

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

**Minutes of Zoom Meeting
September 15, 2022, 12:00 p.m.**

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

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
Upton S. Martin	X	Vacant		Susan Beals	
Don Root (A)	X			Herbert A. Richwine	
				Starrie Jordan (A)	
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
Robert L. Basham Jr.	X	H. Charles Rasnick		Amber B. Lancaster	X
New Kent County		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
Lisa M. Guthrie, FY23 Chair	X	Robert W. Powers	X	Andrew Bunn	X
John P. Moyer (A)		Vacant (A)		Sera Erickson, FY23 Vice Chair	X
				Shelley Allmond (A)	
				Clinton Smith (A)	X
Chamber RVA		Natl. Assoc. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Richmond VA Branch		League of Women Voters (LWV)	
John Easter	X	James J. Minor III		Sarah Weisiger	X
		Walter L. Johnson Jr. (A)	X	Karen Rosenblum (A)	
RIC Area Bicycling Assoc. (RABA)		Richmond Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility		RVA Rapid Transit	
Champe M. Burnley		Kelli N. Rowan	X	Faith Walker	
John Hamilton					
Senior Connections		VA Assoc. of Railway Patrons (VARP)		Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)	
Tony Williams		Michael Testerman	X	John D. Leonard	X
				Jesse MacLelland (A)	
VA Conservation Network (VCN)					
Wyatt Gordon					
Frederick S. Fisher (A)					

The technology used for the RRTPO CTAC 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](#).

Virtual participation of this meeting by members of the committee is authorized under the City of Richmond Res. No. 2020-R025, - declaration of a local emergency due to the potential spread of COVID-19, adopted March 16, 2020. The resolution is available [here](#).

CALL TO ORDER

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Community Transportation Advisory Committee Chair, Lisa Guthrie, presided and called the September 15, 2022, RRTPO CTAC meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Guthrie welcomed committee members, staff and guests to the meeting and asked members and other attendees to introduce themselves.

ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Janice Firestone, Program Coordinator, certified that a quorum was present.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

There were no requested amendments to the agenda.

2. Approval of the July 21, 2022, CTAC Meeting Minutes

On motion of John Leonard, seconded by Upton Martin, the Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) unanimously approved the minutes of the July 21, 2022, meeting by acclamation as presented.

3. Open Public Comment

Janice Firestone read a statement regarding the public comment process. There were no requests to address the RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee.

4. CTAC Chairman's Report

Chair Guthrie reported that the [Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study](#) is complete and has been posted online. She encouraged members to view the report.

5. RRTPO Updates

a. RRTPO and TAC Meetings Report for May and June

b. Current Work Efforts

c. CVTA Update

Ken Lantz provided a recap of recent Policy Board, TAC and CVTA actions. He also reported that PlanRVA's move to The Current on Hull Street will happen after the first of the year. Staff will be at the current location through the middle of October and will be working remotely from then until January.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. [Overview of Greater Washington Partnership](#)

John Hillegass and Joe McAndrew with the Greater Washington Partnership presented the committee with an overview of the partnership, and shared the [Connecting the Richmond Region: From East-West to North-South](#) report. In addition to an overview of the mission, members, and vision of the Partnership, they noted that recent partnership mobility work has included development of a regional rail vision and a study of the feasibility of a north-south bus rapid transit (BRT) line for the Richmond region. Among the candidate corridors identified in the BRT study are Route 1 North and South, Hull Street, and Midlothian Turnpike. Additionally, in order to support the provision of North-South BRT service, the

Partnership has identified recommendations in the areas of transit and multimodal infrastructure, affordable housing and commercial business space, and transit-supportive land use.

Following the presentation, committee members had questions about the nexus between transportation and affordable housing. Mr. Hillegass noted there are two key components in affordable housing:

- Funding mechanisms to encourage preserving affordable housing.
- Ways to increase the supply of housing along transportation corridors.

Mr. McAndrew noted that, for employers to thrive, they need access to all potential employees. A huge challenge is having affordable housing in an employer's area.

There was a discussion about light rail. The cost of light rail is significantly higher than bus rapid transit.

Park and Ride opportunities were discussed. The study did not address those lots but it was a key area of focus and conversation by GRTC with respect to bus rapid transit.

2. [Richmond Connects](#)

Kelli Rowan with the City of Richmond Office of Equitable Transportation and Mobility reviewed the current status of the Richmond Connects project. A "Path to Equity" policy guide which lays the framework for the project was adopted in May 2022. Phase Two of the process, which will take place during the Fall of 2022, will include the identification of top needs. This will be followed by the development of near-term solutions, the prioritization of those solutions, and development of a final report by Fall of 2023. Ms. Rowan noted that to date almost 3400 comments have been received, and outreach has included several public events. Staff is working to translate and consolidate the comments into a needs map. Members were invited to attend the next Richmond Connects Advisory Committee meeting at Main Street Station on October 18th at 9:30 a.m.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

1. FOIA Council Guidance: Guidelines for Electronic Meetings

Ms. Firestone provided an update on the new FOIA requirements and recommendations regarding virtual meeting participation.

2. Future Meeting Topics

Mr. Lantz summarized the topics that will be heard at the November and January CTAC meetings. Chair Guthrie asked committee members to submit suggestions they may have for other future meeting topics.

3. CTAC Member Comments

Kelli Rowan announced that the City of Richmond has a bike lane [survey](#) open. Members were encouraged to take the survey.

Ken Lantz commented that ChamberRVA and the Community Foundation are hosting a [Shared Values in Action Summit](#) on September 30th.

The League of Women Voters is holding a [forum](#) on affordable housing and zoning on September 22nd.

There were no CTAC member comments.

4. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on November 17th via Zoom.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:17 p.m.

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