

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADVISORY WORKGROUP**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Affiliation	Name	4/23/2025
Town of Ashland	Bannon Luckert	✓
	Nora Amos (A)	
Charles City County	Sheri Adams	✓
Chesterfield County	JJ Banuelos	✓
	Barb Smith (A)	
Goochland County	Josh Gillespie	
Hanover County	Philip Kempf	✓
	Joseph Vidunas (A)	
Henrico County	Ashley Austin	✓
	Sharon Smidler (A)	
New Kent County	Amy Inman	✓
Powhatan County	Ligon Webb	✓
City of Richmond	Dironna Moore Clarke	✓
	Kelli Rowan (A)	
	Atiba Muse (A)	✓
	Brandon King (A)	
	Kathleen Murphy (A)	✓
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	Todd Scheid	✓
	Liz McAdory (A)	

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)	Mitch Huber	✓
Port of Virginia	Thomas Cross	
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Ivan Rucker	
GRTC Transit System	Corey Robinson	✓
	Guy Roach (A)	✓
Ride Finders	John O'Keeffe	
Tri-Cities Area MPO (TCAMPO)	Zakari Mumuni	✓
	Landon Bridges (A)	✓
Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA)	Chet Parsons	✓
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)	John Leonard	
RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) - Chair	Andrew Bunn	✓
Richmond Cycling Corp	Emily Monroe	✓
RVA Rapid Transit	Faith Walker	
	Stephanie Power (A)	✓
	Aqiyla McMillan (A)	✓
Southern Environmental Law Center	Trip Pollard	✓
Youth Representative	Diana Hall	
	Marisa Perez (A)	✓
Partnership for Housing Affordability	Woody Rogers	✓

1. Attendance

LRTP Project Manager Sulabh Aryal, welcomed everyone and asked that all Advisory Work Group Members record their respective names and affiliations into the Zoom chat to record attendance.

2. March 26, 2025, LRTP-AWG Meeting Summary

The fourth LRTP Advisory Work Group meeting was held on March 26, 2025. Sulabh Aryal informed the group that the summary of the meeting was included within the agenda packet. There were no amendments to the meeting summary.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the committee.

4. LRTP Progress Update

Sulabh presented a review of the LRTP process flow with an overview and timeline for past and upcoming tasks. Sulabh reviewed what had already been accomplished by the Plan RVA staff thus far, including 2050 Baseline Data Development and deliverables and the Pathways to the Future Exploratory Scenario Planning Analysis. He presented a recap of ongoing tasks and upcoming AWG recommendations, including:

- LRTP Phase 3 – Strategic Direction
 - Recommendation to Policy Board – Next Meeting (May 28)
 - Policy Board Adoption – August 2025
- LRTP Phase 4 – Transportation Issues and Needs Identification
 - Review Technical Report C: State of Transportation Report – Today
 - Review 1st Draft of the Regional Needs Inventory & Maps – May 28
 - Recommendation to the Policy Board – June 25
 - Review Technical Report B: Richmond Regional Structural Inventory & Assessment Report 2024 - July
 - Review Technical Report D: F Y25 Congestion Management Process Report - July
- LRTP Public Engagement for Phase 4 – Ends April 30
 - Analysis and Update to the AWG – Next Meeting (May 28)
- LRTP Phase 5 - Universe of Projects Development
 - Regional Projection Inclusion Guidelines
 - Discussion – Today
 - Agreement – Next Meeting (May 28)
- LRTP Data Development for Phases 3, 4 and 6

5. LRTP Phase 3: Update – LRTP Goals and Objectives

Sulabh continued with a discussion regarding LRTP-AWG action items and recommendations regarding the regional vision, goals, objectives, strategies and performance measures. Within this discussion, Sulabh provided a breakdown of the LRTP Road Network and Regional Major Highway Corridors as it relates to the selection of regionally significant projects. He then provided the next steps for the AWG and staff including:

- Final comments on Goals, Objectives and Strategies statements by Friday, May 11 EOB.
- Calculation of final baseline values and recommended percentage changes (increment or reduction) for all Objectives.
- Incorporation of all recommended suggestions and changes and send to the Advisory Workgroup with the May meeting agenda
- Final discussion and recommendation to the RRTPO Policy Board in the next Advisory Workgroup meeting on May 28.

6. LRTP Phase 4: Update – 2022 State of the Transportation System Report & Story Map

Dorian Allen provided an overview of the Richmond Regional Transportation Report. The Report was effectively broken down into three areas of focus: transportation (highway classification safety and congestion, structure, active transportation, transit/passenger rail, freight and alternative transportation), economic development (Commuting patterns and travel and tourism), and transportation resiliency (air quality, environmental resources, system security, and natural hazards). He then gave an overview of the next steps for the State of Transportation Report which will be included within the LRTP as Technical Report C and provided a link for the AWG to make recommendations. Mitch Huber asked if the report was considering Richmond's bike share program and was assured that it did consider the program.

Kerry Ramos then began discussion regarding the LRTP Existing Conditions Story Map. She began by providing a breakdown of the contents within the Story Map and guided the group through its features, capabilities, and visual representations. Kerry fielded various questions and concerns from the AWG:

- Zakari Mumuni asked, “where can we source the pavement data?” Kerry ensured that she would be able to provide that information later.
- Amy Inman requested to include the Bay Transit existing rural service and new microtransit within the story map.

- There were suggestions to change specific features within the congestion management section of the story map
- Kerry was asked “what threshold was used to measure levels of congestion?” Kerry ensured that the threshold will be added to the map.
- Stephanie Power asked if “the transit maps/routes show frequency, and if the idea is to update the maps as routes expand/service changes?” Frequency is shown in a dialogue box when selecting a transit link on the map, however, Kerry ensured that features will be added to explicitly highlight transit frequency. Stephanie Powers also asked, “if the page with microtransit zones indicate that the current zones are pilots and need county/jurisdictional funding to keep them going?” Kerry ensured that she would be able to add this content
- Guy Roach mentioned that some routes interlink, resulting in multiple frequencies on a singular segment where routes meet. Guy Roach asked, “if there was any way to reflect a “combined routing frequency” rather than a singular frequency?” Kerry ensured that she would speak with GRTC officials to troubleshoot the issues.

Kerry then provided a link to the story map and solicited feedback from the AWG.

7. LRTP Phase 5: Introduction – 2050 LRTP Project Inclusion Guidelines

Sulabh discussed the development of the universe of transportation projects and associating deliverables to be adopted by the Policy Board in December. Sulabh continued by discussing the Transportation Improvement Plan and regional funding eligibility framework as they relate to LRTP/agency-wide project inclusion guidelines. Sulabh discussed the following project categories within the regionally significant framework:

- Roadway Projects
- Bridge Projects (State of Good Repair)
- Transit Projects
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Projects
- Active Transportation Projects
- Freight and Passenger Rail Projects

Mitch Huber added the following comment via Zoom chat: “I’ll add that the GRTC new transfer center and a new intercity bus depot may want to be added to regionally significant.” Sulabh ensured that this would be included with the Transit Project category. He later provided a suggestion to look at VTRANS mid and long-term needs as it relates to the time frame of the LRTP and consider what needs the agency wants to consider as critical roadway projects.

JJ Banuelos questioned, “how will the region treat major intersection recommendations from a Pipeline or STARS Study that may include minor roads since the project inclusion guideline indicated that both legs of an intersection project must be major roads? Sulabh responded by ensuring that the threshold was up for further discussion. JJ continued to provide questions regarding project eligibility for both roadway and active transportation projects.

Tripp Pollard expressed gratitude for the inclusion of rail station upgrades into the project inclusion guidelines and asked how combined projects would be considered in the inclusion process.

8. Next Meeting

Sulabh mentioned that the next LRTP-AWG meeting will be held on May 28, 2025, 10:00 AM via Zoom.