

# AGENDA

## RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

9:00 a.m.

### Zoom Meeting

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

(Le Duc)

### ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

(Firestone)

### STATEMENT REGARDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

(Parsons)

- 1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda**  
(Le Duc)
- 2. Approval of October 12, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes – Page 3**  
(Le Duc)  
**Action Requested: Approval of minutes as presented.**
- 3. Open Public Comment Period**  
(Le Duc/5 minutes)
- 4. TAC Chairman's Report**  
(Le Duc/10 minutes)

5. **RRTPO Update**  
(Parsons/Lantz/10 minutes)
  - a. **Current Work Efforts– Page 8**
  - b. **Community Transportation Advisory Committee – agenda preview**
  
6. **Smart Scale Round 5 Overview**  
(Jackson - OIPI/45 minutes)
  
7. **Transportation Agency Updates**  
(VDOT, DRPT/10 minutes)
  - a. **DRPT – Dubinsky**
  - b. **GRTC – Robinson**
  - c. **RideFinders – O’Keeffe**
  - d. **VDOT - McAdory**
  
8. **Future Meeting Topics– Page 9**  
(LeDuc/5 minutes)
  
9. **TAC Member Comments**  
(LeDuc/5 minutes)
  
10. **Next Meeting: December 14, 2021**  
(LeDuc)
  
11. **Adjournment**  
(LeDuc)

CAP/jf

Attachments

pc: David T. Williams, RRTPO Policy Board Chair    Ron Svejkovsky, Tri-Cities MPO  
 Upton Martin, CTAC Chair    Martha Heeter, PlanRVA  
 Richard Duran, FHWA    TAC Interested Parties  
 Daniel Koenig, FTA Liaison    Area News Media  
 Jennifer DeBruhl, DRPT

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

**MINUTES OF ACTION MEETING  
Zoom Meeting  
October 12, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:**

<b>Town of Ashland</b>		<b>Charles City County</b>		<b>Chesterfield County</b>	
Nora D. Amos	X	(vacant)		Barbara K. Smith	
Vacant (A)				Chessa Walker (A)	X
<b>Goochland County</b>		<b>Hanover County</b>		<b>Henrico County</b>	
Thomas M. Coleman	X	Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler, FY22 Vice Chair	X
Mike Campbell (A)	X	J. Michael Flagg (A)		Todd Eure (A)	
<b>New Kent County</b>		<b>Powhatan County</b>		<b>City of Richmond</b>	
Kelli Le Duc, FY22 Chair		Bret Schardein		Dironna Moore Clarke	X
		(vacant) (A)		Travis A. Bridewell (A)	
<b>Capital Region Airport Commission</b>		<b>DRPT</b>		<b>GRTC</b>	
John B. Rutledge		Tiffany T. Dubinsky	X	Adrienne Torres	
		Grant Sparks (A)	X	Patricia Robinson (A)	X
<b>PlanRVA</b>		<b>RideFinders</b>		<b>RMTA</b>	
Chet Parsons	X	Von S. Tisdale		Theresa Simmons	
Sulabh Aryal (A)	X	John O'Keefe (A)	X		
<b>VDOT</b>					
Liz McAdory	X				
Nicole Mueller (A)	X				

The technology used for this meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom and YouTube Live Streaming and was open and accessible for participation by members of the public. Voting record tables are attached to the action meeting minutes in Appendix A. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chair, Sharon Smidler, presided and called the October 12, 2021, RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

## **ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM**

Janice Firestone, Program Coordinator, took attendance by roll call and certified that a quorum was present.

### **1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda**

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda. Seeing and hearing no objections, the October 12, 2021, agenda was approved by acclamation as presented.

### **2. Approval of September 14, 2021, RRTPO TAC Action Meeting Minutes**

On motion of John O’Keeffe, seconded by Liz McAdory, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting by acclamation (voice vote) as presented.

### **3. Open Public Comment Period**

There were no requests to address the Technical Advisory Committee.

### **4. TAC Chairman’s Report**

Vice Chair Smidler announced that October is Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month and RVA Bike Month. She offered a reminder about the importance of driver awareness and safety with respect to pedestrians and cyclists.

### **5. RRTPO Update**

#### **a. Fall Transportation Forum – Topic Review**

Chet Parsons, Director of Transportation, PlanRVA, reported that the forum is coming up November 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Independence Golf Club in Powhatan County. Possible topics are being explored, including Federal reauthorization, Fall Line updates and a celebration of the first year of the CVTA. Staff is seeking suggestions for other topics.

#### **b. Current Work Efforts**

Mr. Parsons gave this report to the committee. A copy of the presentation can be found at [Current Work Efforts](#).

#### **c. Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) – Staff Report**

A copy of the report can be found at [CTAC Staff Report](#).

### **6. DRPT Transit Equity and Modernization Study**

Tiffany Dubinsky, Statewide Transit Planning Manager at DRPT, provided this update. A copy of the presentation can be found at [DRPT Transit Equity and Modernization Study](#). Following the presentation Ms. Dubinsky clarified that the recommendations will not be directed only towards state agencies. The expectation is that regional transit partners (MPO’s, PDC’s, localities) will incorporate the recommendations into their planning policies. There was discussion about the benefits this will bring to the Richmond area and those localities with portions of their communities that can benefit from targeted funding and programs.

## 7. TIP Amendment – VDOT Request

Myles Busching, Planner, PlanRVA, provided an overview of the request received from VDOT. A copy of the presentation and packet materials can be found at [TIP Amendment – VDOT Request](#).

On motion of Sharon Smidler, seconded by Liz McAdory, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) voted unanimously to recommend RRTPO Policy Board approval of the following resolution as presented (see [Appendix A](#)):

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) amends the FY21 – FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the #I64CIP - I-64WB Exit 181 Improve Interchange Configuration project (UPC 120374); and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that approval of this amendment is conditional upon the completion of a 15-day public review period; and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that approval of this amendment is conditional upon not receiving any public comments opposing this project which will require further review by the RRTPO; and,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this project is considered exempt from regional emissions analysis under section 93.127 of the conformity rule.

## 8. Transportation Agency Updates

### a. DRPT

A copy of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation update provided by Ms. Dubinsky is available at: [DRPT Update](#).

### b. GRTC

There was no update from GRTC.

### c. RideFinders

John O’Keeffe, Account Executive at RideFinders, reported the following:

- Provided promotional items to the Hilton Richmond Downtown’s Hospitality Week recruitment.
- Assisted GRTC Planning with the delivery of their new public timetable.
- Provided data to DRPT for their General Assembly report.
- Two new 7-passenger van pools started in September; Newport News to Richmond and Henrico to Dahlgren.
- Attended the Virginia Transit Association conference in Tysons Corner.
- Gathered Tri-City Van Pool data for the FY23 funding application.
- Continued to promote PlanRVA’s ConnectRVA 2045 Connect with an Expert plan public comment period on social media.
- Worked on RideFinders’ FY21 annual report and completed the FY21 external audit with no findings.
- Awarded the Richmond Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America’s Award of Merit for a Shoestring Budget of \$5,000 or less for RideFinders’ “Celebrate Earth Day Every Day” Clean Air Campaign.

**d. VDOT**

A copy of the Virginia Department of Transportation update provided by Liz McAdory, District Planning Manager at VDOT, is available at: [VDOT Update](#).

**9. Future Meeting Topics**

Several future meeting topics were reviewed.

**10. TAC Member Comments**

There were no comments from TAC members.

**11. Next Meeting: November 9, 2021**

Vice Chair Smidler noted the next regular RRTPO TAC action meeting will be held on November 9, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**12. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Smidler adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

CAP/jf

**Item 7. – FY21-FY24 TIP Amendment: VDOT Request**

<b>Jurisdiction/Agency</b>	<b>Member</b>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<b>Town of Ashland</b>	Nora D. Amos	X			
<b>Charles City County</b>	(vacant)				
<b>Chesterfield County</b>	Barbara K. Smith				X
	Chessa Walker (A)	X			
<b>Goochland County</b>	Thomas M Coleman	X			
<b>Hanover County</b>	Joseph E. Vidunas	X			
<b>Henrico County</b>	Sharon Smidler, VC	X			
<b>New Kent County</b>	Kelli Le Duc, Chair				X
<b>Powhatan County</b>	Bret Schardein				X
<b>City of Richmond</b>	Dironna Moore Clarke	X			
<b>Capital Region Airport Commission</b>	John B. Rutledge				X
<b>DRPT</b>	Tiffany T. Dubinsky	X			
<b>GRTC Transit System</b>	Adrienne Torres				X
	Patricia Robinson (A)	X			
<b>PlanRVA</b>	Chet Parsons	X			
<b>RideFinders</b>	Von S. Tisdale				X
	John O'Keeffe (A)	X			
<b>RIC Metropolitan Transp. Authority</b>	Theresa Simmons				X
<b>VDOT</b>	Liz McAdory	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		11			

## **Current Work Efforts Update – Item 5.-a.**

### **ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan**

The RRTPO Policy Board unanimously adopted ConnectRVA 2045 plan at their October 4, 2021 meeting. The Air Quality Conformality Determination letter from FTA/FHWA was also received the same day. Staff time in October has been primarily focused on the completion of the final version of the plan document and technical reports for *ConnectRVA 2045*. Staff is also working internally and with the advisory committee to document lessons learned and recommendations for the next LRTP update.

### **Ashland Trolley Line Trail Study**

Staff continues to work with the National Park Service's Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program adding the skills of Mallory Zink, a NPS public historian for greater interpretation of the trolley line's former role in community connections through signage and self-guided walking tours. Staff organized a field trip on September 14-15 involving the local historians from Ashland, Hanover and Henrico to walk portions of the trail and explore the history. Concepts are being presented back to the history team on November 3. Two storymaps for the project illustrate the importance and potential for the 14-mile Trolley Line Trail, now a segment of the Fall Line Trail, and include [history of the trolley line](#) and a [design sketchbook](#).

### **Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update**

*BikePedRVA 2045* is being prepared as a major update to the 2004 Richmond Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The draft plan is under review with the steering committee with plans to complete by December 2021. The draft incorporates virtual public review from the *ConnectRVA 2045* process but will be shared more broadly in early 2022 for direct public review with the benefit of in-person opportunities to meet with existing bike/ped advocacy groups, locality and neighborhood-level meetings focusing on more specific recommendations of the plan. The Complete Streets toolbox or illustrated [story map](#) continues to be updated as one resource intended to implement *BikePedRVA 2045*. The current schedule calls for the plan to be considered for adoption in April 2022 by amendment to *ConnectRVA 2045*.

### **Active Transportation Work Group (ATWG)**

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings held by PlanRVA, staff continues to support Henrico staff on the County's ATWG and efforts to develop the bicycle and pedestrian chapter of the county's comprehensive plan. Staff also assists the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECG) on potential designations of segments of the future route of the trail through the Richmond region and during quarterly ECG council meetings. Currently assisting with the search for a new Virginia coordinator and preparing to help the next hire get acclimated in Virginia.

### **Vision Zero Work Group**

The RRTPO Vision Zero Work Group is working with VDOT and their consultant on a regional action plan. This action plan will be a great resource for member localities as they position for safety improvements around the region.



## **TAC AGENDA 11/9/21; ITEM 8.**

### **TAC Future Meeting Topics\***

#### **Future Meeting Topics**

- STBG / CMAQ Application Cycle
- DRPT –Virginia Statewide Rail Plan
- Smart Scale – Round 5 project consideration
- Scenario Planning
- Bike-Ped Plan Recommendation
- CVTA Project Prioritization Updates

\*Draft: This is not a comprehensive list of considerations and is subject to change.