

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ADVISORY WORKGROUP**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES () PRESENT:

Affiliation	Name	1/22/2025
Town of Ashland	Bannon Luckert	✓
	Nora Amos (A)	
Charles City County	Sheri Adams	✓
Chesterfield County	JJ Banuelos	✓
	Barb Smith (A)	
Goochland County	Josh Gillespie	✓
Hanover County	Philip Kempf	✓
	Joseph Vidunas (A)	
Henrico County	Ashley Austin	✓
	Sharon Smidler (A)	
New Kent County	Amy Inman	✓
Powhatan County	Ligon Webb	✓
City of Richmond	Dironna Moore Clarke	
	Kelli Rowan (A)	✓
	Atiba Muse (A)	✓
	Brandon King (A)	✓
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	Todd Scheid	✓
	Sarah Rhodes (A)	

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)	Mitch Huber	
Port of Virginia	Thomas Cross	✓
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Ivan Rucker	✓
GRTC Transit System	Corey Robinson	✓
	Guy Roach (A)	
Ride Finders	John O'Keefe	✓
Tri-Cities Area MPO (TCAMPO)	Ron Svejksky	
	Landon Bridges (A)	✓
Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA)	Chet Parsons	✓
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)	John Leonard	✓
RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) - Chair	Andrew Bunn	✓
Richmond Cycling Corp	Emily Monroe	✓
RVA Rapid Transit	Faith Walker	
	Stephanie Power (A)	✓
	Brittany Thomas King (A)	
Southern Environmental Law Center	Trip Pollard	✓
Youth Representative	Diana Hall	
	Marisa Perez (A)	✓
Partnership for Housing Affordability	Woody Rogers	✓

1. Attendance

L RTP Project manager Sulabh Aryal, welcomed everyone and asked that all Advisory Work Group Members record their respective names and affiliations into the Zoom chat to record attendance.

2. Kickoff Meeting Summary

The LRTP Advisory Work Group Kick-off meeting was held on November 6, 2024. Sulabh Aryal informed the group that the summary of the Kick-off meeting was included within the agenda packet. There were no amendments to the meeting summary.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the committee.

4. LRTP Progress Update

Sulabh outlined the cyclic process of the plan, emphasizing the importance of comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing processes. He also discussed the parallel processes of developing a vision, goals, and objectives, and the translation needs assessment. The conversation ended with a tentative calendar for the work group's milestones, including the approval of the vision goals and objectives, transportation needs assessment, and regional project inclusion guidelines.

5. LRTP Task 4

Deputy Project Manager Dorian Allen discussed the transportation needs assessment for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The goal is to identify issues, needs, and deficiencies in the current multimodal transportation system, such as traffic accidents, pedestrian accidents, and traffic congestion. Dorian outlined the process, which includes analyzing the existing transportation infrastructure and services, developing an inventory of regional multimodal transportation needs, and assessing areas with transportation deficiencies. The analysis will also consider traffic congestion, commuting patterns, and degree of transportation options. Dorian mentioned that they will use various sources of information such as relevant government agencies, industry-specific sources, and census data for the analysis. The data will be visualized through GIS techniques and categorized into modal emphasis, roadway conditions, safety, and environmental data. The ultimate goal is to identify problem areas and promote improvements to meet the mobility needs of diverse populations and promote efficient, safe, and sustainable transportation systems.

Trip Pollard asked if additional environmental factors such as air quality would be included within the needs assessment. John O'Keeffe inquired about car/vanpool services and offered to provide additional information on the subject. Kelli Rowan asked if equity would be a factor in the needs assessment. Dorian referred to where the subject will be addressed later in the presentation. She also addresses the need for an accessibility index to be utilized in the process. Additionally, Stephanie Powers shared her concerns about transportation needs and the need for reliable bus access, particularly in extreme heat conditions. Dorian expressed interest in receiving reports on bus stop conditions under extreme heat.

6. LRTP Public Engagement Update

Engagement Coordinator Holly Gordon presented the public engagement site, **engage.planrva.org**, and its features, including a survey, issue map, and toolkit. She also discussed the importance of dedicated outreach to community groups and encouraged the team to share the toolkit with their networks. Holly also announced a regional symposium on Pi Day.

7. LRTP Data Development Update

Data Manager Sarin Adhikari discussed the development of equity emphasis areas, focusing on various indicators such as minority population, low-income population, disability, transportation accessibility, elderly population, limited English proficiency, and household cost burden. Sarin noted the utilization of data from the American Community Survey to analyze these indicators across the region, highlighting that Charles City, Henrico, and Richmond had higher proportions of minority population, poverty, disability, and households without a car. The distribution of these indicators was generally concentrated in the southern and eastern parts of the region. Sarin also noted that Richmond City, Charles City, Chesterfield, and Henrico County had higher rates of household cost burden. Sarin presented the data they have been using to identify equity emphasis areas, combining indicators and applying geographic weights. Stephanie and Sulabh clarified that the data is from the American Community Survey 2022, a 5-year

estimate from 2017 to 2022. Sulabh added that equity has been a key factor in previous long-range transportation plans, and they are now focusing on it from the beginning of the process. Stephanie also asked about the inclusion of non-English speaking households, which Sarin said they have not delved into yet but could if necessary. Woody Rogers suggested considering transportation cost burden, but Sarin explained that this data is not regularly published by census.

8. LRTP Task 5

Sulabh introduced the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Phase 3, which focuses on the strategic direction for the future. The plan will include a regional strategic plan, translation vision, guiding principles, goals, objectives, strategies, and performance measures. The vision statement from the ConnectRVA 2045 will be reconfirmed, and new goals and objectives will be developed. The plan will undergo a formal public review period before being presented to the Policy Board for approval. Ellen Cook, Project Manager, discussed the regional strategic plan, which is an agency-wide document that informs and guides planning and activities across agency program areas. Sulabh then discussed the vision and guiding principles of the LRTP, which were adopted by the Policy Board last time. He also introduced the concept of goals, strategies, objectives, and performance measures, and provided a sneak peek of the proposed goals, which include safety, sustainability, reliability, and resiliency. The next meeting will focus on discussing the goals, strategies, and objectives in detail.

9. Next Meeting

He mentioned that the next meeting would be in March, with a tentative date of March 26th. He also indicated that the group would be working on developing a needs database and equity emphasis area maps. Sulabh clarified that the group would discuss and approve goals in the next meeting, with the aim of getting recommendations for the Policy Board in April. He also mentioned that they would be sending out a list of issues and needs for review and input. Sulabh provided next steps and instructions for the project, including:

1. All attendees to fill out the form shared by Holly indicating where they can share information about the LRTP public engagement.
2. All attendees to save the date for the Pathways to the Future Regional Symposium on March 14th at the convention centre.
3. Staff to develop draft goals, strategies, and objectives for the LRTP and send to advisory committee members before the March meeting.
4. Staff to prepare materials for breakdown session discussions on goals and objectives for the March meeting.
5. Staff to finalize the issues and needs inventory and send to localities for review and additions in March/April timeframe.
6. All attendees to review the draft vision and goals once sent by staff before the March 26th meeting.
7. Staff to send meeting slides and YouTube recording link to attendees after the meeting.