

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Zoom Meeting**

November 12, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

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

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Adams 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

There were no requested changes

4. Approval of October 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

On motion by Barbara Smith, 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

Neither Chair Clarke nor Vice Chair Adams had a formal report.

7. FY26 Regional Public Transportation Plan Introduction

Patricia Robinson, GRTC, provided an overview of the plan and the process for its approval. She reported that this will be on the December and February TAC agendas and offered to answer any TAC member questions on the plan. She clarified that the paratransit study contract has not yet been awarded.

There was discussion about whether the discussion on the plan would be held under the Public Transportation Working Group or the full TAC. Myles Busching reported that it is at the Policy Board's discretion which group will handle the matter.

8. Regional Funding Framework Review

Mr. Busching reviewed the framework and the issues that have been identified and need to be addressed. He reminded committee members that the Regional Framework covers the process, limits, scoring, allocations, existing projects and leveraging.

The TAC will be asked over the next several months to review each issue. For this meeting, three items will be discussed: time commitment, existing project priority and regional priorities. Committee members discussed each of the three areas.

9. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

There was no DRPT update provided.

b. GRTC

Patricia Robinson provided an update on recent and upcoming GRTC activities including increased service/stops and increased ridership statistics.

c. RideFinders

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

- Completed the upload of GRTC and RideFinders program information for the ACT TDM accreditation pilot program. We will find out in January if RideFinders and GRTC were selected.
- Met with employer training specialist for Hanover County and provided them with information about RideFinders services and the Microtransit Link expansion.
- Attended events for: Walk to School Day at Cool Springs Elementary School in Hanover County; Bike and Roll to School Day at Westover Hills Elementary School in Richmond, and the Route 1 and Link Ashland Microtransit expansion ribbon cutting event.
- Attended ChamberRVA's Mission Tomorrow event with a GRTC operator. Students visited the bus onsite and learned about careers in transit and transportation.
- Hosted GRTC's Rider Advisory Council quarterly meeting in RideFinders conference room.
- Participated in an interview with the [U.S. Government Accountability Office \(U.S. GAO\)](#) discussing how increases in telework have affected transportation, housing, and other issues in response to a Congressional request.

- Submitted RideFinders' Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan (CAPSP) for board approval. The Governing Board approved the CAPSP with a signed resolution that the Board of Directors approves RideFinders' Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan (CAPSP) to serve as a strategic roadmap that will enable the organization to evaluate and adjust its programs and services in response to the changes of mobility and transportation needs throughout its service area.

d. VDOT

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

10. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector

This was an information item.

11. TAC Member Comments

There were no member comments.

12. Next Meeting

Vice Chair Adams noted the next meeting will be held on December 10, 2024.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.