

## **RRTPO POLICY BOARD AGENDA 6/3/21; ITEM 5.b.**

### **RRTPO Boundary Adjustment**

#### **Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

**REQUESTED ACTION:** RRTPO accepts the approval letter from the Virginia Department of Transportation updating its boundary to match the boundary of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (PlanRVA) and the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) and sets a plan in place to implement the boundary update by October 15, 2021.

**BACKGROUND:** In December 2021, the RRTPO took action to expand the RRTPO boundary to match both the PlanRVA boundary and CVTA boundary – Planning District 15. As a result of that action, a resolution was passed and sent to VDOT formally requesting recognition of the boundary change.

On May 17, 2021, Secretary Valentine sent correspondence affirming the expansion of the urban areas to include the entirety of each of the four rural jurisdictions – Charles City, Goochland, New Kent, and Powhatan Counties.

The boundary update impacts many of our programs and planning processes at RRTPO, including but not limited to the Long-Range Transportation Plan, RSTP/CMAQ grant program, and bicycle and pedestrian plan. In addition, the RRTPO is undergoing Federal Certification Review in August and the impacts of the boundary change need to be evaluated and addressed.

Accordingly, time needs to be allocated to comprehensively address the impacts of the boundary change to the work program of RRTPO.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that RRTPO accept the boundary change approval from VDOT and set in motion a plan to implement that boundary change by October 15, 2021 with a full understanding of its impacts on PlanRVA as administering agency for RRTPO.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The following resolution is presented for RRTPO Policy Board approval:

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board supports the update of the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary to include the entirety of Powhatan, Goochland, New Kent, and Charles City Counties;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RRTPO accepts the recognition of this boundary change by the Virginia Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and the Governor of Virginia;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RRTPO sets a date of October 15, 2021 for the boundary change to go into effect, allowing time for the agency to plan for impacts of the boundary change on its programs and practices.