

AGENDA

ConnectRVA 2045 Advisory Committee
August 28, 2020
9:00 a.m.

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ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM *(Pompei)*

ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. Approval of May 28, Meeting Summary** - *(Pompei/5 minutes)*
- 2. Public Comment Period** - *(Pompei/5 minutes)*
- 3. LRTP Process Update Task 2: Vision, Goals and Objectives** *(Parsons/Aryal/15 minutes)*
 - Regional Goals and Priorities Survey
 - Vision and Goals Survey
- 4. LRTP Process Update Task 3: Planning** - *(Aryal/25 minutes)*
 - Universe of Project Screening
(Staff's initial screening of Transportation Projects and Guidelines to be sent separately)
- 5. Future Meeting Topics** - *(Parsons/Aryal/10 minutes)*
 - Vision, Goals and Objectives Development
 - Universe of Transportation Projects Discussion
 - Project Scoring and Evaluation
 - Environmental Justice & Accessibility Assessment
 - Document Design*
- 6. Next Meeting:** *September 24, 2020 – 9:00 AM - (Pompei/5 Minutes)*

Ashland | Charles City | Chesterfield | Goochland | Hanover | Henrico | New Kent | Powhatan | Richmond

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In light of the 2020 COVID-19 virus and current guidance regarding physical distancing to reduce the potential for spread, meetings of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commissions have transitioned to a virtual format. Regional Public Bodies were granted authority to conduct meetings electronically, pursuant to the 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-19.

While we do not know the exact duration of the current practice of electronic meetings, we will continue to function in this manner until such time as it is deemed appropriate to return to in-person meetings.

Staff provided notice of this meeting and the means by which we are virtually gathered to members of the public on August 20th, 2020 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 on the PlanRVA website within 48 hours of this meeting.

Any member of the public participating as an observer during the meeting today may submit comments or questions at any time during the meeting via email at info@PlanRVA.org or by using the online chat functions of the meeting platform. Those individuals who are observing by phone may be called upon to share questions or comments. This meeting agenda includes two opportunities for members of the public to address this body. All comments and questions submitted during the meeting will be reviewed following the meeting and to the extent practical, responses will be provided or posted on the PlanRVA website.

We ask that everyone identify themselves first when speaking so we can more accurately record the activities of the meeting. All lines have been muted by the meeting administrator to minimize additional noise and feedback. You may unmute your line at any time to request acknowledgement from the Chair. Staff will be monitoring the chat functions throughout the meeting to assure we do not overlook anyone wishing to participate, as appropriate, in the discussion.

Does anyone have any questions regarding the process for assuring effective facilitation of this meeting or for how members of the public may participate?

I will now ask our clerk to certify we have followed the approved procedures for appropriate notice of this meeting and the means by which we are convening.

<Pause for Clerk's Response>

Please indicate your presence by saying "AYE" 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.

<Pause for Roll Call>



Long-Range Transportation Plan Advisory Committee

MEETING SUMMARY
GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting
May 28, 2020
9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

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| Charles City County | | Chesterfield County | | City of Richmond | |
| | | Barbara K. Smith | | Dironna Moore Clarke | |
| | | Kathryn Benedict (A) | x | Travis A. Bridewell (A) | |
| | | | | Sera Erickson (CTAC Rep) | x |
| | | | | Bill Steele (CTAC Rep) | x |
| Goochland County | | Hanover County | | Henrico County | |
| Thomas Coleman | | Joseph E. Vidunas | x | Sharon Smidler | x |
| Todd Kilduff | x | J. Michael Flagg (A) | | Rosemary D. Deemer (A) | |
| New Kent County | | Powhatan County | | Town of Ashland | |
| Kelli Le Duc | x | Andrew Pompei | x | Nora Amos | x |
| | | Ed A. Howland (A) | | Will Tucker (A) | |
| Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC) | | GRTC Transit System | | RMTA | |
| John B. Rutledge | | Adrienne Torres | | Theresa Simmons | |
| | | Emily DelRoss (A) | x | | |
| PlanRVA | | RideFinders | | DRPT | |
| Chet Parsons | x | Von S. Tisdale | | Tiffany Dubinsky | x |
| Sulabh Aryal (A) | x | John O'Keeffe (A) | | Grant Sparks (A) | |
| VDOT | | VCU | | NAACP | |
| Liz McAdory | | John Leonard (CTAC Rep) | x | Walter Johnson (CTAC Rep) | |
| Jacob Herrman (A) | x | | | | |
| Richmond Area Bicycling Association (RABA) | | VA Asian Chamber of Commerce | | Senior Connections (CAAA) | |
| Champe Burnley (CTAC Rep) | | My Lan Tran | | Tony Williams | x |
| RVA Rapid Transit | | Bike Walk RVA | | Port of Virginia/RMT | |
| Ben Campbell | x | Louise Lockett Gordon | x | Barbara Nelson | x |
| | | | | Dustin Rinehart (A) | x |
| Southern Environmental Law Center | | VA Center for Inclusive Communities | | Virginians for High Speed Rail | |
| Trip Pollard | x | Nelson Reveley | | Daniel Plaugher | |
| Federal Highway Administration | | Tri-Cities MPO | | | |
| Richard Duran | x | Ron Sveikowski | x | | |

The RRTPO LRTP Advisory Committee meeting was held by electronic communication means as set forth by the April 22, 2020 actions of the General Assembly in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. The technology used for this meeting was a web-hosted service created by GoToMeeting and was open and accessible for participation by members of the public. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

Call to Order:

The LRTP Advisory Committee Chair, Andrew Pompei, presided and called the May 28, 2020 LRTP meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. Approval of January 23, 2020 LRTP-AC Meeting Summary

There were no comments on the January 23, 2020 LRTP-AC meeting summary.

2. Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the LRTP Advisory Committee.

3. LRTP Process Update: Task 1.0 and Task 1.1:

[Draft 2045 Long Range Growth Forecast Analysis Report](#)

Sulabh Aryal, 2045 LRTP Project Manager, briefly explained the process flow of the six tasks to be completed for developing the ConnectRVA2045 Plan. He provided an overview of the 2045 Long Range Growth Forecast Analysis Report (previously called Socioeconomic Data Analysis Report) which is an important component of ConnectRVA 2045, the Richmond region's Long-Range Transportation Plan. To better anticipate the future transportation needs in the Richmond region, it is essential to predict the demands on the system and understand how population and employment growth dynamics influence the region over time. This report examines the socioeconomic characteristics of the Richmond region including population, household characteristics, automobile ownership and employment.

RTC Model Development

The development of the new Richmond/Tri-Cities (RTC) Travel Demand Model is now complete. The Travel Demand Model is a computer model that can be used to test impacts of changes to the regional travel network. We calibrate it to reflect current conditions and can then assess impacts of changes to today's travel environment. The Travel Demand Model will be used to identify future capacity needs for the regional highway and transit network, measure system performance measures, project prioritization and scoring, complete an accessibility analysis, and measure the impact of different land use changes and different investment priorities in scenario planning parallel process of the LRTP.

4. LRTP Process Update: Task 1.2: Needs Assessment

Sulabh Aryal provided an overview of existing multimodal transportation needs/deficiencies in the Richmond region including congestion, safety issues, lack of interconnectivity, and other operational problems as well as inadequate roadway capacity. The assessment also considers special needs like Travel Demand Management, System resiliency and Economic Development, and is based on regional and local transportation studies, additional recommendations provided by LRTP-AC members, future transportation highway issues captured

by Richmond/Tri-Cities Travel Demand and public inputs received through the ConnectRVA 2045 website and the community outreach meetings.

The draft transportation needs list and online interactive maps were available for a 15-day public review and comment period, on the [project website](#). The comment period was open until May 20, 2020. 11 comments were received through the website. Comments directly related to the Issue Inventory were addressed.

The LRTP Advisory Committee unanimously approved the Local and Regional Transportation Needs Inventory as presented by RRTPO staff.

5. LRTP Process Update: Task 2: Vision, Goals and Objectives: Introduction

Sulabh Aryal introduced the advisory committee to the process of developing a vision and goals for the LRTP. The task includes the development of objectives within each goal and performance measure. The performance measures feed into Task 4.0 Project Selection, Prioritization Process and Scoring.

The vision statement will describe the region's transportation aspirations in a concise manner, focus on what is important, and provide a foundation for all other aspects of the plan. The goals will describe a series of desired end states for the region's transportation system informed by the vision – and will provide foundation for objectives and measures. The performance measures provide the technical mechanism (data) to monitor progress towards objectives, goals, and vision.

Staff will research examples of vision statements, goals, and objectives from other regions to share with the committee in an upcoming meeting. Staff will start a conversation about the best ways to connect with the public and receive input on goals in addition to addressing federal planning factors (FAST Act and MAP-21 goals) and considering state goals (VTRANS 2045). Community outreach and public participation is seen as a critical component and a priority for this task.

6. LRTP Process Update: Task 3: Planning

The transportation needs and deficiencies as established in Task 1.2 will be converted into logical projects and broken down into different project categories with anticipated project cost (capital, maintenance and operations). Project inclusion guidance to be developed for project selection within the universe of projects. Only these projects will be scored for the project prioritization process.

Regionally Significant Projects: Federal air quality conformity regulations dictate what projects, at a minimum must be included in the fiscally constrained project list of the LRTP. Sulabh presented on the project inclusion guidelines. The next steps are:

- LRTP-AC vetting of the LRTP project inclusion guidelines
- Screen the issues and needs inventory for LRTP specific needs based on the project inclusion guidelines
- Develop projects for the screened needs and issues

The LRTP advisory committee plans to vote on the LRTP Project Inclusion Guidelines as recommended by the RRTPO staff at the June 2020 meeting.

**A copy of the presentation given by Sulabh Aryal is available at
[L RTP Process Update](#)

7. L RTP Community Outreach Meetings Report

Chet Parsons, RRTPO Secretary, provided information on the community outreach efforts. The [public engagement](#) page can be found on the ConnectRVA 2045 website. Staff is researching new tools to manage outreach efforts in cooperation with VDOT and DRPT as well as city leaders and other partners. Staff will make every effort to learn best ways to involve the public.

8. Next L RTP Advisory Committee Meeting: June 25, 2020

Chairman Andrew Pompei noted the next meeting will be held on June 25, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m. on May 28, 2020.