

## Connect RVA 2045 Update (7/23/2020)

### L RTP Task 2.0: Strategic Directions – Vision, Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

**Regional Goals and Priorities Survey:** We have more than a thousand views and about 369 completed responses so far. The survey [link](#) is still active and will be available until August 15. **We ask that you share this with your constituents.**

Full Link: <https://www.connectrva2045.org/post/regional-goals-and-priorities>

**Vision and Goals Survey:** Staff is working with VDOT District Staff to develop another survey based on [MetroQuest](#) platform. The survey would help us to develop vision and goals based on public input. The survey is expected to be live in early to mid-August. We will keep you posted.

### L RTP Task 3.0: Universe of Projects

**Transportation Projects development:** Staff is working to develop transportation projects based on the approved issues/needs as identified in Task 1. Staff will develop the projects for issues which have a project solution based on a completed or on ongoing studies and plans and send the first cut list to Advisory Committee (AC) members for their review by the first week on August. The project list will be broken down by transportation modes: Transit/Park and Ride, Active Transportation, Freight/Rail/Multimodal and Highway. The Highway list will be further broken down by locality. All interstate projects will be listed separately.

Once the list of projects is completed and vetted by the AC it would be posted online for a two-week formal public review period. After the completion of public review period it will come back to the AC for approval. Based on the timeline we are scheduled for approval of the list of transportation projects by October-November timeframe.

## **L RTP Task 4.0: Project Evaluation & Scoring**

Staff is working to develop a methodology which will be used in the evaluation of the universe of transportation project as vetted and approved by the AC for consideration and inclusion in the fiscally constrained plan. An overall objective of the project evaluation process is to fully move the RRTPO planning process in the direction of a 'Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)' as directed by Moving Ahead with Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) federal transportation authorization bill. Staff is working to develop a performance-based evaluation method in which staff will be assessing the degree to which any given project will advance the region toward achieving one or multiple of transportation goals and a set of performance measures as established in Task 2.0. This will be done through quantitative evaluation of project benefits to the extent possible given data and staff capacity constraints, and as necessary to score using qualitative information in a way that is logically considered, uniform and consistent. Staff is considering the possibility to use some of the performance measures as used in the Commonwealth's Smart Scale project evaluation process. Once staff develop a substantial proposal, staff will present this topic to the AC for discussion and vetting. The objective here is to assist LRTP-AC Members/Project Champions by providing full transparency prior to the project evaluation process.

## **L RTP Task 5.1: Environmental Justice Analysis**

Environmental Justice is a regulatory framework within Title VI regulations which directs every federal recipient to identify and address the effects of all programs policies and activities on traditionally disadvantaged groups. Staff have identified six traditionally disadvantaged population groups (EJ Population) and are now working to identify the disadvantaged population concentration areas (EJ Areas) in the Richmond region. Staff is also working to develop a methodology for a qualitative analysis in conjunction with the spatial analysis identifying traditionally disadvantaged groups to determine what level of investment these areas would receive in terms of transportation spending as part of ConnectRVA 2045.

Staff will present the methodology to the AC for discussion and vetting around late fall.

## **L RTP Task 5.2: Accessibility Assessment**

Based on the 2017 Federal Certification recommendation, staff is developing the methodology to include an analysis for accessibility to opportunities (employment, education, healthcare, parks, etc.). Using the RTC travel demand model as the primary tool, this analysis will afford a comparative assessment of the benefits and burdens across the spectrum of EJ and non-EJ populations. The analysis would include three scenarios:

- Base year (2017) of ConnectRVA 2045;
- No-Build Horizon Year (2045); and,
- Full implementation of all projects in the constrained plan for ConnectRVA 2045

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