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## Regional Leaders Seek Public Comments for \$276.4 million in Transportation Investments

**Richmond, VA. (April 14, 2022)** – Local leaders across Central Virginia will soon make funding decisions committing four years of regional revenue worth an estimated \$276.4 million to improve regional bike, pedestrian, bridge and highway infrastructure, but first they want public input.

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority is seeking feedback on a funding scenario for approximately 30 projects planned for the Richmond region.

The public comment period is open until Thursday, April 28, 2022. Comments may be <u>submitted online</u> and during the public hearing at 8:30 a.m. on April 29 at PlanRVA, located at 9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Suite 200 or by joining the <u>Zoom</u> Webinar and submitting questions via the Q&A dialog box.

"The upcoming infrastructure investments will improve the mobility and quality of life for residents, while laying an important framework for transportation planning in our region," said CVTA Chairman Frank J. Thornton, a member of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors. "We want to ensure everyone in our community has an opportunity to engage in the process. We are encouraging people to share feedback about what projects are most important to them."

Established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2020, the Authority directs funding for priority transportation investments across the region.

PlanRVA – a regional organization focused on community development, emergency management, the environment and transportation – provides staffing to assist the Authority in its administration, project evaluation and prioritization, and other identified needs.

Projects in the current funding scenario include the Commerce Road Fall Line Trail Phases 1 and 2, Interstate 64 Ashland Road interchange, Interstate 95 & Route 10 interchange, Bottoms Bridge Park and Ride and several other highway and road improvements throughout the region.

The CVTA's finance committee recommended the proposed funding allocation after reviewing five scenarios. CVTA scored and ranked projects based on their

expected impacts and an evaluation of benefits compared with costs.

The CVTA will meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 29 to hold a public hearing and vote on the projects to be funded.

In addition to providing feedback, the public can review the proposed funding scenario and learn more about the CVTA at <u>planrva.org/transportation/cvta/</u>.

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## About The Central Virginia Transportation Authority

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority is a newly-created authority in central Virginia that provides new funding opportunities for priority transportation investments across the region. For more information, visit <a href="https://planrva.org/transportation/cvta/">https://planrva.org/transportation/cvta/</a>.

## About PlanRVA

PlanRVA is the only organization that connects leaders in the nine localities in the Greater Richmond area to develop solutions to enhance economic growth, reduce traffic delays and congestion, improve sustainability, increase safety and save costs in the Richmond Region. Visit PlanRVA.org for more information.

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