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The RRTPO Work Program Progress Report provides a short summary of each activity for the fourth quarter of FY26. Please reference the [FY 2026 UPWP](#) for details concerning the approved budget and work description for each task. Attached to this report, the budget and expenses for the quarter and year to date are summarized for each task.

Program Administration Narrative Summary – 7110

In Q4, Program Administration focused on supporting governance, compliance, and coordination across boards, committees, and partner groups. Staff facilitated recurring TAC, CTAC, Executive Committee, and Policy Board meetings while advancing key priorities such as the TPO self-certification resolution and annual guidance updates. Additional work supported leadership transitions, administrative planning, and updates to the CTAC honorarium and stipend process. Furthermore, the RRTPO completed development and adoption of the FY27 Unified planning work program, which was submitted to FHWA, FTA, VDOT, and DRPT.

Governance, Stakeholder Engagement, and Policy

Staff consistently supported effective governance and stakeholder engagement by preparing for and facilitating recurring TAC, CTAC, Executive Committee, and Policy Board meetings from April through June. Key policy and governance priorities were advanced through the successful passage of the TPO self-certification resolution, annual guidance document updates, and preparation for leadership transitions. Staff also strengthened board continuity by coordinating orientations and updating materials for incoming TPO and TAC leadership.

Federal Compliance and Inter-Agency Coordination

They supported federal compliance and inter-agency coordination by advancing the TPO self-certification process and ensuring non-binding guidance documents were updated for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff improved internal coordination by establishing a regular cadence for administrative program meetings and maintaining consistent support for committee and board operations. They also helped position incoming leadership for success through orientations that reinforced roles, expectations, and coordination across partner bodies.

Contract Management and Partner Support

Finally, staff provided reliable partner and administrative support through the preparation and facilitation of recurring committee meetings, including follow-up participation in CTAC debrief discussions. Operational consistency was strengthened by organizing calendar meetings for administrative program needs and supporting leadership transitions with updated orientation materials. Staff also improved participant support processes by updating the CTAC honorarium

and stipend system to ensure continued stipend eligibility for appropriate recipients. They continued administration and management of contracts for LRTP modeling support and the regional transit access study.

Outreach & Engagement Narrative Summary – 7210

In this quarter, work focused on expanding meaningful public and stakeholder engagement, strengthening strategic partnerships, and building the internal systems needed to support long-term communications and outreach efforts. Staff advanced outreach across multiple regional plans and initiatives, supported media and partner coordination, and maintained key public-facing tools and content across communication channels. At the same time, capacity-building efforts helped improve internal processes, staff readiness, language access for the community, and overall program sustainability.

Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Advanced public and stakeholder engagement by creating, managing, and distributing accessible, multilingual, and plain-language content across the engagement portal, website, social media, newsletters, press, and other communication channels. Supported outreach for major regional planning efforts, including the LRTP, TIP, and Safety Plan, by developing engagement materials, responding to public inquiries, compiling engagement results, and sharing outcomes back with the public. Expanded opportunities for participation by attending community events, coordinating with CTAC and locality members, preparing board updates on outreach progress, and leveraging sponsorships and memberships to connect with people and communities who may not otherwise engage in regional planning processes. Maintained daily and ongoing engagement operations through social listening, media response support, translation of technical information into common language, and stewardship of public-facing tools such as the engagement portal and dashboards.

Strategic Partnerships and Awards

Strengthened strategic partnerships by collaborating with media, localities, regional committees, nonprofits, civic organizations, and cross-sector initiatives to elevate PlanRVA's work and broaden public awareness. Provided communications and engagement support to collaborative efforts such as RVA Rising, TAP into Transit, the Fall Line Placemaking Collaborative, ChamberRVA activities, and other regional partnership initiatives. Built and sustained relationships with external partners through meetings, community events, and establishing the RVA Weaver Awards program and regional partners advisory committee structure, and offering public information sessions to increase awareness of the region-wide micro-grant opportunity.

Capacity Building and Plan Maintenance

Built internal capacity and strengthened long-term program infrastructure by planning for media training, project management tools, database tools, CRM implementation, and the continued development of engagement systems and staffing structure. Supported organizational growth through staff media relations training, development of a new position description, year-end evaluations, planning for funding and budgets, and strategic consideration of engagement division needs. Maintained and improved core engagement and communications tools by renewing the engagement website vendor contract, providing product feedback to the vendor, creating a consistent dashboard template for staff, and maintaining the PlanRVA website, dashboards, and engagement portal. Also supported plan maintenance and continuous improvement by revising the Public Engagement Plan to reflect best practices, preparing annual update dashboards and reports, closing out project management and invoicing for completed efforts, and continuing communications support for initiatives such as the Market Value Analysis and PPPP grant planning.

Data & Modeling Narrative Summary – 7220

This quarter, staff advanced regional data and modeling tools that support long-range transportation planning and broader regional decision-making. Work included updating key regional indicators and dashboard datasets, completing targeted workforce analyses, and coordinating complex travel demand model, land use, and scenario performance work with consultants and partner agencies. Staff also strengthened the technical foundation for future model updates through socioeconomic data development, existing land use updates, and continued preparation for new traffic analysis zones.

Key Regional Indicators and Dashboard Development

Staff maintained and advanced regional data tools to support the RRTPO and other regional planning efforts by updating key workforce and occupation indicators and completing additional analysis on skills gaps and ALICE wage job share using JobsEQ. Staff also prepared the datasets and supporting documentation needed for dashboard updates, helping ensure that regional indicators remain current, well-documented, and useful for planning and decision-making. This work also supported broader regional initiatives, including Rewarding Work and RVA Rising, by strengthening the data foundation used to track conditions and inform strategy.

Advancing the Travel Demand Model

Staff made substantial progress in advancing the regional travel demand model and related long-range planning analysis through close coordination with consultants, VDOT, Tri-Cities, and internal data teams. During the quarter, staff supported model and scenario evaluation work by coordinating production of combined project scenario target measures, project scorecards for the LRTP and

technical appendices, consensus scenario future land use performance analysis, and scenario and land use performance dashboards, while also conducting QA/QC on future land use analysis results. Staff worked with the PlanRVA Data Team to integrate safety data and walking/biking accessibility scores into consensus future land use scoring and coordinated with consultants to adjust performance measures to MPO-level resolution in response to VDOT discussions and ongoing Tri-Cities data limitations.

In support of the updated regional travel demand model, staff also advanced foundational socioeconomic and land use data development. This included drafting an internal scope and timeline for TAZ and socioeconomic data updates; establishing the methodology and data framework for the 2025 base-year socioeconomic dataset; convening the Socioeconomic Data Workgroup; and coordinating with PlanRVA, Crater PDC, localities, VDOT, DRPT, and other partners. Staff developed workflows for population allocation, processed and verified employment data, developed methods for school enrollment and vehicle ownership allocation, coordinated DMV data requests, and updated the regional Existing Land Use dataset with 2025 data, including cleanup, classification, spatial processing, and documentation.

Housing & Economy Narrative Summary – 7230

This quarter, staff supported regional economic development, housing coordination, and related planning initiatives that help align growth, investment, and community needs across the region. Efforts included advancing implementation activities tied to the CEDS, expanding the use of regional housing data and policy tools, and continuing coordination with localities and partner organizations on shared priorities. Staff also contributed to ongoing corridor and land use discussions connected to future development opportunities.

Economic Development Strategy and Funding Support

During the quarter, staff continued implementing the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) with an emphasis on transportation infrastructure needed to support economic growth. Key activities included publishing the CEDS story map for public understanding, advancing materials for the Economic Development District (EDD) application to U.S. EDA, coordinating with localities and state and federal partners on the Opportunity Zone update process, and establishing funding-related groundwork through Southeast Crescent Regional Commission resources and other potential infrastructure-related opportunities. Staff also strengthened regional coordination by engaging with economic development partners, small jurisdictions, Go Virginia, Southside PDC, and other stakeholders to align infrastructure, site readiness, and growth strategies.

Housing Coordination and Development Initiatives

Staff advanced housing coordination efforts by completing and continuing to apply the Regional Market Value Analysis (MVA) as a key tool for aligning housing and transportation investments across the region. During the quarter, staff developed and submitted the MVA Playbook concept for funding, prepared and delivered MVA-related materials and presentations for regional partners, and continued sharing dashboard data and technical assistance with localities to support housing policy and program decisions. Additional coordination included work with local governments, the Partnership for Housing Affordability, and other partners on local housing planning, regional housing strategy development, and ongoing administration of the Virginia Housing Regional Housing Development Fund.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning

Staff supported transit-oriented development planning through continued coordination with GRTC, the City of Richmond, and project consultants on the North-South Bus Rapid Transit corridor. This included participating in recurring project meetings to stay informed on progress, assessing PlanRVA's potential role in additional TOD study efforts, and organizing internal and external coordination to define staff capacity and appropriate project scope. Related planning and land use work—including conversations on growth patterns, development form, technology overlay zoning, and transportation access—also helped strengthen the regional context for future TOD-related decision-making.

System Readiness Narrative Summary – 7240

This quarter, staff supported regional resilience efforts through hazard mitigation coordination, digital tool maintenance, and continued planning for resilience-focused analysis and projects. Work included advancing hazard mitigation plan updates, improving access to resilience data, and preparing for the next phase of resilience hubs planning with local and regional partners.

Flood Awareness and Digital Tool Maintenance

Staff supported flood awareness and digital tool maintenance by beginning the update process for the regional 2027 Hazard Mitigation Plan and the 2026 Annual Review, including reviewing stakeholder contacts and coordinating with Crater PDC and VDEM on next steps. This work helps ensure continued awareness of evolving flood risk data, related projects, and regional mitigation priorities that inform digital flood tool content and broader resilience planning. Staff also maintained communication and coordination with the Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia to support ongoing data sharing, stakeholder alignment, and continued relevance of flood-related information presented through the PlanRVA website and digital tools.

Resilience Planning and Local Coordination

Staff advanced resilience planning and local coordination by improving public access to regional extreme heat data and providing data layers to localities for use in local resilience efforts. *Work also continued toward a transit stop walkshed analysis focused on heat mitigation, with completion dependent on updated sidewalk data from VDOT anticipated in FY27.* In addition, staff moved forward planning for regional resilience hubs by securing both a technical contractor and an engagement consultant and coordinating next steps for re-engagement meetings to launch the technical planning process in July 2026, following delays related to the DHS shutdown earlier in the calendar year.

Environmental Linkages Narrative Summary – 7250

In Q4, staff advanced the Regional Ecological Framework and related greenway implementation efforts by finalizing key technical resources, integrating environmental priorities into transportation planning, and coordinating with partners to strengthen regional project development and future implementation opportunities.

Developing the Regional Ecological Framework (REF)

During Q4, staff completed the updated Regional Ecological Framework (REF), creating an important foundation for integrating environmental priorities more directly into regional planning efforts. The completed REF is intended to support the routing of regional greenways so they better align with the spines and spurs network identified in BikePedRVA 2045 while also advancing environmental co-benefits across the region. Staff also finalized the technical report documenting the REF, providing a clear reference for future application and partner coordination.

Staff made significant progress in incorporating the REF into transportation planning procedures. In Q4, the finalized REF was integrated into transportation project ranking, marking a major step toward consistently embedding ecological considerations into regional decision-making. At the same time, staff continued outreach and presentations to regional and state partner agencies to explain the methodology and its use. This work generated additional interest from three Planning District Commissions in adopting similar approaches, and follow-up conversations are now underway to support knowledge transfer and possible replication.

In support of related long-range planning work, staff also continued coordination connected to the Natural Resources Plan, which is expected to be finalized in October 2026. As part of that effort, revisions are being made to the regional greenways GIS layer and the related narrative in the Plan so that both more accurately reflect local and regional priorities for greenway connections. Staff also worked to ensure that trail- and greenway-related goals and implementation actions are incorporated into the Natural Resources Plan, strengthening

alignment with BikePedRVA 2045 and creating additional opportunities to advance implementation, partnerships, and outcomes.

Greenway Implementation and Project Support

In Q4, staff supported implementation of regional greenways by advancing tools, coordination, and planning resources that will help move priority connections forward. The completion of the updated REF gives the region a stronger basis for identifying greenway routes that align transportation, conservation, and community goals. Revisions to the regional greenways GIS layer and related plan language also helped ensure that current and future greenway planning reflects both local needs and the broader regional vision.

Staff also continued to support advancement of regional priority projects through ongoing involvement in the Powhite Parkway NEPA process. This included attending meetings and reviewing summaries of the study process to stay informed and support coordination related to project development.

Mapping of Criteria Pollutant Emissions

In addition, staff advanced work related to air quality and transportation planning. During Q4, PlanRVA adopted the *Pathways to the Future: Air Quality Plan* and incorporated it into the organization's Strategic Vision. Staff also began seeking additional funding for the next phase of implementation, including tracking performance metrics, evaluating impacts on priority communities, and supporting development of Mini-Action Plans. Staff further explored methodologies for evaluating criteria air pollutants at a finer regional scale; however, challenges emerged due to the removal of certain federal databases and tools previously used for greenhouse gas inventory development, as well as the loss of the free Google Earth Engine option, which had supported efficient satellite data analysis. *Because of these limitations, staff recommends carrying this mapping task over to FY27.*

Long-Range Plan Narrative Summary – 7310

During the last quarter, staff continued advancing *Pathways to the Future: Transportation 2050* through governance support, partner coordination, technical development, public engagement preparation, and analytical work. These efforts helped move the LRTP from project refinement and prioritization toward constrained plan development, modeling, and preparation for public review and adoption.

Governance, Coordination, and Public Adoption

During the last quarter, staff advanced development of *Pathways to the Future: Transportation 2050* through continued coordination with localities, regional, state, and federal partners, the LRTP Advisory Workgroup, the Data Team, Tri-

Cities MPO, VDOT, consultants, project champions, community engagement staff, and other regional stakeholders. Staff supported monthly LRTP Advisory Workgroup meetings by preparing agendas, presentations, and materials, and worked with Advisory Workgroup members to address comments on the draft Project Prioritization Methodology. Staff also supported key decision-making milestones, including the April 8 Advisory Workgroup workshop, where members developed a consensus constrained plan by starting with the most-supported investment strategies, adding priority local projects, removing projects that were already funded or not locally supported, and making additional adjustments to achieve fiscal constraint. The RRTPO approved the constrained project set at its April 23 meeting, allowing the plan to move into additional modeling and analysis. Staff also coordinated with the Community Engagement team and added scenario maps to Social Pinpoint. In support of future public review and adoption, staff compiled and distributed materials to Advisory Workgroup members, drafted Self-Certification materials, and continued refining the LRTP document for clarity, accessibility, and transparency.

Technical Development and Inventory Creation

Staff continued technical development of the LRTP by refining the Universe of Projects, incorporating revised cost estimates, additional project submittals, and feedback from the Advisory Workgroup, localities, project champions, and partner agencies. Staff held regular internal meetings on the Universe of Projects and Project Prioritization Methodology and continued coordinating with the Data Team to create and maintain GIS shapefiles for the Universe of Projects and constrained plan materials. Staff also created, reviewed, and edited maps, tables, chapter covers, abstracts, technical report covers, and other standard document pages to support the LRTP draft. Chapters 1–6 were compiled into a cohesive draft package, and staff reviewed and edited chapters for context, grammar, clarity, and consistency. Staff also worked to improve ADA accessibility by adding screen-reader alt text to relevant maps and photos, identifying decorative images, and beginning ADA-compliant revisions to maps and tables.

Modeling and Analytical Tools

Staff supported the LRTP's analytical framework by completing project scoring, refining project scorecards, and coordinating with the Data Team on project prioritization and constrained plan development. Staff reviewed and scored proposals for RFR 24-01 Task Order #2 and scheduled biweekly consultant check-ins to monitor progress on related analytical work. Following RRTPO approval of the constrained project set, staff initiated modeling of the constrained plan against five different futures to assess the robustness of the proposed investment strategy. Staff also continued refining the Project Prioritization Methodology based on Advisory Workgroup feedback and supported scenario mapping and analysis to communicate results clearly to decision-makers and the public. No work was completed this quarter for the separate deliverable to maintain and amend the current long-range transportation plan, *ConnectRVA 2045*.

Transit & Passenger Rail Narrative Summary – 7320

In Q4, staff advanced regional transit coordination by supporting GRTC project implementation, participating in strategic service and funding planning, and strengthening connections with human services and rural transportation partners. Staff also engaged in emerging mobility and research efforts to inform future transit innovation, project prioritization, and more responsive transportation services across the region.

GRTC Project and Strategic Plan Coordination

During Q4, staff continued close coordination with GRTC on both near-term project implementation and longer-range transit planning. Staff attended monthly Pulse North-South BRT meetings and bi-weekly Western Pulse Extension meetings to support advancement of these major regional transit investments, along with ongoing coordination related to the Permanent Downtown Transfer Hub. Staff also supported development of the FY27 Regional Public Transportation Plan for CVTA funding by monitoring key discussions and decisions, including observing and summarizing the May 19 and June 16 GRTC Board of Directors meetings and the June 5 Central Virginia Transportation Authority meeting, where the GRTC Regional Public Transportation Plan was approved.

Staff also played an active role in strategic transit planning for future service design and investment decisions. Throughout the quarter, staff participated in bi-weekly coordination meetings with Jarrett Walker & Associates and GRTC for the FY28 Regional Transit Plan Update and helped coordinate with localities on the upcoming Regional Transit Design Retreat. In June, staff hosted and participated in the GRTC 2028 Core Design Retreat at PlanRVA, where GRTC staff and local government representatives evaluated service scenarios based on ridership, coverage, and anticipated budget constraints. Additional coordination included discussions with GRTC on a grocery delivery pilot for qualifying paratransit users and on future collaboration for a transit-oriented development study at Southside Plaza along the North-South BRT corridor.

Coordinated Human Services and Rural Transportation

Staff continued to support implementation of the Rural Transportation Analysis and strengthen coordination among human services, rural partners, and community stakeholders. During April and May, staff revised and presented the regional transportation update at multiple partner meetings, including Goochland Community Partners, New Kent Community Resources Council, Hanover Human Services Network, the Span Center Advisory Council, the Span Center Board of Directors, and the Human Services Transportation Coordination Entity Steering Committee. In June, staff continued this outreach by presenting updates at meetings of Goochland Community Partners and the Span Center Advisory Council and participating in the Human Services Transportation

Coordination Entity meeting, which included a GRTC presentation on CARE, CARE Plus, microtransit, and travel training.

Staff also supported broader coordination around accessibility and community mobility needs. In June, staff also participated in the New Kent Community Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee meeting, where transportation access was identified alongside housing, food security, health, and education as a major community need. These efforts helped ensure transportation planning remained connected to the needs of rural residents, human service providers, and populations facing mobility barriers.

Mobility as a Service (MaaS) and Forward-Looking Research

In Q4, staff also advanced research and coordination related to emerging mobility approaches, innovation, and future planning practice. Staff participated in several learning and professional development opportunities relevant to MaaS and evolving transportation delivery models, including the Shared Use Mobility Center webinar “Bringing Tiny Tools to Transit,” the Brookings Institution webinar “The Fate of Connected Cars,” the Easterseals Project Action webinar on paratransit innovation and same-day service, and the Virginia Planners Focus Group on AI in planning practice. Staff also participated in the RideFinders Advisory Board and the Virginia Transit Association 2026 Conference to stay informed on transportation demand management, mobility trends, and statewide transit issues.

Regional Transit Access Plan Narrative Summary – 7325

In Q4, staff advanced regional open access transit planning by coordinating feasibility, funding, and communications work with consultant teams, GRTC, and regional partners. This work helped refine the strategic foundation for future fare-free transit discussions, including financial scenario planning, sustainability review, and development of implementation and outreach materials.

Data Analysis and Program Impact Review

During Q4, staff continued supporting evaluation and implementation planning related to regional open access transit and zero-fare initiatives. While there was no new activity this quarter on the direct data analysis of GRTC’s current zero-fare impacts on ridership, accessibility, and economic activity, staff remained engaged in reviewing and advancing related technical and strategic products. In June, staff received and reviewed the final “Open Access Study Report” and “Feasibility Executive Summary” infographic from Monument Group, as well as the final “Open Access Transit Funding Sustainability Plan” from InfraStrategies, helping position the region to better understand long-term funding and operational considerations associated with expanded fare-free transit access.

Staff also continued to coordinate closely with consultant teams and GRTC throughout the quarter through bi-weekly check-ins and ongoing discussions related to future transit access studies. This included continued coordination on

the FY28 Regional Transit Plan Update and review of evolving materials tied to funding sustainability, communications, and implementation planning.

Regional Feasibility and Strategic Development

Staff advanced the regional feasibility and strategic development work for a broader fare-free transit model by coordinating with consultants, partner agencies, and stakeholders across the quarter. In April, staff met with Jarrett Walker & Associates and GRTC to discuss financial scenarios for the FY27 and FY28 Regional Transit Plan Update, supporting the business case analysis for a regional fare-free model and the service capacity needed to sustain it. Staff also coordinated with InfraStrategies to expand regional engagement with HanoverDASH and Bay Transit and began work on a Transit Access Engage page to support public-facing communication and partner coordination.

In May, Monument Group completed its scheduled interviews with major business interests across the region and began drafting its campaign feasibility study based on that outreach. Staff also developed initial zero-fare materials with partners and discussed options for website or blog-based resource sharing. In June, staff coordinated with Avid Core and The Hodges Group to finalize a list of continuing FY27 actions, reviewed and commented on promotional materials for Open Access Transit, and received the finalized “PlanRVA Strategic Roadmap: Advancing Open Access” document from Avid Core. Collectively, this work helped build the strategic, financial, and communications foundation for continued regional discussion of open access transit in the Richmond region.

Active Transportation Narrative Summary – 7330

In Q4, staff advanced active transportation priorities by supporting implementation of major regional trail initiatives, refining project prioritization tools, and coordinating with local, regional, and state partners on bicycle, pedestrian, and complete streets planning efforts. This work helped move trail and sidewalk projects forward while strengthening the planning framework for safer, better-connected multimodal networks across the region.

Project Prioritization and Funding

During Q4, staff supported project development and funding readiness for key active transportation initiatives across the region. In June, staff assisted with potential amendments to Gillies Creek Greenway funding in response to requested corridor changes involving the trail alignment along Jennie Scher Road and a crossing of Gillies Creek. Staff prepared to incorporate newly released VDOT data into the PlanRVA Sidewalk Analysis prioritization map, which will strengthen the region's ability to identify sidewalk gaps and prioritize future last-mile and network completion projects.

Major Regional Trail Implementation

Staff continued advancing implementation and long-range planning for major regional trail initiatives, including the Fall Line and the western spine corridor. In April, staff participated in the East Coast Greenway Council meeting and the Garden City Trail meeting for Henrico County in support of efforts to implement remaining segments of the Fall Line trail. In June, staff further strengthened regional trail leadership by agreeing to join the board of the Virginia Trails Alliance as the Virginia Chair of the East Coast Greenway Alliance.

Staff also made significant progress on the Three Notched Trail Study, which is helping identify the preferred alignment for the western spine in coordination with VDOT, localities, and advocates. In May and June, staff continued data collection, held the second stakeholder meeting at PlanRVA, coordinated with transportation planners in the Charlottesville region and TJPDC, conducted field visits to potential trail corridors identified by localities, and scheduled the third stakeholder meeting for August. This work continues to build the technical and stakeholder foundation needed to complete the study by December 2026.

Complete Streets and Planning Frameworks

Throughout Q4, staff supported broader complete streets, bicycle, pedestrian, and trail planning efforts that help advance safer multimodal connections across the region. In April, staff participated in the Safe & Healthy Streets Commission quarterly meeting and attended the Virginia Land Conservation and Greenways Conference and the Spring State Trails Advisory Committee, which was a part of the conference. In May, staff participated in the VDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee quarterly meeting, hosted at PlanRVA, and attended a Bicycle & Pedestrian Design Workshop led by Toole Design for Richmond-area government transportation planners.

Collectively, these activities helped staff advance regional planning frameworks for bikeway spurs, trail connections, and last-mile-to-transit sidewalk improvements while strengthening coordination with state, regional, and local partners on active transportation priorities.

Freight & Intermodal Narrative Summary – 7340

In Q4, staff advanced regional freight planning by conducting a literature review on freight best practices to inform the Intermodal Strategy update, with particular attention to last-mile delivery, grade crossings, freight data and technology, modeling methodologies, regulatory frameworks, and planning approaches. Staff also continued building a regional freight database using freight shapefiles and VTRANS resources, explored truck stop analytics through coordination with GeoTab, developed whitepapers and consulted on a future freight webpage/dashboard, and supported partner agency efforts through coordination with FHWA, OIPI, VDOT, and the Eastern Transportation Coalition on freight corridor designations and related freight planning initiative.

Financial Programming Narrative Summary – 7410

In Q4, staff advanced the region's transportation funding and programming priorities by managing the FY27–FY32 flexible regional funding call, developing the FY27–FY30 Transportation Improvement Program, and maintaining the FY24–FY27 TIP through ongoing amendments, adjustments, and partner coordination. Staff also worked closely with VDOT, DRPT, GRTC, localities, TAC, and the Policy Board to secure project approvals, implement funding actions, and position regional priority projects for future investment.

Flexible Regional Funding and Project Call

During Q4, staff advanced the FY27–FY32 flexible regional funding call for projects and allocation process from review through approval and implementation. In April, staff processed funding requests and allocations, developed recommendations, and presented project selections to the TPO for approval. In May, staff worked closely with VDOT to develop the allocation plan and coordinated additional Technical Advisory Committee review of the Pulse Western Extension funding recommendation, including options for awarding the remaining balance of available funds. In June, staff completed the approval and implementation phase by securing additional funding for the Western Pulse Extension and a sidewalk project on Midlothian Turnpike, coordinating with VDOT to begin transfers, and initiating creation of a new UPC for the North/South BRT Sidewalk Connections project after it was incorrectly identified as leverage funding.

Staff also used the funding process to support broader regional priority-setting. The Western Pulse Extension request was presented to the TAC in May and to the Policy Board on June 11, ensuring member jurisdictions and partner agencies had opportunities to review and weigh in on a significant regional investment decision. This work helped move priority projects from concept and selection into active funding administration.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Management

Staff carried out substantial TIP development, amendment, and maintenance work during Q4 for both the FY24–FY27 TIP and the new FY27–FY30 TIP. In April, staff presented the FY27–FY30 Transportation Improvement Program to the TAC and Policy Board and continued coordination with VDOT, DRPT, GRTC, and local member jurisdictions to prepare the document for adoption. In May, staff finalized the draft TIP and prepared staff reports for TAC and Policy Board consideration. In June, staff reviewed updated project information with localities, initiated transfers for projects needing additional funding, and began actions needed to establish a new UPC for the North/South BRT Sidewalk Connections project.

For the current FY24–FY27 TIP, staff maintained an active amendment and adjustment schedule throughout the quarter. In April, staff processed 8 TIP adjustments and presented 10 TIP amendments to the April 23 Policy Board. Staff also began processing one DRPT TIP amendment, GRTC008, and one VDOT TIP amendment, T31811, for TAC review in May. In May, staff prepared and presented those amendments for TAC consideration and readied both items for Policy Board action in June. In June, staff presented GRTC008 and T31811 to the June 11 Policy Board. In addition, staff began the conformity process required to add the Upper Magnolia West Area Arterial Collector project, UPC 129759, to the TIP, helping ensure the region remains compliant while advancing new transportation investments.

Strategic Funding and Future Planning

Beyond day-to-day funding administration and TIP management, staff continued strategic coordination to position regional projects for future funding opportunities. Throughout the quarter, staff coordinated with member localities, VDOT, DRPT, GRTC, and other partner agencies to develop funding strategies for regional priority projects and to align project development with available state and regional resources. Monthly coordination meetings with GRTC also continued during April, supporting ongoing interagency communication and transit project planning.

In June, staff also reviewed regional Smart Scale applications with the TAC in preparation for Policy Board endorsement at the July meeting. This work reflects staff's continued focus on future project readiness, regional competitiveness, and long-range investment strategy. Collectively, Q4 activities strengthened the region's project pipeline, advanced priority funding decisions, and positioned PlanRVA and its partners to move key transportation initiatives forward in upcoming funding cycles.

Safe Streets & Roads Narrative Summary – 7420

This quarter, staff advanced development of the regional Safety Action Plan, including technical analysis, public and stakeholder engagement, and preparation of the draft plan for committee and board review. Staff also laid groundwork for future implementation through development of a regional safety

messaging framework and continued coordination on safety studies and funding-related discussions. In parallel, staff strengthened safety monitoring and reporting tools by updating data, supporting performance measurement development, and advancing public-facing dashboard and program resources.

Safety Action Plan Scope and Development

Staff made significant progress on development of the regional Safety Action Plan by advancing analysis, engagement, and draft plan preparation throughout the quarter. Work included assessing the draft High Injury Network to identify priority safety corridors, conducting public engagement scoping and synthesis, analyzing safety perceptions survey results, interviewing stakeholders on safety concerns and accessibility, and providing ongoing updates to the TAC. By June, staff finalized the draft Safe by Design Regional Safety Action Plan, presented it to the Technical Advisory Committee for recommendation to the Policy Board, and prepared materials for Policy Board consideration.

Safety Campaign and Implementation Roadmap

Staff also advanced implementation planning by developing the foundation for a regional safety campaign and messaging framework tied to the Safety Action Plan. This work included continued collection of safety-related materials, programming, and data to support future outreach and implementation efforts, as well as discussions related to engagement tools and Safe Streets and Roads for All funding opportunities. Together, these efforts helped position the region to move from plan development into coordinated safety communication and implementation.

Safety Targets Monitoring and Reporting

Staff supported safety targets monitoring and reporting through continued safety data collection, updates, and development of performance measurement tools. This included work on a Safety Program page, an engagement page, and a regional crash dashboard to improve tracking and communication of safety targets and outcomes. Staff also supported related local and state safety initiatives by participating as a regional stakeholder in the Broad Street and Branders Bridge Road Safety Assessments and in the Virginia Pedestrian and Bicyclist Assessment, helping connect regional planning work with on-the-ground safety study efforts.

System Reliability Narrative Summary – 7430

This quarter, staff supported congestion management and investment planning through coordination on regional travel demand efforts and continued monitoring and reporting on key transportation system condition data.

Congestion Management and Data Integration

Staff supported congestion management and regional data integration by coordinating with RideFinders on website-related needs and continuing to support regional Travel Demand Management efforts. Staff also advanced performance monitoring by reviewing 2025 pavement condition data from Richmond and VDOT and preparing locality-specific pavement reports that included mileage tables, maps, charts, and narrative summaries to highlight key findings. These materials were designed to support clear tracking of condition changes over time and to strengthen regional understanding of pavement performance, while related work also continued to support monitoring of bridge condition and roadway reliability targets. This work contributes to the broader technical foundation needed to support regional transportation planning, asset management, and investment prioritization.