Active Transportation Update

Community Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
November 19, 2026

FY27 UPWP

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Purpose is to promote a unified regional approach to transportation planning to achieve regional goals and objectives.

Prepared by PlanRVA staff in cooperation with:

- United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
- Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
- Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) member jurisdictions and agencies

FY27 UPWP – Bike/Ped

Track regional data:
- Bicycle infrastructure
- Sidewalk infrastructure

Fall Line
- Design Build 1 (Hanover) completed
- Design Build 2 (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Petersburg) groundbreaking in early October

Active Transportation

Task 9 - $208,000

Purpose: To develop and implement a strategy for active transportation infrastructure that is safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities

Guiding Plans

- BikePedRVA 2045
- Ashland-to-Petersburg Study

How are we doing?

- **82.5 miles** of protected cycle tracks and shared use paths
- **111 people killed or seriously injured** while biking or walking each year
- **1.7% of people** 16 and older commute by active transportation (2024 5-year ACS)

Ongoing Activities

- Continue tracking and supporting complete streets projects and initiatives across the region
- Support outreach, coordination, and data collection to promote the Fall Line and other regional trails and greenways
- Conduct bike counts and identify opportunity for permanent counters

FY27 Deliverables

- Complete study to identify preferred alignment for the western spine in coordination with VDOT, localities, and advocates **(December 2026)**
- Update last-mile-to-transit sidewalk gaps analysis using new VDOT statewide pedestrian infrastructure inventory **(June 2027)**

BikePedRVA Plan

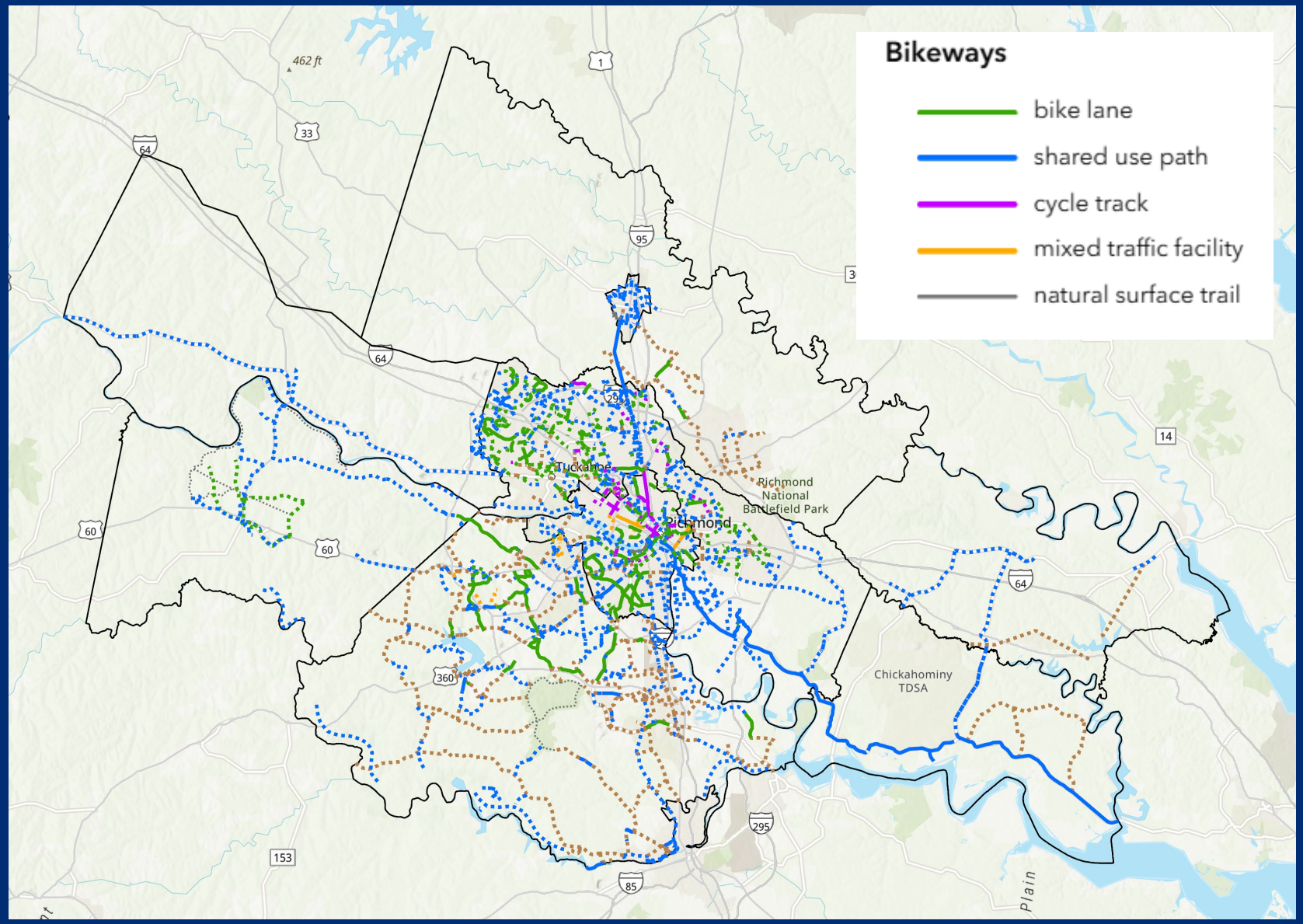
Bicycle infrastructure

- Bike lanes
- Shared-use path
- Cycle track
- Mixed traffic
- Natural surface

- More than 210 combined miles
- Increase from 150 miles over past 6+ years

Proposed projects

- More than 1,000 miles of proposed projects bicycle infrastructure



BikePedRVA Plan

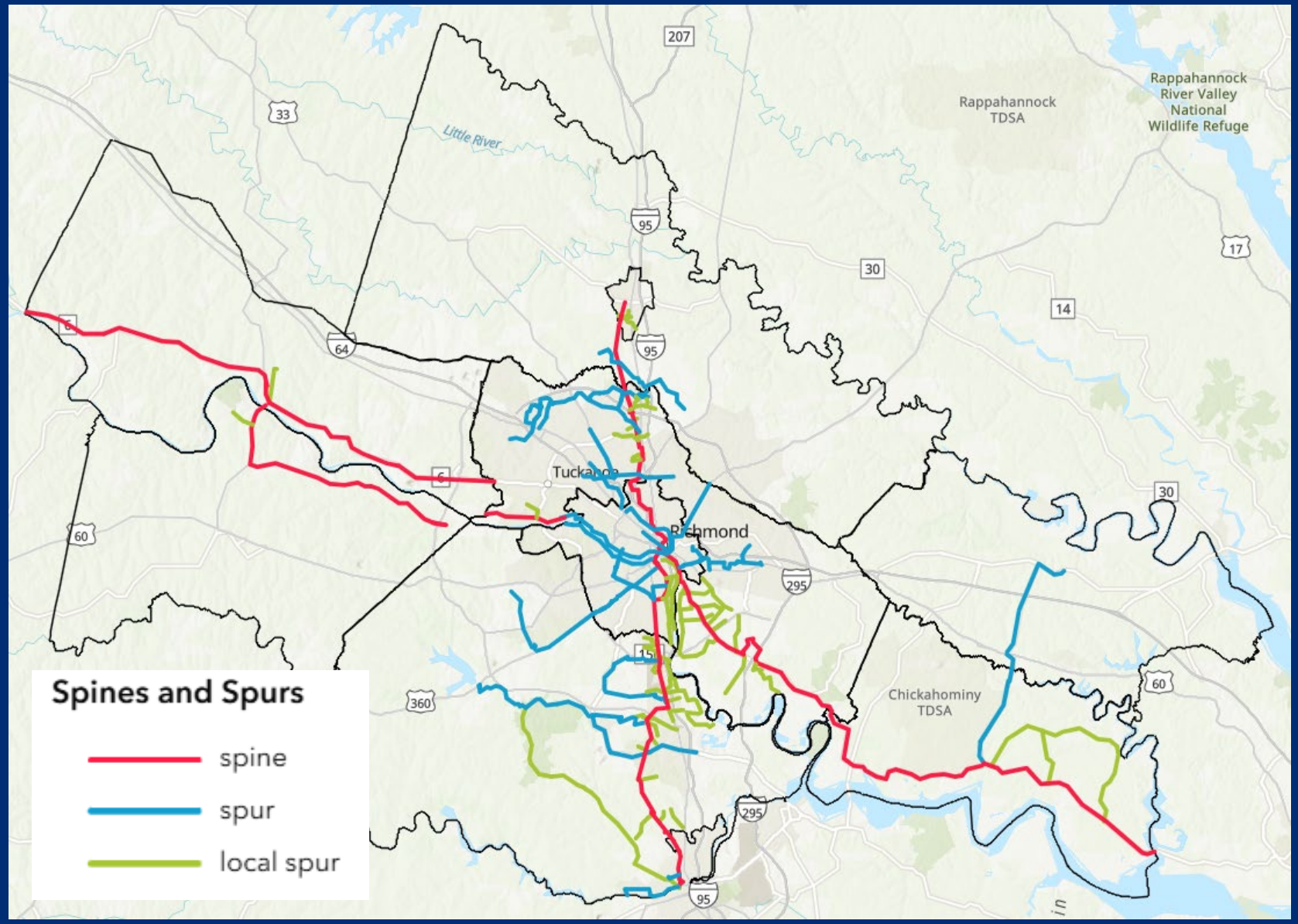
Spines, spurs, local spurs

- Create framework for regional bicycle and pedestrian network

- **Spine route:** Major interregional active transportation corridor
- **Spur route:** Connect to spine routes

Regional Spine Network

- Virginia Capital Trail
- Fall Line (under construction)



Western Spine Trail Study

In our region

- Goochland, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Henrico, City of Richmond

Purpose:

- Identify preferred corridor along western spine, complete spine network
- Enhance regional active transportation network
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Multi-use trail facility, Level of Traffic Stress 1 preferred

Study timeline: Approximately July 2025 – December 2026

Safety in 2026

Preventable Crash Outcomes (2026)

So far this year on roads in the Richmond Region

People Killed	People Killed Walking or Rolling	People Killed Biking
76	19	0

People Seriously Injured	People Seriously Injured Walking or Rolling	People Seriously Injured Biking
667	50	22

$1,937,190,125 in economic costs

These figures capture medical costs, lost wages, legal expenses, and an estimate of pain and suffering; but no dollar amount can fully reflect the value of a human life or the loss felt by families and communities.

Through 10/31/2026
Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (preliminary)

FY27 UPWP - Safety

Safe Streets & Roads

Track regional data:

- Annual crash data
- Support state and local safety studies
- Near Miss Dashboard reporting tool to track dangerous locations before crashes happen ***nearmiss.planrva.org***

Regional Transportation Safety Plan

Safety Messaging

Safe Streets & Roads

Task 12 - $139,000

Purpose: To reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roadways

Guiding Plans

- Regional Transportation Safety Plan

How are we doing?

- **120 people killed** each year while using our roadways
- **1.182** people killed per 100 million vehicle miles traveled
- **855 people seriously injured** each year while using our roadways
- **8.178** people seriously injured per 100 million vehicle miles traveled

Ongoing Activities

- Monitor and track crash data and trends across the region
- Support VDOT and locality safety studies and initiatives included Road Safety Assessments
- Maintain the near miss dashboard for tracking dangerous locations before crashes happen
- Support regional messaging and outreach on roadway safety

FY27 Deliverables

- Select one high-injury network corridor with TAC and conduct a road safety assessment with VDOT, impacted localities, and advocates **(June 2027)**
- Set 2027 roadway safety targets **(February 2027)**

Questions?

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