

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
PlanRVA James River Boardroom,  
424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224 and via Zoom**

**October 8, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:**

<b>Town of Ashland</b>		<b>Charles City County</b>		<b>Chesterfield County</b>	
Nora D. Amos	X	Sheri Adams, Vice Chair	X	Barbara K. Smith	X
		Gary Mitchell (A)		J.J. Banuelos (A)	X
<b>Goochland County</b>		<b>Hanover County</b>		<b>Henrico County</b>	
Thomas Coleman (A)		Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler	X
<b>New Kent County</b>		Randy Hardman (A)		Todd Eure (A)	
Amy Inman	X	<b>Powhatan County</b>		<b>City of Richmond</b>	
<b>Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)</b>		Bret Schardein (A)		Dironna Moore Clarke, Chair	X
John B. Rutledge				<b>GRTC</b>	
<b>PlanRVA</b>		<b>DRPT</b>		Patricia Robinson	X
Myles Busching	X	Tiffany T. Dubinsky	X	Corey Robinson (A)	X
Sulabh Aryal (A)	X	Wood Hudson (A)		<b>VDOT</b>	
<b>RideFinders</b>		<b>RMTA</b>		Sarah Rhodes	X
John O'Keeffe (A)	X	Theresa Simmons		Nicole Mueller (A)	

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Clarke opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

**2. Roll Call & Certification of a Quorum**

Janice Scott, PlanRVA, took attendance by roll call and certified that a quorum was present.

**3. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**

Sarah Rhodes, VDOT, requested the agenda be amended to add two requested TIP amendments following item 6.

On motion by Joseph Vidunas, seconded by Sharon Smidler, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to approve the meeting agenda as amended (voice vote).

#### **4. Approval of September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

On motion by John O'Keefe, seconded by Sharon Smidler, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented (voice vote).

#### **5. Open Public Comment Period**

There were no requests to address the committee.

#### **6. TAC Chairman's Report**

Chair Clarke did not have a formal report.

#### **7. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - 125979 – I-64 Exit 211 Interchange Improvements**

Liz McAdory, VDOT, presented this request and reported the following details of the project:

- New Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) via new SR 106 two-lane bridge over I-64
- New signals along Route 106 and the I-64 ramp intersections
- Shared-use path along the west side of SR 106 for the length of the project
- Widening SR 106 to a four-lane divided roadway
- Supports project amended into CLRP for ConnectRVA 2045
- Project location is outside former 8-hour ozone maintenance area

There was a discussion about the funding sources (for this request and the next), including CVTA regional and local funding, and the eventual need for CVTA SPA agreements for the projects.

On motion by Amy Inman, seconded by Sharon Smidler, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval of the TIP Amendment to add project 125979 – I-64 Exit 211 Interchange Improvements to satisfy FHWA's Fiscal Constraint requirements for both the IAR and NEPA processes (voice vote).

#### **8. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - 126496 – I-64 Gayton Rd & Short Pump Area Improvements**

Ms. McAdory presented this request and reported the following details of the project:

- New Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at N Gayton Rd
- Mainline improvements along I-64 and N Gayton Rd
- Restriping the EB I-64 ramp diverge at I-295 to create one exit-only lane and one choice lane
- New auxiliary lane on NB I-295 between I-64 and Nuckols Rd interchanges
- Converting the existing I-64 and US 250 interchange to a partial cloverleaf interchange with improvements along US 250
- New auxiliary lane on WB I-64 between the US 250 and I-295 interchanges
- Project is fiscally constrained in the CLRP for ConnectRVA 2045
- Project location is within the former 8-hour ozone maintenance area

Ms. McAdory clarified that the requests are being made at this time so that the projects can move forward with PE as soon as possible.

On motion by Sharon Smidler, seconded by Sherri Adams, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval of the TIP Amendment to add project 126496 – I-64 Gayton Rd & Short Pump Area Improvements to satisfy FHWA's Fiscal Constraint requirements for both the IAR and NEPA processes (voice vote).

**9. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Jahnke Road - 2 Lane Improvements (UPC 19035)** (item 7 prior to the agenda amendments)

Kerry Ramos presented this request and reported that VDOT submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the Jahnke Road Improvements project, UPC 19035. The project enhances safety and accessibility along the corridor with improved entrances, upgraded traffic signals, a raised median, new sidewalks, a shared-use path, a cycle track, and speed tables.

On motion by Amy Inman, seconded by Sarah Rhodes, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT (voice vote).

**10. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – #SMART18 - BBC PH 1 - BAILEY BR CONN., BRAD MCNEER CONN. (UPC 111713)**

Ansley Heller presented this request and reported that VDOT submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for UPC 111713. Federal funding will build a two-lane road with roundabouts, a bridge, and a path, easing Route 360 congestion and improving safety.

On motion by Barbara Smith, seconded by Joseph Vidunas, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT (voice vote).

**11. Regional Funding Framework Revisions**

Myles Busching presented this request and reported that the Flexible Regional Funding program provides funding to support regional transportation improvements using Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funds. Staff has reviewed the current concerns with the program and conducted some preliminary surveys of TAC members on potential solutions. Moving to a biannual cycle for new projects like the Central Virginia Transportation Authority and Transportation Alternatives programs will allow better alignment of regional funding programs and allow additional time to refine the framework. Several peer MPOs in the Commonwealth have already transitioned to biannual funding cycles.

Committee members had questions and Mr. Busching clarified that this would be for off-cycle years.

On motion by Joseph Vidunas, seconded by Barbara Smith, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend moving new project applications to a biannual cycle to align with the Central Virginia Transportation Authority and Transportation Alternatives programs. Existing project requests will continue to be accepted annually to address critical deficits (voice vote).

**12. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan – Transportation Measures**

Mr. Busching presented this item and reported that PlanRVA is developing a regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) as part of a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This plan will calculate baseline greenhouse gas emissions and identify a path to net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050. The TAC is requested to review the draft transportation measures and actions and provide input on any tools or strategies that have been missed

### **13. Transportation Agency Updates**

#### **a. DRPT**

Tiffany Dubinsky provided an update on DRPT activities. The update is posted with the [meeting documents](#).

#### **b. GRTC**

Corey Robinson provided an update on recent and upcoming GRTC activities including the following:

- In September GRTC hosted four public meetings, pop-up sessions and conducted surveys
- The marketing department reported fifteen mentions of GRTC in the media in September.

#### **c. RideFinders**

John O'Keefe provided an update on recent and upcoming RideFinders activities, including the following:

- Met with the Director of the Great Expectations Program at Reynolds Community College and scheduled Transportation Fairs at the Downtown Campus and Parham Road Campus.
- RideFinders staff attended the following events- John O'Keefe attended the ACT TDM Conference in Denver Colorado. RideFinders staff manned a table at the On the Square event, manned a table at the August 6<sup>th</sup> Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball game for Tri-Cities Night at the Diamond and attended the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Richmond chapter meeting.
- Signed and sent the representation letter to conclude the yearly audit conducted by Brown Edwards.
- Received the RideFinders Report to the Board of Directors and the RideFinders Financial Report from Brown Edwards.
- Created a Back to School Sustainability Edition illustration graphic which featured carpooling, walking, riding the school bus, buying eco-friendly school supplies and reducing paper usage to make the school year more sustainable.
- Continued working with DRPT and Agile Mile to revise program guidelines for the next iteration of Kick\$tart Your Carpool (KYC) program.

#### **d. VDOT**

Sarah Rhodes provided an update on VDOT's recent and upcoming activities. The update is posted with the [meeting documents](#).

### **13. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector**

This was an information item.

### **14. TAC Member Comments**

Nora Amos reported on the planned expansion of the Link program to Virginia Center Commons.

### **15. Next Meeting**

Chair Clarke noted the next meeting will be held on November 12, 2024.

### **16. Adjournment**

Chair Clarke adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.