

MEMORANDUM

To: Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board
RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee

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Subj: RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting Report

The following is a brief report on major discussion items from the November 18, 2021 CTAC meeting.

Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study

Tiffany Dubinsky of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation provided an overview of the Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study. The study will address opportunities or gaps in transit service; needs and barriers to improve transit infrastructure; opportunities to reduce carbon footprint through electrification; strategies to inform priorities of implementing emerging technologies; and a framework for identifying and engaging disadvantaged populations and underserved communities. Information is being collected through focus groups, transit agency surveys, technical working groups, and a study website. An interim report will be completed in December 2021, and a final report is expected in the Spring of 2022.

Update on CVTA

Chet Parsons of PlanRVA provided an overview of the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA). In addition to the background on the establishment of the authority, Mr. Parsons reviewed the project scoring and ranking categories and weights, and project selection and development process.

VTRANS Overview

Chris Wichman of the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) provided an overview of VTRANS, the statewide transportation plan. He noted that VTRANS consists of four major components: (1) a vision, guiding principles, goals and objectives; (2) a mid-term needs identification process; (3)

a long-term risk and opportunity register; and (4) a list of strategic actions (recommendations). The vision and goals include economic competitiveness, accessible places, safety, system management, and healthy and sustainable communities. Mid-term needs encompass a zero to ten-year timeframe, are based on data, and informed by stakeholder feedback. They are updated every two to four years. The four megatrends influencing the development of the plan include climate, technological advancements, change in consumption patterns, and socio-demographic/employment changes. Macrotrends contributing to these megatrends include sea level rise, adoption of highly autonomous and electric vehicles, growth of e-commerce, and growth of the age 65+ cohort. Mr. Wichman noted that OIPI is responsible for the development of strategic actions that advance transportation goals and objectives; accelerate solutions for mid-term goals; and minimize the impacts of long-term risks.

Next CTAC Meeting

The next CTAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022.

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