

AGENDA

ConnectRVA2045 Advisory Committee
January 23, 2020
9:00 a.m.

PlanRVA
James River Board Room
9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Suite 200
Richmond, Virginia 23235

1. **Approval of December 9, Meeting Summary** (*Pompei/5 minutes*)
2. **Public Comment Period** (*Pompei/5 minutes*)
3. **L RTP Public Issues Identification** (*Parsons/20 minutes*)
4. **L RTP Process Update: Task 1: Issues Assessment** (*Aryal/25 minutes*)
5. **L RTP Public Engagement Plan and Schedule** (*Parsons/ 15 minutes*)
6. **Next Meeting** (*Pompei/5 Minutes*)

February 27, 2020 – 9:00 AM



Long-Range Transportation Plan Advisory Committee

**MEETING SUMMARY
December 9, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nora D. Amos Town of Ashland
 Sulabh Aryal (Alternate) PlanRVA
 Kathryn Benedict (Alternate) Chesterfield County
 Travis Bridewell (Alternate) City of Richmond
 Champe Burnley CTAC / RABA
 Ben Campbell RVA Rapid Transit
 Dironna Moore Clarke City of Richmond
 Thomas Coleman Goochland County
 Rosemary Deemer (Alternate) Henrico County
 Sera Erickson CTAC / City of Richmond
 Michael Flagg (Alternate) Hanover County
 Louise Lockett Gordon louise@sportsbackers.org
 Jake Herrman (Alternate) VDOT
 Todd Kilduff (Alternate) Goochland County
 John Leonard CTAC / VCU
 Liz McAdory (Alternate) VDOT
 Barbara Nelson Port of Virginia, Richmond Marine Terminal
 John O’Keeffe (Alternate) RideFinders
 Chet Parsons PlanRVA
 Trip Pollard Southern Environmental Law Center
 Andrew Pompei Powhatan County
 Dustin Rinehart (Alternate) Port of Virginia, Richmond Marine Terminal
 Barbara K. Smith Chesterfield County
 Bill Steele City of Richmond
 Ron Svejkovsky Tri-Cities MPO
 Von Tisdale RideFinders
 Adrienne Torres GRTC Transit System
 My Lan Tran Asian American Business Assistance Center
 Joseph E. Vidunas Hanover County
 Tony Williams Senior Connections

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tiffany Dubinsky DRPT
 Richard Duran FHWA
 Todd Eure Henrico County
 Walter Johnson NAACP
 Kelli Le Duc New Kent County
 Daniel Plaughter Virginians for High Speed Rail
 Nelson Reveley Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities
 Mark Riblett VDOT
 John B. Rutledge CRAC
 Theresa Simmons RMTA

Call to Order: 9:05 a.m. by Chet Parsons, Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Secretary.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chet Parsons, RRTPO Secretary, welcomed all present to the first meeting of the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Long-Range Transportation Plan Advisory Committee (LRTPAC). Introductions were made.

2. Recommendations for Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Parsons said the 2045 LRTP planning process will not conduct formal voting; decisions will be made by consensus. The LRTPAC Chairman is traditionally a member of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and staff will work with TAC to have a TAC member in place as chairman for the next LRTPAC meeting.

3. Public Comment

There were no requests to address the LRTPAC.

4. Overview of the Advisory Committee and Ground Rules

Chet Parsons provided an overview of the committee, its charge and functional parameters. The LRTPAC is established to see that the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan is developed, established and adopted and that it meets the required needs. The committee functions independently and reports to the TAC, Community Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the RRTPO policy board. Staff will provide drafts and other materials for review and feedback; decisions made by the committee will be developed and executed by RRTPO staff and returned for committee review. Public engagement will be a responsibility of the committee and will include public meetings and reviews and a formal 45-day public review of the final document. The plan must be financially constrained and so there will be funding considerations.

Meetings are scheduled monthly though the schedule may be adjusted depending on milestone deadlines. Members are asked to come prepared to discuss the given topics in order to make timely decisions to keep the plan development moving forward to adoption.

New items to be included in decision-making for this plan include scenario planning, performance measures as indicators of progress, transit potential, bicycle/ pedestrian data, and emerging technologies. Air and rail will also be included in the plan.

There was a demonstration of Poll Everywhere, an online response audience response system, which is being considered for public meetings.

5. Federal Regulatory Framework

Sulabh Aryal, 2045 LRTP Project Manager, reviewed the federal planning regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Code of Virginia and other regulations that define the plan. These include planning elements from the FAST Act such as the planning horizon; planning factors to be incorporated in the planning process; and strategies, policies, and financial projections for development of a safe and integrated multimodal transportation system to address current and future transportation demand. The plan must be goal-based, need-based and performance-based. Outreach and interagency consultation were also discussed as core components of plan development.

The plan is financially constrained over the full 20-year horizon and by time-bands which are developed in the plan. Plan 2045 will give due consideration to the first time band which includes the first six years already financially committed and in progress included in the state STIP and to VTrans, the statewide transportation plan as well as local and agency comprehensive plans.

In terms of directing allocation of resources, projects to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) must be in the constrained list of projects in the Long-Range Transportation Plan or consistent with the plan in order to receive federal or state funds. If a project is not consistent with the LRTP, then the plan needs to be amended for the project to receive funding.

6. LRTP Scope of Work

Sulabh Aryal said plan development follows the six basic steps in any planning process: needs assessment, strategic direction – development of vision, goals and objectives, planning, programming, evaluation and adoption. Each step is represented by a question designed for an enhanced public understanding of the planning element. For example, for Needs Assessment, the question is What are the Transportation Issues to Address? Mr. Aryal addressed each of the six steps according to the agenda attachment in significant detail.

In a parallel effort, Scenario Planning will be explored, and a scenario planning framework will be developed to evaluate the value of this planning effort. There will be discussion on the cost and benefit of moving on to a full-fledged scenario planning process for the next LRTP update.

In response to a question, Mr. Aryal said the final plan is not just a planning effort but will include a list of projects which is fiscally constrained so that the projects could be achieved with funding that is anticipated to be available. Projects in the plan will be given priority funding consideration.

7. LRTP Schedule

The development schedule for the 2045 LRTP was included with each element of the Work Scope. A schedule with major milestones was distributed and Mr. Aryal reviewed the importance of keeping to the schedule in order to have the plan completed and approved by September 2021.

Staff will compile known transportation needs and projects to meet those needs. There also will be public engagement efforts to gather public input on what the regional transportation needs are. The public engagement strategy and discussion of needs will occur over the next two meetings and the needs assessment will be finalized at the March 26 meeting.

Mr. Parsons said the scoring process is being developed and staff is looking at various processes and criteria used for scoring projects for various funding programs to develop a more standardized approach to scoring that could be universal, and which is manageable for the small PlanRVA staff.

8. LRTP Branding

Chet Parsons reported that staff had a contest to develop a versatile logo that would be representative of all the planning elements. He presented the logo on screen and asked for comments which included that there are no trucks or boats. There was a comment that some residents in the region have expressed that the term “RVA” is not inclusive and does not represent all populations; some people do not feel a part of the RVA brand. There was also a concern that the “Connect RVA” may be a little too close to the City of Richmond multimodal plan, “Richmond Connect” and may create confusion for the public.

9. LRTP Public Engagement Plan

The Public Engagement Plan (PEP) is in development and will be out for public review soon. The plan will be simple, relatively short, web-based, easy to read and clear enough to identify what the opportunities are to become engaged in the process. This will be reviewed at the January 23 meeting.

10. Next Meeting

Sulabh Aryal noted that meetings are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the PlanRVA James River Board Room. The next meeting is January 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.



**Richmond Regional TPO
Long-Range Transportation Plan Advisory Committee
Membership List**

Members

Alternates

TAC Representatives:

Town of Ashland

Ms. Nora Amos (FY20 Vice Chairman)
Director of Planning
(804) 798-9219 ext. 228 (work)
namos@town.ashland.va.us

Mr. Will Tucker
Planner II
(804) 798-1749
wtucker@ashlandva.gov

Charles City County

(Vacant)

(Vacant)

Chesterfield County

Ms. Barbara K. Smith
Principal Engineer
(804) 748-1037 (work)
smithbk@chesterfield.gov

Ms. Kathryn Benedict
Senior Transportation Planner
(804) 748-1037
benedick@chesterfield.gov

Goochland County

Mr. Thomas M. W. Coleman
Principal Planner
(804) 556-5865 (work)
tcoleman@goochlandva.us

Mr. Todd Kilduff
Assistant County Administrator
(804) 556-5835 (work)
tkilduff@goochlandva.us

Hanover County

Mr. Joseph E. Vidunas, C.E.
Traffic Engineer
Department of Public Works
(804) 365-6176 (work)
jevidunas@hanovercounty.gov

Mr. J. Michael Flagg
Director, Department of Public Works
(804) 365-6176 (work)
jmflagg@hanovercounty.gov

Members

Alternates

Henrico County

Mr. E. Todd Eure
Transportation Development Division Director
Department of Public Works
(804) 501-4617
eur@co.henrico.va.us

Ms. Rosemary D. Deemer, AICP
County Planner III
Department of Planning
(804) 501-4488
dee12@co.henrico.va.us

New Kent County

Ms. Kelli Le Duc
Planning Manager
(804) 966-8505
klleduc@newkent-va.us

Powhatan County

Mr. Andrew Pompei
Planning Director
(804) 598-5621
apompei@powhatanva.gov

Mr. Ed A. Howland
Planner III
(804) 598-5621 ext. 2002 (work)
ehowland@powhatanva.gov

City of Richmond

Ms. Dironna Moore Clarke
Multimodal Transportation Manager
Department of Public Works
(804) 646-3074
dironna.clarke@richmondgov.com

Mr. Travis A. Bridewell
Traffic Engineering Operations Manager
Department of Public Works
(804) 646-5745
travis.bridewell@richmondgov.com

Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)

Mr. John B. Rutledge
Director of Planning and Engineering
(804) 226-3017 (work)
jrutledge@flyrichmond.com

(Vacant)

GRTC Transit System

Ms. Adrienne Torres
Director, Planning and Scheduling
(804) 474-9798
adrienne.torres@ridegrtc.com

Ms. Raquel Aguirre
Transit Data Analyst
(804) 474-9913
raquel.aguirre@ridegrtc.com

Members

Alternates

Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA)

Ms. Theresa Simmons
Director of Operations
(804) 523-3320 (work)
theresa.simmons@the-rma.org

Plan RVA (RRPDC)

Mr. Chet Parsons, AICP
Director of Transportation
(804) 323-2033, ext. 109
cparsons@planrva.org

Mr. Sulabh Aryal, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager
(804) 323-2033, ext. 115
saryal@planrva.org

RideFinders

Ms. Von S. Tisdale
Executive Director
(804) 643-7433 (main)
vtisdale@ridefinders.com

Mr. John O'Keeffe
Account Executive
(804) 643-7433 (main)
jokeeffe@ridefinders.com

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Tiffany Dubinsky, AICP
Statewide Transit Planner
(804) 786-1059
tiffany.dubinsky@drpt.virginia.gov

Mr. Grant Sparks, AICP
Manager of Transit Planning and
Corridor Development
(804) 786-7425
grant.sparks@drpt.virginia.gov

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Ms. Liz McAdory
District Planning Manager
VDOT Richmond District
(804) 524-6215 (district office)
liz.mcadory@vdot.virginia.gov

Mr. Jacob Herrman
Transportation Planner
VDOT Richmond District
(804) 524-6407
jacob.herrman@vdot.virginia.gov



CTAC Representatives:

Virginia Commonwealth University

Mr. John Leonard
Professor/Executive Associate Dean
School of Engineering
(804) 828-3925 (work)
jdleonard@vcu.edu

City of Richmond

Ms. Sera Erickson
Bicycle Program Director, VCU
(575) 353-0196
ericksonss@vcu.edu

Mr. Bill Steele
President, Sotheby's International Realty
(804) 249-7646 (work)
bill.steele@thesteelgroupsir.com

NAACP

Mr. Walter Johnson
(804) 737-5685 (home)
mrmrsj@aol.com

Richmond Area Bicycling Association

Mr. Champe Burnley
(804) 358-6697
champe_burnley@hotmail.com

Other Groups:

Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce

Ms. My Lan Tran
Executive Director
(804) 798-3975
aabac@aabac.org

Senior Connections, CAAA

Mr. Tony Williams
Mobility Manager, The Capital Area
Agency on Aging
(804) 822-3068
twilliams@youraaa.org

RVA Rapid Transit

Mr. Ben Campbell
Pastoral Director, Richmond Hill
(804) 783-7903 (work)
bcampbell@richmondhillva.org

Bike Walk RVA

Ms. Louise Lockett Gordon
Director
(804) 285-9495
louise@sportsbackers.org

Port of Virginia/RMT

Ms. Barbara Nelson
Vice President
(757)683-2128 (work)
bnelson@portofvirginia.com

Mr. Dustin Rinehart
Director, State & Local Govt. Affairs
(757) 683-2131 (work)
drinehart@portofvirginia.com

Southern Environmental Law Center

Mr. Trip Pollard
Attorney
tpollard@selcva.org

Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

Mr. Nelson Reveley
Outreach Programs Coordinator
(804) 515-7950 (work)
nreveley@inclusiveva.org

Virginians for High Speed Rail

Mr. Daniel Plaucher
Executive Director
(804) 864-5193
danny@VHSR.com

Nonvoting Advisor:

Federal Highway Administration

Richard Duran
Community Planner, Virginia Division
(804) 775-3359
richard.duran@dot.gov