

# AGENDA

# **CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee**

Friday, March 19, 2021 1:30 p.m.

# **Zoom Meeting**

#### Members

Town of Ashland

Charles City County

Chesterfield County

Goochland County

Hanover County

Henrico County

New Kent County

Powhatan County

City of Richmond

VA House of Delegates

Senate of VA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

(Walker).....

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#### ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE (Walker)

- 1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda (Walker)
- 2. Approval of March 5, 2021 CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Meeting Summary
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- 3. Public Comment Period (Walker/5 minutes).....

4. Subcommittee Work Tasks

(Walker/Vidunas/45 minutes).....

- a. Finalization of Regionally Significant Project Qualifications
- b. Prioritization Measures
- c. Leveraging and Benefit/Cost Considerations
- 5. CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Member Comments (Walker/5 minutes).....
- 6. Next Meeting: April 2, 2021 (Walker)
- 7. Adjournment (Walker).....

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#### **Opening Statement for Electronic Meetings**

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While we meet in a remote/virtual format, we remain committed to public accessibility and opportunity to participate. Staff provided notice of this meeting to members and the public on March 12, 2021 through electronic posting on the PlanRVA website and email distribution of notice to members, alternates, and known interested parties, including the media.

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Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the process for assuring effective facilitation of this meeting or for how members of the public may participate.

By providing this statement, staff certifies that we have followed the approved procedures for appropriate notice of this meeting and the means by which we are convening.

Please indicate your presence by saying "HERE" when your name is called during a roll call. Anyone who wishes to identify themselves following the roll call of members will be invited to do so.



#### CENTRAL VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGIONAL PRIORITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

#### MEETING SUMMARY Zoom Meeting March 5, 2021 1:30 p.m.

#### Members and Alternates Present:

<b>Chesterfield County</b>		<b>Goochland County</b>		Hanover County	
Barbara K. Smith	Х	Thomas M. Coleman	×	Joseph E. Vidunas, Vice Chair	Х
Chessa D. Walker, Chair	Х				
Henrico County		New Kent County		Powhatan County	
Todd Eure	Х	Justin M. Stauder	Х	Bret Schardein	
Sharon Smidler	Х	Kelli Le Duc (A)		Andrew Pompei (A)	Х
City of Richmond		GRTC Transit System*		PlanRVA/RRTPO*	
Dironna Moore Clarke	Х	Adrienne Torres	Х	Chet Parsons	Х
				Sulabh Aryal	X
VDRPT*		VDOT*			
Jennifer B. DeBruhl	Х	R. Shane Mann	Х		
Tiffany T. Dubinsky	Х	Mark Riblett	Х		

\*Non-voting members

<u>Others Present:</u>

Rhonda Russell ...... Charles City County

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Regional Priorities Subcommittee meeting was held by electronic communication means as set forth by the April 22, 2020 actions of the General Assembly in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. 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 the <u>Plan RVA YouTube Channel</u>.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Regional Priorities Subcommittee Chair, Chessa Walker, presided and called the March 5, 2021 CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

# ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM

Nicole Mueller, Program Coordinator, took attendance by roll call and certified that a quorum was present.

## 1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda. Seeing and hearing no objections the March 5, 2021 agenda was approved by acclamation as presented (voice vote).

#### 2. Approval of February 18, 2021 CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Meeting Summary

On motion of Barbara K. Smith, seconded by Joseph E. Vidunas, the CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee unanimously approved the summary of the February 18, 2021 meeting by acclamation as presented with one abstention by Justin M. Stauder – New Kent County (voice vote).

#### 3. Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee.

#### 4. Regional Project Prioritization Task Discussion

#### a. Regional Eligibility

CVTA Code Section Requirements According to the Virginia Code § 33.2-3701. Subdivision D.1., "thirty-five percent shall be retained by the Authority to be used for transportation-related purposes benefiting the localities comprising Planning District 15." Additionally, § 33.2-3701. Subdivision H. states, "the Authority shall develop a prioritization process based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that considers the benefits of projects relative to their cost. Only projects evaluated using such process may be funded pursuant to subdivision D.1. (2020, c. 1235.)

The focus during this meeting was defining regional eligibility for this funding source based on available funding. Constraining regional eligibility criteria would allow for prioritization of limited funding while meeting the needs of the region. The proposed eligibility criteria for the following project types discussed were:

#### Highway/Bridge Projects:

- <u>Limited access</u> roadways
  - o Interstate (I-95, I-64, I-295); current dedicated key fund sources not to supplant CVTA funding
  - o Freeway (Route 288, Route 150, Powhite Parkway)
- Principal <u>arterials</u> with ADT threshold and roads that benefit arterials
- <u>Intersections</u> of two principal arterials; one arterial needs to meet average daily traffic (ADT) threshold (based on current volumes: VDOT ADT Online map

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=35e4c06de0f8 4a9c9f3fe18e67cd2c92

Comments:

- Inclusion of minor arterials that connect to principal arterials based on
- <u>New alignment projects</u> that provide access to major employment centers
- Excluding <u>collectors</u>

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# Bike/Ped Projects:

- Limited to regional trail networks
  - Fall Line, Capital Trail (already constructed), East Coast Greenway, other regional trails that may be identified in the future
  - o Multi-jurisdictional, defined/conceptual alignment

Comments:

- Maintenance of regional alignment (Capital Trail).
- Excluding trail spurs.
- Henrico supports inclusion of regional trails as an eligible category with the hope and expectation that funds would also be used to leverage other funding sources both state, federal, and others.
- The City of Richmond agrees with Henrico and supports the inclusion of bike/ped projects.
- Chesterfield would like to focus on regional projects that benefit more people (highway/bridge projects); advocacy groups already provide a lot of local support in addition to the amendment to the state budget which includes funds to support the planning, development and construction of multi-use trails.

# Rail Projects:

- Limit to capacity and facility projects
- High-speed rail or station upgrades

#### Comments:

• Support capital match at a local and regional level for rail improvements.

#### Intermodal Projects:

• Park and Rides, port projects (Richmond Marine Terminal)

#### Transit Projects:

- Not eligible; already funded with dedicated CVTA funding source Comments:
- City of Richmond would like to include transit as an eligible project type (include capital projects and exclude operational projects).
- Hanover County is opposed to include transit as an eligible project type (VA Code dedicated a separate fund for transit).
- Henrico supports inclusion of transit for capital projects.
- CVTA regional funds could be a match for other federal fund sources (limit it to a match).

#### 5. CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee Member Comments

Timeline for submission of a draft document summarizing subcommittee recommended prioritization for CVTA consideration:

- CVTA TAC
  - o 5/10 submit draft for review
  - o 6/14 TAC takes action
- CVTA Finance Committee
  - o 5/12 submit draft for review
  - o 6/9 Finance Committee takes action
- CVTA Authority

- o 5/7 submit draft for review
- o 5/28 information item on the agenda
- o 6/25 CVTA takes action

# 6. Next Meeting of the CVTA Regional Priorities Subcommittee

The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m. on prioritization measures.

#### 7. Adjournment

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m. on March 5, 2021.

CAP/nm