed regional expansion because access to affordable transit has wide-reaching benefits and this project can create microtransit options for those in rural areas. Nora Amos and Amy Inman both offered appreciation regarding Will's work on the project.

5. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

Wood Hudson provided an update on current and upcoming DRPT activity, including SMARTscale round 7, a November 19th grant workshop, and an FY27 30 Transit STIP with VDOT.

b. GRTC

Patricia Robinson provided an update on current and upcoming GRTC activity. This included Tap into Transit week, introducing the new LINK transit zone, and the ribbon cutting on the 21st.

c. RideFinders

John O'Keefe provided an update on current and upcoming RideFinders activity, including participating in One the Square and Transportation Fairs at Reynolds College. TDM week, a pop-up outreach event, also occurred during September. The Executive Director won the "Social Butterfly" Award through their diverse social media outreach.

d. VDOT

Naomi Siodmok provided an update on recent and upcoming VDOT activities. CTB had a workshop in September, and she will provide more updates at the next meeting. There is also an upcoming technology integration implementation to better understand traffic issues in certain corridors. The state-wide manual for uniform traffic control devices was accepted. There is a local assistance division event that will discuss right-of-way estimates.

10. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector

This was an information item.

11. TAC Member Comments

- a. JJ Banuelos gave an update about Chesterfield plan for its bike lanes. He invited everyone to review and provide commentary on the proposed map.
- b. Naomi Siodmok and Amy Inman provided commentary about bike infrastructure and the lack of integration for the Broad St. Streetscape w/ Pulse BRT Expansion Phase III.

12. Next Meeting

Chair Adams noted the next meeting will be held on November 18, 2025.

13. Adjournment

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

ACTION ITEM

November 18, 2025

TO Technical Advisory Committee

SUBJECT FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –
UPC 124341 - #SMART26 Busy Street Extended

BRIEF:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the 124341 - #SMART26 Busy Street Extended project. This project will extend Busy Street 0.05 miles to Grove Road and includes the installation of a new traffic signal, additional left-turn lanes, and new sidewalks and crosswalks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) should recommend approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT.

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.

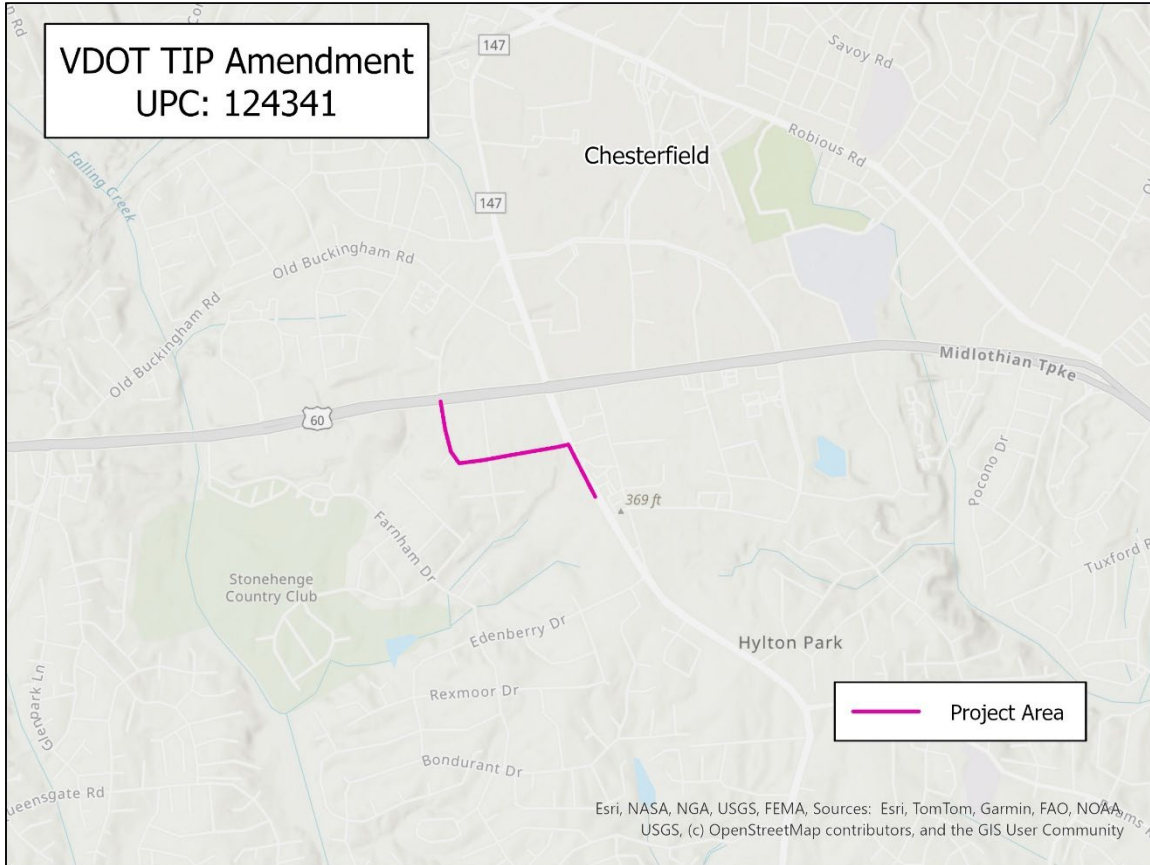
For other funding programs, the RRTPO does not have authority to select projects but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional 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 amendment requested by VDOT has 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:

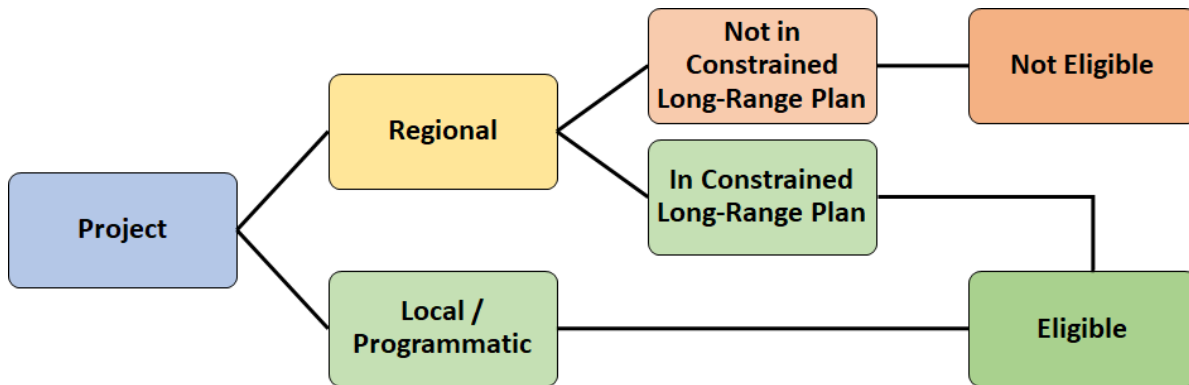
The Busy Street Extended project will extend Busy St. 0.05 miles from .01 miles West of Iverser Drive to .02 miles East of Murray Olds Drive. The goal of the project is to improve connectivity in the area and will include the addition of a new

traffic signal at the intersection of Busy Street and Courthouse road, new sidewalks, and a new marked crosswalk. The project also includes adding a second left-turn lane on Murray Olds Rd to create dual left turns. dual left-turn lanes and receiving lanes to improve traffic flow



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. This project is considered local in nature and may be advanced without inclusion in our CLRP.

Figure 1 below graphically shows the consistency review process.



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. This project is not exempt from air quality conformity; however, this type of project is not regionally significant for conformity based on adopted guidance, and therefore, it will not trigger a new regional conformity analysis.

Fiscal Constraint: The funding changes are as follows: add \$1,585,802 (RSTP) to FFY26 PE phase.

Federal Fund Source Description:

RSTP – The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program provides funding for a broad range of capacity, operational, and congestion mitigation related improvements. These projects are selected directly by the RRTPO consistent with the regional funding framework.

For more information, please contact Will Heller at wheller@planrva.org or 804-924-9618.

Attachment

A.Draft TIP Project Blocks

Attachment A – Draft TIP Block

UPC NO	124341	SCOPE	New Construction Roadway			
SYSTEM	Primary	JURISDICTION	Chesterfield County	OVERSIGHT	NFO	
PROJECT	#SMART26 – BUSY ST EXTENDED			ADMIN BY	Locally	
DESCRIPTION	FROM: .01 West of Alverser Drive TO: .02 East of Murray Olds Drive (0.0500 MI)					
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD – add \$1,585,802 (RSTP) FFY26 PE phase					
ROUTE/STREET	MIDLOTHIAN TURNPIKE (0060)			TOTAL COST	\$22,293,031	
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
PE	Federal – RSTP	\$396,451	\$0	\$0	\$1,585,802	\$0