

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

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
PlanRVA Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224.**

Meeting Summary

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES () PRESENT:

Affiliation	Name	11/6/2024
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'Keeffe	✓
Tri-Cities Area MPO (TCAMPO)	Ron Svejkovsky	✓
	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 (virtual)	✓
Youth Representative	Diana Hall	✓
	Marisa Perez (A)	✓
Partnership for Housing Affordability	Woody Rogers	✓

1. Welcome and Introductions

PlanRVA staff and LRTP Project manager Sulabh Aryal, welcomed everyone and provided some housekeeping items. The attendees then introduced themselves, their roles, and their involvement in previous long-range transportation plans.

2. LRTP Introduction

Sulabh Aryal, provided a brief overview of the LRTP. The LRTP is a significant decision-making tool that projects all reasonably significant transportation needs in the Richmond region for 20 years and beyond. The advisory work group is responsible for providing input and oversight for the development of the 2050 LRTP. The group is expected to make decisions guiding the process and outcomes, and to put forward their perspectives. Locality members are expected to coordinate the process to ensure locality priorities are included in the plan. The LRTP will have a robust public and stakeholder engagement strategy, and the advisory committee is expected to provide support in this engagement process. Following

this a few polling questions were asked to the advisory work group. The polling questions and results are attached after the meeting summary.

3. Overview of the Advisory Workgroup and Ground Rules

Myles Busching, Plan RVA staff, outlined the ground rules for the advisory work group, emphasizing that it's not a public body but still committed to transparency. The group will operate under a consensus model for decision-making, aiming to capture diverse perspectives and reach a middle ground. The process involves staff facilitating discussions, testing for agreement, and implementing decisions. Myles also sought feedback on the decision-making model, which was generally well-received.

4. Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the committee.

5. Federal Regulatory Framework

Dorian Allen, Plan RVA Staff, discussed the Federal Regulatory Framework for LRTP. The LRTP establishes a 20-year planning horizon, provides a description of existing transportation systems, addresses 10 Federal metropolitan transportation planning factors and 7 national goals, and considers short-term and long-term, multimodal solutions. The plan must be fiscally constrained, considering only revenues that can be reasonably expected. The LRTP must also be goal-based, need-based, and performance-based, considering federal measures and targets. The meeting also touched on the need for consultation with various agencies and entities, including those responsible for environment, tourism, emergency management, safety and security operations, interagency consultation for air quality conformity, tribal governments, and housing. The discussion ended with a question about potential changes in transportation policy under the new administration and the possibility of proceeding with the plan under the old regulations.

6. LRTP Scope of Work and Schedule

Sulabh Aryal discussed the scope of work for the LRTP process, which is a continuous, cooperative, cyclic process. The process is divided into eight phases, starting with the development of future conditions and then moving on to scenario planning, strategic direction, existing conditions analysis, options development, financial plan development, plan evaluation, and plan adoption. Sulabh highlighted that this is the first time the LRTP process has looked at multiple futures rather than just one. He also mentioned that the process involves a formal public review period and a general public outreach period. The next steps include discussing phases 3 and 4 in the next meeting.

7. LRTP Public Engagement Strategy

Holly Gordon, Plan RVA staff, emphasized the importance of public engagement in the LRTP development process and the need to build long-term relationships with stakeholders. She also discussed the use of gamification and creative tools to encourage public input.

8. LRTP Branding

Ellen Cook, PlanRVA staff, said that the name used for the Scenario Planning Process will be used for PlanRVA's Regional Strategic Plan, and for the regional topical plans. Therefore the 2050 LRTP will be branded as "Pathways to the Future" – Transportation 2050.

9. Next Meeting

After discussion with the Advisory workgroup, Sulabh Aryal noted that the next meeting will be held on January 22, 2025, at 1 PM via Zoom.