MEMORANDUM

To: Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board
RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee

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Subj: RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting Report

The following is a brief report on major discussion items from the September 17, 2021 CTAC meeting.

**Drive to Work**

Robin Payne and Vicki Conley highlighted the background, mission and accomplishments of Drive to Work. The program, which is the only organization in Virginia addressing the driving needs of low income and previously incarcerated individuals, assist individuals in the restoration of their driver’s license. Since 2007 the program has served over 2400 clients and over 850 licenses have been restored. The program includes “How to Get Your License Back” Seminars, advocating for legislative changes, and a driving school.

**Automated Driving System Project**

Martin Walker of the Center for Truck and Bus Safety at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute reviewed the Trucking Fleet Concept of Operations for Managing Mixed Fleets study. Dr. Martin noted that the goals of the study include demonstrating the safety of automatic driving system (ADS)-equipped trucks and how to integrate ADS-equipped trucks in a productive, cooperative way into the existing freight road ecosystem. Among the demonstrations undertaken was a week-long test of ADS equipped trucks which drove themselves while queuing to be loaded or unloaded at a West Coast port.

**Update on ConnectRVA 2045**

PlanRVA staff member Sulabh Aryal provided an update on ConnectRVA 2045, the regional transportation plan. Among the topics covered were the organization of the plan; the plan’s vision, goals, and objectives; the transportation issues identified for the region; the universe and cost-possible
projects lists; and the impacts of the recommended projects on operations, safety, the environment, the economy, and accessibility.

**Next CTAC Meeting**

The next CTAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021.

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