

Current Work Efforts Update – Item A.-7.-b.

ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

The RRTPO Policy Board unanimously adopted ConnectRVA 2045 plan at their October 4, 2021 meeting. The Air Quality Conformality Determination letter from FTA/FHWA was also received the same day. Staff time in October has been primarily focused on the completion of the final version of the plan document and technical reports for *ConnectRVA 2045*. Staff is also working internally and with the advisory committee to document lessons learned and recommendations for the next LRTP update.

Ashland Trolley Line Trail Study

Staff continues to work with the National Park Service's Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program adding the skills of Mallory Zink, a NPS public historian for greater interpretation of the trolley line's former role in community connections through signage and self-guided walking tours. Staff organized a field trip on September 14-15 involving the local historians from Ashland, Hanover and Henrico to walk portions of the trail and explore the history. Concepts are being presented back to the history team on November 3. 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 [history of the trolley line](#) and a [design sketchbook](#).

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

BikePedRVA 2045 is being prepared as a major update to the 2004 Richmond Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The draft plan is under review with the steering committee with plans to complete by December 2021. The draft incorporates virtual public review from the *ConnectRVA 2045* process but will be shared more broadly in early 2022 for direct public review with the benefit of in-person opportunities to meet with existing bike/ped advocacy groups, locality and neighborhood-level meetings focusing on more specific recommendations of the plan. The Complete Streets toolbox or illustrated [story map](#) 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 April 2022 by amendment to *ConnectRVA 2045*.

Active Transportation Work Group (ATWG)

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings held by PlanRVA, 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. Currently assisting with the search for a new Virginia coordinator and preparing to help the next hire get acclimated in Virginia.

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.