

## AGENDA

**ConnectRVA 2045 Advisory Committee**  
**August 26, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Members of the public may observe the meeting via YouTube Live Streaming at [www.youtube.com/c/PlanRVA](https://www.youtube.com/c/PlanRVA). Opportunities for sharing comments are described in the [Public Participation](#) guide on the [www.PlanRVA.org](https://www.PlanRVA.org) website.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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### STATEMENT REGARDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

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### ATTENDANCE BY ROLL CALL

(Amos).....

### 1. Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda

(Amos/5 minutes).....

### 2. Approval of July 22, Meeting Summary

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#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

### 3. Public Comment Period

(Amos/5 minutes).....

### 4. LRTP Process Update Task 5: Evaluation

(Aryal/30 minutes)

- a. Systemwide Performances
- b. Transportation Savings
- c. Economic Impact Analysis
- d. Accessibility Assessment

### 5. LRTP Final Public Engagement Period

(Parsons/Jacocks/ 15 minutes)

**6. Next Meeting:** September 23, 2021

(Amos/5 minutes).....

## **Opening Statement for Electronic Meetings**

Due to the 2020 COVID-19 virus, meetings of the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization were transitioned to a virtual format in accordance with provisions of Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2 and related legislation approved by the General Assembly of Virginia during the period of the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration for COVID. The opportunity for public bodies to continue functioning in a virtual format has been extended and meetings of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commissions will continue to be held in a virtual format as authorized by Va. Code § 15.2-1413 from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This meeting will be held through electronic communication means pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2021-181, adopted June 28, 2021 (Richmond City Council Action).

While we meet in a remote/virtual format, we remain committed to public accessibility and opportunity to participate. Staff provided notice of this meeting to members and the public, including instructions for accessing the meeting and materials, through electronic posting on the PlanRVA website and email distribution of notice to members, alternates, and known interested parties, including the media.

This meeting will be recorded. Audio and visual recordings of the meeting and materials will be posted and accessible on the PlanRVA website.

Any member of the public participating as an observer during the meeting today may submit comments or questions at any time prior to or during the meeting via email at [rrtpoinput@PlanRVA.org](mailto:rrtpoinput@PlanRVA.org). All comments and questions submitted at this time will be reviewed following the meeting and to the extent practical, responses will be provided or posted on the PlanRVA website.

We ask that members identify themselves first when speaking so we can more accurately record the activities of the meeting. All lines should be muted to minimize additional noise and feedback. You may unmute your line at any time to request acknowledgement from the Chair.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the process for assuring effective facilitation of this meeting or for how members of the public may participate.

By providing this statement, staff certifies that we have followed the approved procedures for appropriate notice of this meeting and the means by which we are convening.

Please indicate your presence by saying "HERE" when your name is called during a roll call. Anyone who wishes to identify themselves following the roll call of members will be invited to do so.



## Long-Range Transportation Plan Advisory Committee

### MEETING SUMMARY

Zoom Meeting

July 22, 2021

9:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

<b>Town of Ashland</b>		<b>Charles City County</b>		<b>Chesterfield County</b>	
Nora Amos	x	Vacant		Barbara K. Smith	x
Vacant (A)				Vacant (A)	
<b>Goochland County</b>		<b>Hanover County</b>		<b>Henrico County</b>	
Thomas Coleman	x	Joseph Vidunas		Sharon Smidler	x
Michael Campbell (A)		J. Michael Flagg (A)		Todd Eure (A)	
<b>New Kent County</b>		<b>Powhatan County</b>		<b>City of Richmond</b>	
Kelli Le Duc	x	Vacant		Dironna Moore Clarke	x
		Ed A. Howland (A)		Travis Bridewell (A)	x
				Sera Erickson (CTAC Rep)	x
				Vacant (CTAC Rep)	
<b>Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)</b>		<b>GRTC Transit System</b>		<b>RMTA</b>	
John Rutledge		Adrienne Torres		Theresa Simmons	
		Patricia Robinson (A)	x		
<b>PlanRVA</b>		<b>RideFinders</b>		<b>DRPT</b>	
Chet Parsons	x	Von S. Tisdale		Tiffany Dubinsky	x
Sulabh Aryal (A)	x	John O'Keeffe (A)		Grant Sparks (A)	
<b>VDOT</b>		<b>VCU</b>		<b>NAACP</b>	
Liz McAdory		John Leonard (CTAC Rep)	x	Walter Johnson (CTAC Rep)	
Jacob Herrman (A)					
<b>Richmond Area Bicycling Association (RABA)</b>		<b>VA Asian Chamber of Commerce</b>		<b>Senior Connections (CAAA)</b>	
Champe Burnley (CTAC Rep)		My Lan Tran		Tony Williams	
<b>RVA Rapid Transit</b>		<b>Bike Walk RVA</b>		<b>Port of Virginia/RMT</b>	
Ben Campbell	x	Louise Lockett Gordon		Barbara Nelson	x
				Vacant (A)	
<b>Southern Environmental Law Center</b>		<b>VA Center for Inclusive Communities</b>		<b>Virginians for High Speed Rail</b>	
Trip Pollard	x	Vacant		Daniel Plaugher	

<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>		<b>Tri-Cities MPO</b>			
Ivan Rucker		Ron Svejowski	x		

The technology used for this meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom and YouTube Live Streaming and was open and accessible for participation by members of the public. A recording of this meeting is available on our [PlanRVA YouTube channel](#).

**Call to Order:**

The LRTP Advisory Committee Chair Nora Amos presided and called the July 22, 2021 LRTP AC meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**1. Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda**

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda. Seeing and hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by acclamation as presented.

**2. Approval of July 22, 2021 LRTP-AC Meeting Summary**

There were no comments or corrections to the July 22, 2021 LRTP-AC meeting summary.

On motion of Tom Coleman, seconded by Patricia Robinson, the LRTP Advisory Committee unanimously approved the summary of the July 22, 2021 meeting by acclamation as presented (voice vote).

**3. Public Comment Period**

There were no requests to address the LRTP Advisory Committee.

**4. LRTP Process Update Task 5: Evaluation**

a. Evaluation of the Constrained Plan - Overview

In accordance with federal regulations, the ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan is produced as a fiscally-constrained plan with all funding sources forecasted to be available over the life of the plan. Following project scoring and discussions with project champions, the constrained list of projects for the plan was presented to the RRTPO Policy Board for review and was approved at their July 1 meeting.

The next step will be to evaluate and test the effectiveness of the performance measures and the LRTP planning process in terms of public engagement and outreach. Mr. Aryal provided a high-level overview of the evaluation process for performance measures including highway deficiency and travel time improvement in major corridors.

\*\*A copy of the presentation provided by Sulabh Aryal, Transportation Planning Manager, is available [here](#).

b. Environmental Justice Analysis

Mr. Busching provided a summary of the evaluation process with a focus on the environmental justice analysis.

Federal regulations dictate that the plan address the impact and benefits of transportation projects on disadvantaged population groups to ensure that areas with high concentrations of these populations receive at least a proportional level of transportation dollar investment and are not disproportionately affected by any negative impacts of the projects.

Staff identified the equity emphasis areas based on the socioeconomic analysis completed early in the process. There were six indicators of potential disadvantage broken into primary and secondary indicators based on regional characteristics and federal environmental justice requirements:

- Primary indicators: people of color and people in poverty;
- Secondary indicators: people with limited English proficiency, older adults (65+), people with disabilities, and zero-car households.

The evaluation for ConnectRVA 2045 is a region-wide and system-wide analysis. Each project also goes through another environmental justice analysis as part of the NEPA process which is a more detailed process and considers pollution, sound, and the localized area of the project. Staff also evaluated burdens and benefits of slate investments for equity emphasis areas (EEA) and non-EEA areas (equity in planned investments and equity in access).

\*\*A copy of the presentation provided by Myles Busching, Transportation Planner, is available [here](#).

## 5. LRTP Document

a. Main Document

Ms. Jacocks provided a brief overview of the look of the draft ConnectRVA 2045 plan document. It included the table of contents, sample pages (layout and graphics), exhibits (mapping, analysis), the vision of the plan, guiding principles, and goals and objectives.

\*\*A copy of the presentation provided by Barbara Jacocks, Principal Planner, is available [here](#).

b. Technical Documentations

The [technical documents](#) produced during the LRTP process include:

- Socioeconomic Data Report – completed

- Growth Forecast Analysis Report – completed
- Structures Inventory and Assessment Report – completed
- Transportation Issues
- Project Prioritization Process Report (methodology, candidate projects (UoP), scoring sheets)
- Constrained Plan Development Report (Budget Development/Constrained List/Vision List)
- Constrained Plan Evaluation
- Public Participation and Outreach Report
- Congestion Management Process Report/Story Map – completed
- Air Quality Conformity Report – VDOT – Draft completed
- ConnectRVA 2045 Federal Compliance – TBD

\*\*A copy of the presentation provided by Sulabh Aryal, Transportation Planning Manager, is available [here](#).

\*\*A recording of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

## **6. L RTP Final Public Engagement Strategy**

During the development process of ConnectRVA 2045 plan, four public review and comment periods have been conducted so far. The requisite VDOT Air Quality Conformity public review process is now underway. The final public review and comment period will seek input from the public regarding the overall planning process and the draft plan document.

Staff is currently preparing for an active in-person and virtual public engagement process from August 16 through September 15. Staff is also planning for multiple ways for people to learn about the plan and review the draft document during that 30-day time period: open house events, virtual participation options, short videos that provide an overview of the L RTP and what it means to the region, etc.

After the final public review and comment period closes, all the feedback received during the last year and a half will be reviewed before the final plan will be developed. The final draft plan will be on the agenda for review by the L RTP Advisory Committee, and the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee before it goes to the RRTPO Policy Board for action on October 4, 2021.

Additionally, staff is in the process of scheduling time at the Board of Supervisors meetings for each locality to provide a brief presentation on how people can learn more about the L RTP.

## **7. Next L RTP Advisory Committee Meeting**

Chair Amos noted the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. on July 22, 2021.