

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD**

MINUTES OF ACTION MEETING

Thursday, September 2, 2021

9:30 a.m.

PlanRVA James River Board Room

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
John H. Hodges	X	William G. Coada		Kevin P. Carroll	X
Anita Barnhart (A)		Vacant (A)		James M. Holland	X
				Christopher Winslow	X
				Leslie Haley (A)	
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
John L. Lumpkins Jr.	X	Sean M. Davis	x	Patricia S. O'Bannon	X
Vice Chair Susan F. Lascolette	X	W. Canova Peterson	x	Frank J. Thornton	X
Vacant (A)		Faye O. Prichard (A)		Thomas M. Branin (A)	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)	
New Kent County		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
Patricia A. Paige	X	David T. Williams	x	Andreas D. Addison	
C. Thomas Tiller Jr.		Karin M. Carmack	x	Katherine L. Jordan	X
Thomas W. Evelyn (A)		Vacant (A)		Stephanie A. Lynch	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Cynthia I. Newbille	X
				Michael J. Jones (A)	
				Kristen Nye Larson (A)	
				Ellen F. Robertson (A)	
				Vacant (A)	
Capital Region Airport Commission		GRTC Transit System		RIC Metropolitan Transp. Authority (RMATA)	
John B. Rutledge		Julie E. Timm	x	Joi Taylor Dean	
		Sheryl Adams (A)			
Secretary of Transportation or Designee		CTAC		DRPT	
R. Shane Mann	X	Upton S. Martin (non-voting)		Jennifer B. DeBruhl (non-voting)	X
Mark E. Riblett (A)	X	Lisa M. Guthrie (A) (non-voting)		Tiffany T. Dubinsky (A) (non-voting)	
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)		Federal Transit Administration (FTA)		RideFinders	
Thomas L. Nelson Jr. (non-voting)		Daniel Koenig (Liaison)		Von S. Tisdale (non-voting)	
Ivan Rucker (A) (non-voting)				Cherika N. Ruffin (A) (non-voting)	
VA Dept. of Aviation (DOAV)					
P. Clifford Burnette Jr. (non-voting)					

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members of the public. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

CALL TO ORDER

The RRTPO Policy Board Chair, David T. Williams, presided and called the September 2, 2021, RRTPO Policy Board action meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. in PlanRVA's James River Board Room.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Williams asked Chet Parsons, RRTPO Secretary, to introduce Janice Firestone as the new Transportation Program Coordinator. Board members welcomed Ms. Firestone.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM

Phil Riggan, Planner, certified that a quorum was present.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda. The RRTPO Policy Board unanimously approved the September 2, 2021, agenda as presented.

2. Approval of August 5, 2021 RRTPO Policy Board Action Meeting Minutes

On motion by John Hodges, seconded by Canova Peterson, the RRTPO Policy Board voted unanimously by acclamation (voice vote) to approve the minutes of August 5, 2021, with the following amendments:

1. Note under *Welcome and Introductions* that Nicole Mueller was recognized by the board for her excellent service to the RRTPO.
2. Note under *Item D. Other Business* that board members had a discussion about the need for better outreach to the public and media. The importance of ensuring that accurate information about RRTPO programs and accomplishments is shared with the public and the media was stressed in light of a recent newspaper article that contained inaccurate information. There was further discussion about the need to increase public participation.

Patricia O'Bannon offered a friendly amendment to the motion to also correct the numbering under Item D. Other Business. Mr. Hodges agreed to the amended motion and Mr. Peterson seconded.

3. RRTPO Chair's Report

The Fall Transportation Forum will take place on November 4, 2021 at the Independence Golf Club in Powhatan County.

Mr. Parsons provided an update on the FHWA Certification Review. He informed board members that they could expect an update to the Policy Board in November following the close of the 60-day public comment period.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. ConnectRVA 2045 Draft Plan Overview

Mr. Parsons presented to the board and fielded questions from members about the draft plan. Areas of focus included the \$485 billion in benefits, pie chart on how the investments are being spread among transportation options and the percentage dedicated to each mode of transportation.

A copy of the presentation is available at: [ConnectRVA 2045 Draft Plan Overview](#).

2. CRRSAA Highway Infrastructure Program Funds

A copy of the presentation is available at: [CRRSAA Highway Infrastructure Program Funds](#).

On motion of Christopher Winslow, seconded by Patricia S. O'Bannon, the RRTPO Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021 appropriated nearly \$10 billion in supplemental funding to FHWA for the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP); and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization share of the HIP funding is \$7,642,406; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board allocates the available HIP funds as follows:

- \$150,000 to UPC 113846
- \$1,869,997 to UPC 13551
- \$2,910,512 to UPC 112042
- \$2,711,897 to UPC 118153

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approves the transfer of regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding from the recipient projects to the RRTPO balance entry as follows:

- \$150,000 in FY23 funds from UPC 113846
- \$1,638,526 in FY23 funds from UPC 13551
- \$231,471 in FY24 funds from UPC 13551
- \$638,725 in FY23 funds from UPC 112042
- \$2,271,787 in FY24 funds from UPC 112042

On motion of Christopher Winslow, seconded by Patricia S. O'Bannon, the RRTPO Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

3. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside – project endorsements

A copy of the presentation is available at: [Transportation Alternatives \(TA\) Set-Aside – project endorsements](#).

On motion of Kevin P. Carroll, seconded by John L. Lumpkins, the RRTPO Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Guidance requires all Transportation Alternatives applications located within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization to obtain a resolution of endorsement from the appropriate MPO; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico counties and the City of Richmond have indicated their intent to submit FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternatives applications for the following projects:

Chesterfield County

- Courthouse Road Shared Use Path (Route 10 to Fallow Drive)
- Fall Line (Shop Street to Chester Linear Park)
- Route 360 at Courthouse Road
- Route 360 at Turner Road
- Commonwealth Center Trail (Brad McNeer Pkwy to Craig Rath Blvd)

Hanover County

- Cool Spring ES Safe Routes to Schools

Henrico County

- Lakeside Community Trail – Phase 1
- Lakeside Community Trail – Phase 2
- Lakeside Community Trail – Phase 3
- Nuckols Road Corridor Shared Use Path

City of Richmond

- A Carnation St Phase II
- B SR 147 (Main St) Ped Safety (Ph I)
- C SR 147 (Cary St) Ped Safety (Ph II)
- D US 360 (Hull St) PHB
- E Gilles Creek Greenway Phase IV
- F Scott's Addition Greenway
- G Downtown Core Protected Bike Lanes
- H Patterson Avenue Bike Lanes
- I US Route 1 PHBs
- J Forest Hill Ave Bike/Ped Improvements
- K Jefferson Avenue Phase II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization endorses these projects as applications for the FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside process.

4. Public Messaging - update

Martha Heeter, Executive Director, PlanRVA, addressed the public engagement process and planned improvements to the outreach of all committees under PlanRVA. Planned to continue the discussion and report back to the Policy Board at the October meeting.

C. AGENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Transportation Agency Updates

- a. A copy of the Virginia Department of Transportation update provided by R. Shane Mann is available at: [VDOT Update](#)
- b. A copy of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation update provided by Jennifer DeBruhl, Chief of Public Transportation at DRPT, is available at: [DRPT Update](#)

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Future Meeting Topics

- Annual Richmond Region Transportation Forum (November)
- DRPT Transit Modernization and Equity Study
- Agreement between the Commonwealth and Amtrak, CSX, and Virginia Railway Express, launching a \$3.7 billion investment to expand and improve passenger, commuter, and freight rail in Virginia and create a vital connection in America's national rail network between the Northeast and Southeast corridors.
- RRTPO Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan

2. RRTPO Member Comments

There were no comments from members.

3. Next RRTPO Policy Board Meeting: October 4, 2021

The next action meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia. Note: the meeting is on Monday rather than the traditional Thursday.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:47 a.m.