

# AGENDA

## RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 17, 2022  
12:00 p.m.

### Zoom Meeting

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*(Martin)*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*(Martin)*

### STATEMENT REGARDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

*(Parsons)*

### ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

*(Martin)*

### A. ADMINISTRATION

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

*(Martin)*

#### 2. [Approval of the January 20, 2022, CTAC Meeting Minutes](#) – page 3

(Martin)

**ACTION REQUESTED**

**3. Open Public Comment**

**4. CTAC Chairman's Report**

(Martin/5 minutes)

**5. RRTPO Updates**

(Parsons/10 minutes)

- a. **RRTPO and TAC Meetings Report for January and February** – page 7
- b. **Current Work Efforts** – page 10
- c. CVTA Update

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Bike/Ped RVA 2045**

(Barbara Jacocks/Phil Riggan/Dan Motta/60 minutes)

**2. Report of the CTAC Membership Committee**

(Martin/20 minutes)

**C. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Future Meeting Topics** – page 12

(Martin/5 minutes)

**2. CTAC Member Comments**

(Martin/10 minutes)

**3. Next Meeting: May 19, 2022**

(Martin)

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

KEL/jf

Attachments

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
Zoom Meeting  
January 20, 2022  
12:00 p.m.**

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

<b>Town of Ashland</b>		<b>Charles City County</b>		<b>Chesterfield County</b>	
Upton S. Martin, Chair	X	Vacant		Susan Beals	
				Herbert A. Richwine	
				Starrie Jordan (A)	
<b>Goochland County</b>		<b>Hanover County</b>		<b>Henrico County</b>	
Robert L. Basham Jr.		H. Charles Rasnick		Amber B. Lancaster	X
<b>New Kent County</b>		<b>Powhatan County</b>		<b>City of Richmond</b>	
Lisa M. Guthrie, Vice Chair	X	Robert W. Powers	X	Sera Erickson	
John P. Moyer (A)		Vacant (A)		Vacant	
				Hwan Hill (A)	
<b>Chamber RVA</b>		<b>Natl. Assoc. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Richmond VA Branch</b>		<b>League of Women Voters (LWV)</b>	
John Easter		James J. Minor III		Sarah Weisiger	
Sam Mayman (A)		Walter L. Johnson Jr. (A)	X	Karen Rosenblum (A)	X
<b>RIC Area Bicycling Assoc. (RABA)</b>		<b>VA Assoc. of Railway Patrons (VARP)</b>		<b>VA Conservation Network (VCN)</b>	
Champe M. Burnley	X	Michael Testerman	X	Wyatt Gordon	
				Frederick S. Fisher (A)	
<b>Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)</b>					
John D. Leonard	X				

**Others Present:** (all virtual)

Dironna Moore Clarke, City of Richmond  
Janice Firestone, PlanRVA  
Barbara Jacocks, PlanRVA  
Sidd Kumar, PlanRVA  
Ken Lantz, PlanRVA  
Rashaunda Lanier-Jackson, PlanRVA

Jin Lee, PlanRVA  
Dan Motta, PlanRVA  
Chet Parsons, PlanRVA  
Kelli Rowan, City of Richmond  
Randy Selleck, DRPT  
Katherine Youngbluth, VPRA

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. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Community Transportation Advisory Committee Chair, Upton S. Martin, presided and called the January 20, 2022, RRTPO CTAC meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Upton welcomed committee members, staff and guests to the meeting.

### **ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Janice Firestone, Program Coordinator, called the roll and certified that a quorum was present.

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

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

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda. Seeing and hearing no objections, the January 20, 2022, agenda was approved by acclamation as presented.

#### **2. Approval of the November 18, 2021, CTAC Meeting Minutes**

On motion of Robert W. Powers, seconded by Walter L. Johnson, Jr., the Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) unanimously approved the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting by acclamation as presented.

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

There were no requests to address the RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee.

#### **4. CTAC Chairman's Report**

Chair Martin provided a recap of the most recent RRTPO meeting.

#### **5. RRTPO Updates**

##### **a. RRTPO and TAC Meetings Report for November and December**

Chet Parsons, PlanRVA, called the Committee's attention to the report of the RRTPO and TAC meetings and provided a recap of the recent activity for both the RRTPO and TAC. (This report can be found on page 7 of the [agenda packet](#).)

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

Mr. Parsons provided this report to the committee and noted the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan is currently the focus of a lot of staff time. (This report can be found on page 9 of the [agenda packet](#).)

**c. CVTA Update**

Mr. Parsons gave the CVTA update to the committee and noted that PlanRVA is devoting a lot of time to staffing the CVTA and its various committees.

**d. Efforts to Fill CTAC Vacancies – Update**

Ken Lantz, PlanRVA, reported on the ongoing efforts to fill committee vacancies, including efforts to reach out to clerks of the member jurisdiction board/council clerks to possibly identify potential appointees.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. State Rail Plan**

Randy Selleck, Director of Rail Planning and Environmental, DRPT, provided an overview of the Statewide Rail Planning Initiative. The last plan was adopted in 2018, and the Federal Railroad Administration requires each state to update its plans every four years. The plan serves as an implementation guide for rail projects addressing mid-term and long-term VTrans needs, and final adoption is scheduled for Summer of 2022. The plan will include the development and updating of policies related to climate change, coordination, corridor development, economic development, equipment policy, equity policy, multimodal access policy, passenger rail station policy, and passenger service policy. The policies will be applicable to freight, passenger and multimodal issues. Components of the plan include an interactive story map and passenger and freight rail dashboards. Next steps in the process include project list vetting, refinement and drafting of a service development plan, and a service gap analysis. Following the presentation, committee members had comments and questions. Mr. Selleck offered clarification on the following:

- Rail funding. It is often grant funding. The Commonwealth Rail Fund is dedicated funding.
- Bicycles (and their storage) at rail stations fall under a station's policies.
- Lease agreements with the freight railroads and right-of-way restrictions must be taken into consideration when considering adjacent to railways.

**2. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority**

Katherine Youngbluth, Director of Planning, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), provided this report to the committee. She reviewed the timeline of the state of Virginia's investments in rail passenger service from 2006 to 2026, travel constraints throughout the state, and the dates of key agreements between the state of Virginia and rail service providers. Ms. Youngbluth also reviewed the structure of the VPRA and key agreements and projects, which include the acquisition of half of the rail right-of way along the CSX line between Washington, D.C. and Petersburg, and the construction of an expanded crossing of the Potomac River and expansion of the number of tracks on both the south and north approaches of the bridge. Other improvements include increased frequency and expansion of service to southwest Virginia, including Roanoke and the New River Valley. Following the presentation, Ms. Youngbluth offered clarification on the purchase of the former Virginian line.

### **3. Update on City of Richmond's Pathway to Equity**

Dironna Moore Clark, Public Works Administrator, and Kelli Rowan, Program Manager, City of Richmond, Office of Equitable Transit provided this report to the committee. Kelli Rowan provided an overview of Path to Equity, Richmond's strategic multimodal plan. The plan will serve as a policy guide for Richmond Connects, and has involved input from a public survey, as well as social media comments and community conversations. Concerning the surveys, six in-person and two online events resulted in over 1900 responses. Top injustices noted by the surveys include neighborhood dissection, redlining, suburbanization of poverty, urban renewal, and transportation planning practices. Reported barriers to access include missing sidewalks and bicycle lanes, infrequent and circuitous transit routes, lack of parking, and roadway congestion. A website to offer comments on the plan is available through the end of January and offered to answer any questions.

## **C. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Membership Committee**

Chair Martin announced that Vice Chair Guthrie has agreed to head up this ad hoc committee to improve representation of members of the elderly and disabled community on the CTAC. He requested volunteers to join the committee. Vice Chair Guthrie asked for suggestions for individuals and/or agencies to reach out to for participation.  
(Martin/10 minutes)

### **2. Future Meeting Topics**

The future meeting topics were reviewed.

### **3. CTAC Member Comments**

Mr. Parsons commented that efforts are ongoing to understand the impacts of the infrastructure act on the region. This may make the updates listed for the May meeting difficult to provide.

Vice Chair Guthrie commented that the Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study update may need to be pushed back to a later meeting than March.

### **4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2022, at 12:00 noon. The expectation is that the meeting will be held virtually, via Zoom.

## **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:48 p.m.

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)  
**From:** Chet Parsons, RRTPO Secretary  
**Date:** March 7, 2022  
**Subj:** RRTPO Policy Board and TAC Meetings Report

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The following presents a report on major business and action items from the January 11, February 8 and February 22, 2022, RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings and the February 3, 2022, Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board meeting. Video recordings of the meetings can be found on the PlanRVA YouTube channel.

## **Draft BikePedRVA 2045 Plan**

At the February 3, 2022, RRTPO Policy Board meeting, Barbara Jacocks gave a presentation on the BikePedRVA 2045 Plan. BikePedRVA is structured around six “big ideas”:

- Establish the Virginia Capital Trail and the Fall Line Trail as main regional arterials for active transportation, respect the rivers in shaping routes, and work with localities to align new connections at jurisdictional boundaries.
- Prioritize equity and access to historically underserved populations in the completion of spur networks that tie into the regional arterials.
- Establish higher, well-recognized industry standards for active transportation infrastructure.
- Focus on a pedestrian sidewalk network that provides safe, accessible connections for all users from neighborhoods to transit stops.
- Utilize bike boulevards and safe neighborhood streets for local connections.
- Provide tools for localities to effectively guide private sector developers to incorporate high quality active transportation infrastructure into their projects to the benefit of the regional network.

The Policy Board approved the opening of a public review period for the DRAFT BikePedRVA 2045 plan. TAC will review the draft plan along with public comments and input through this process at their April 12, 2022 meeting.

## **Trolley Line Trail Project Update**

Phil Riggan, PlanRVA, provided an update at the January TAC meeting on the Trolley Line Trail. PlanRVA with assistance from NPS - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program is working to help the counties of Hanover and Henrico and the Town of Ashland, as they develop plans for the potential Trolley Line Trail.

The Trolley Line Trail is 14.8 miles long and runs depot-to-depot, following the original path of the electric car line from the early 1900s, starting in downtown Richmond and ending in the heart of Ashland. It will run along much of the same path as the northern section of the potential Fall Line Trail.

A history subcommittee began exploring opportunities for adding a public history component to the trail, that will expand partnerships with history, heritage, and underserved community stakeholders.

### **VDOT STBG Funding Request - UPC 97688 - Rt. 155 Shared Use Path**

A request was approved at the February 8, 2022, RRTPO Policy Board meeting to transfer \$88,857 in previous regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and match funds from the balance entry (UPC 70721) to the Rt 155 Shared Use Path project (UPC 97688 Details are outlined below:

The Commerce Road Improvement project (UPC 15958) is a project in the City of Richmond which was first selected for current STBG funding from the RRTPO in fiscal year 2015 with a total award of \$2.05M. At the time, the project was expected to start construction that year with completion targeted for December 2016 at a total project cost of \$14.9M. Since selection, the project has experienced significant delays due to complications with funding and VDOT STBG Funding Request - UPC 97688 - Rt. 155 Shared Use Path.

### **Draft Smart Scale Regional Project Selections**

TAC held a special meeting on February 22nd to review and approve the Draft Smart Scale Regional Project Selections. It was reported that the RRTPO has the ability to apply for ten (10) projects that would benefit the region for each round of Smart Scale. RRTPO member organizations have submitted individual requests for projects to be considered and staff has drawn additional potential projects from Smart Scale round 4 and recent CVTA regional applications. In total, 37 projects were considered for potential submission. The RRTPO can submit up to twelve (12) pre-applications in March for initial project screening.

Staff considered cost estimates, VTRANS needs, functional classification of project corridors, the level of assistance from VDOT or local jurisdictions that would be required to develop an application. Staff also assessed the available studies and documentation compared with the SMART SCALE “readiness” requirements and screen-out risk. Finally, staff looked at regional distribution and balance in developing the project recommendations. Projects with pending applications for CVTA or RRTPO funding programs were prioritized due to the potential for leveraging.

TAC recommended TPO approval of the following projects as Smart Scale Round 5 pre-applications:

1. 288/360: Rt. 360 at Brad McNeer Pkwy. Continuous Green T
2. Broad Street Streetscape (US250) with Pulse Expansion Phase III
3. Commerce Road - FLT Phase II
4. Courthouse Rd/360 RCUT
5. I-64 Widening – Exit 205 to Exit 211
6. I-95 & Rt 10 Interchange Improvement – Phase II
7. Nine Mile Road Improvements
8. SB 288 Auxiliary Lane - US 250 to Tuckahoe Creek Pkwy
9. SB 288 Continuous HSR Lane - West Creek Pkwy to Route 711
10. Vaughan Road Overpass
11. W Broad St Intersection Improvements at Parham Road
12. Williamsburg Road Improvements

### **Transportation Forum**



The board established a subcommittee to look into the Transportation Forum. That group, chaired by Dr. Cynthia Newbille and including Kevin Carroll, Patricia Paige, and Canova Peterson, met several times in February. An annual meeting between RRTPO, CVTA and PlanRVA was discussed. There was also discussion about the need for additional resources to hold a successful forum. Greater participation/assistance will be needed from the member jurisdictions as well as other groups and possibly professional, contracted services. A report was provided with the following recommendations, which were approved by the board:

**Forum**

- Schedule the next forum in 2023. Staff will look at the meeting schedule for the organizations and come up with a suggested timeframe.

**Annual Meeting**

- Hold an annual, joint meeting in 2022. Staff will look at the meeting schedule for the organizations and come up with a suggested timeframe.

CAP/jf

## **Current Work Efforts Update – Item A.-5.-b**

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

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings held by PlanRVA, staff continues to work with Henrico staff on the County's ATWG to develop the bicycle and pedestrian chapter of the county's comprehensive plan. The January meeting was cancelled but the committee continues to submit comments on the planning efforts to Henrico staff. PlanRVA 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. ECG has hired a new Virginia coordinator, Elliot Caldwell. PlanRVA staff met with Elliot last week to brief him on Virginia and Richmond area ECG projects.

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

PlanRVA Staff joined Hanover County staff, Ursula Lemanski of the NPS, and others in the field on January 27 to walk a portion of the existing trolley line route north of Cobbs Road to Gwathmey Church Road. The work continues with Mallory Zink, NPS public historian and a history team of experts from Ashland, Hanover, and Henrico counties on concepts that will depict the trolley line's former role (ca. 1907-1938) and community connections. Two story maps for the project illustrate the importance and potential for the 14-mile Trolley Line Trail, now a segment of the Fall Line, and includes [history of the trolley line](#) and a [design sketchbook](#).

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

A DRAFT of the *BikePedRVA 2045* plan is complete and being shared with the Bike Ped steering committee for review and comment. This will be the first major update since the 2004 Richmond Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. It represents a more robust digital plan hosted on the [BikePedRVA.org](#) website (to be launched on Feb 9) complete with DRAFT plan, story map, ArcGIS map layers, and other resources which will be frequently updated to guide planning, design, and implementation of the plan. Frequent updates will require PlanRVA staff to work closely with partner agencies and localities. The draft incorporates virtual public review from the *ConnectRVA 2045* process and will be shared more broadly from February 9 through March 23, 2022 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 May 2022 by amendment to *ConnectRVA 2045*.

### **STBG/CMAQ Suballocations**

The FY23 – FY28 application period for regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds was held in October of this year. A total of 34 new or rescope projects were submitted with over \$207 million requested. In addition, 9 existing projects were submitted requesting over \$16.5 million in additional funding. Staff is working to finalize the new project scoring in January. Staff will develop draft allocations plans in February in coordination with VDOT and the TAC.

**Central Virginia Transportation Authority**

Continued staff support for the daily function of the Authority. Supported meetings of the Finance Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and provided support for the Finance Director's Working Group, HR Roundtable, and jurisdiction legal counsel. Specific administrative work tasks included meeting administration and coordination, development of scheduling for regional fund distribution, and direct coordination with board and committee chairs. Continued process of evaluating regional fund project applications with goal of having recommendations ready in March 2022.

## CTAC FUTURE MEETING TOPICS\*; ITEM C.2.

### 19 May 2022

- Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study
- GRTC System Update-zero fare, expansion, electrification

### 21 July 2022

- Transportation Funding Overview/Workshop
- Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill and its impact on Virginia's transportation network

### 15 September 2022

- Greater Washington Partnership-the economic impact of transportation investments

### Not scheduled but other potential topics

- Discussion of Lead Priority Projects
- Impact of Casinos on Regional Travel Patterns
- School bus routing
- VDOT Connected and Automated Use Case Study
- Super Streets
- DRPT TRIP Program
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety/Zero Death Program
- Richmond Marine Terminal Tour
- Impact of COVID-19 on ridesharing and commuting patterns (Phil Winters)
- Virginia Port Authority's response to supply chain challenges
- Regional structure and bridge inventory

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

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