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ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Staff time in August and September has been primarily focused on the completion of the *ConnectRVA 2045* plan. The *ConnectRVA 2045* draft document was completed, incorporating technical reports. Staff participated in an active in-person and virtual public engagement process from August 16 through September 15 where a mix of inperson and virtual opportunities were provided for members of the public to learn about the plan and provide feedback. The Director of Transportation has been visiting with each member government as it suits to share an update on the planning process.

Ashland Trolley Line Trail Study

Staff continues to work with the National Park Service's Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program to explore the opportunity for adding the skills of an NPS public historian for greater interpretation of the trolley line's former role in community connections through signage and self-guided walking tours. Staff attended a field trip to the corridor with NPS staff in September. Two storymaps for the project illustrate the importance and potential for the 14-mile Trolley Line Trail, now a segment of the Fall Line Trail, and include <u>history of the trolley line</u> and a <u>design sketchbook</u>.

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

The draft plan entitled *BikePedRVA 2045* is being prepared concurrently with *ConnectRVA 2045* as a major update to the 2004 Richmond Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Complete Streets toolbox or illustrated <u>story map</u> continues to be updated as one resource intended to implement *BikePedRVA 2045*. The current schedule calls for the plan to be considered for adoption in the fall of 2021.

Active Transportation Work Group (ATWG)

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings, staff continues to support Henrico staff on the County's ATWG and efforts to develop the bicycle and pedestrian chapter of the county's comprehensive plan. Staff also assists the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECG) on potential designations of segments of the future route of the trail through the Richmond region and during quarterly ECG council meetings.

Vision Zero Work Group

The RRTPO Vision Zero Work Group is working with VDOT and their consultant on a regional action plan. This action plan will be a great resource for member localities as they position for safety improvements around the region. A schedule for completion of the plan is being developed.