



JOINT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA)
PlanRVA Commission
Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board**

Thursday, December 5, 2024, 9:15 a.m.

PlanRVA James River Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES PRESENT (X):

Town of Ashland		Henrico County	
Anita Barnhart, RRTPO		Chris Bast, PlanRVA	
Brent Chambers, PlanRVA	X	Roscoe Cooper, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X
Steve Trivett, PlanRVA		Tyrone Nelson, CVTA, PlanRVA	X
John H. Hodges, CVTA, RRTPO	X	Jody Rogish, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X
Daniel McGraw, PlanRVA Chair , CVTA	X	Dan Schmitt, CVTA, PlanRVA, RRTPO	
Charles City County		Misty Roundtree, PlanRVA	
Byron M. Adkins, Sr., CVTA, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X	William Mackey, PlanRVA	
Ryan Patterson, CVTA, PlanRVA, RRTPO		New Kent County	
Chesterfield County		John Moyer, CVTA, RRTPO	X
Kevin P. Carroll, CVTA, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X	Jordan Stewart, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X
Tim Davey, PlanRVA		Amy Pearson, CVTA, PlanRVA	X
James Holland, RRTPO, CVTA, PlanRVA		Milton Hathaway, PlanRVA	X
James Ingle, PlanRVA	X	Powhatan County	
Mark S. Miller, PlanRVA, RRTPO		Bill Donati, PlanRVA	X
Frank Petroski, PlanRVA	X	Mark Kinney, CVTA, RRTPO	
Jessica Schneider, RRTPO, PlanRVA	X	Steve McClung, CVTA, PlanRVA, RRTPO	
Goochland County		Denise Morissette, RRTPO	
Dwain Cosby, PlanRVA	X	Bob Powers, PlanRVA, RRTPO	
Jonathan Lyle, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X	Jessica Winall, PlanRVA	
Neil Spoonhower, CVTA, PlanRVA	X	City of Richmond	
Charlie Vaughters, RRTPO		Andreas D. Addison, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X
Tom Winfree, CVTA	X	Cameron George, PlanRVA	X
Hanover County		Katherine L. Jordan, RRTPO	X
Sean M. Davis, CVTA Chair , PlanRVA, RRTPO	X	Cynthia I. Newbille, RRTPO Chair , PlanRVA	
Sue Dibble, PlanRVA	X	Kristen Nye, CVTA	
Ryan Hudson, CVTA, RRTPO		Rodney Poole, PlanRVA	
Larry Leadbetter, PlanRVA	X	Ellen F. Robertson, PlanRVA, RRTPO	
Faye O. Prichard, PlanRVA, RRTPO	X	Mayor Levar M. Stoney, CVTA	
Charlie Waddell, PlanRVA	X		

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES PRESENT (X) continued:

Capital Region Airport Commission		RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)	
Perry Miller, CVTA		Andrew Bunn, RRTPO	
John B. Rutledge, CVTA, RRTPO	X	Senate of Virginia	
Commonwealth Transportation Board		Senator Ghazala F. Hashmi, CVTA	X
J. Rex Davis, CVTA	X	Virginia Department. of Aviation	
Federal Highway Administration		Rusty Harrington, RRTPO	
Thomas L. Nelson Jr., RRTPO		Virginia Department of Transportation	
Ivan Rucker, RRTPO		Stephen Brich, CVTA	
Federal Transit Administration		Dale Totten, CVTA, RRTPO	
Daniel Koenig (Liaison), RRTPO		Mark E. Riblett, CVTA, RRTPO	X
GRTC Transit System		Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation	
Sheryl Adams, CVTA, RRTPO	X	Tiffany T. Dubinsky, RRTPO	X
Adrienne Torres, CVTA, RRTPO		Zach Trogdon, CVTA	
RIC Metropolitan Transp. Authority		Wood Hudson, RRTPO	x
Joi Taylor Dean, CVTA, RRTPO	X	Virginia House of Delegates	
RideFinders		Delegate Rae Cousins, CVTA	X
Cherika N. Ruffin, RRTPO	x	Virginia Port Authority	
John O'Keefe, RRTPO		Stephen Edwards, CVTA	
		Barbara Nelson, CVTA	

Call to Order

Sean M. Davis, Chair, CVTA, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Spoonhower.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Davis welcomed all attendees and welcomed Dr. Daniel McGraw, PlanRVA Chair, and Jody Rogish, RRTPO Policy Board Vice Chair. He also welcomed Frank Thorton, CVTA Chairman Emeritus.

Chair McGraw and Vice Chair Rogish also welcomed attendees and shared their thoughts on their respective agencies and the importance of bringing the three boards together.

Chet Parsons, CVTA Executive Director, shared information on the CVTA's new website.

RVA Rising – A Journey of Progress for Greater Richmond

Martha Shickle, PlanRVA Executive Director, opened the presentation on RVA Rising and introduced Barbara Sipe, United Way, who explained the program and its purpose. The presentation can be found on the meeting webpage.

Ms. Sipe explained that RVA Rising is a long-term, collaborative effort to ensure everyone in the Richmond region can thrive here. Driven by data and community input, RVA Rising brings people and institutions together to pursue strategies that will create systems change and increase economic mobility for all.

The program is a journey of partnership that has been going on since 2020 and picks up where the Capital Region Collaborative left off in 2018. RVA Rising represents a growing coalition of anchors across the region.

RVA Rising is a bold vision that will take a generation to fully realize. The commitment needs to last beyond individual involvement. To ensure the work progresses and milestones are met, a collective impact model is being followed that emphasizes:

1. A high level of coordination and communication to ensure key partners are aligning their efforts towards common goals
2. Community engagement is an essential and ongoing activity that informs key decisions at every stage of this iterative process.

Brian Anderson, Chamber RVA, came forward and provided additional details about the program. He noted that the goal is to highlight the work being done by each locality and ensure resources are where they need to be.

Following the presentation, board members had questions and comments. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Sipe provided clarification on funding for the program. Ms. Shickle offered clarification that real time data is being utilized whenever available. It is directional, but not prescriptive.

Aligning our Organizations with RVA Rising's Vision

Ms. Shickle explained that the Commission recently set a new member dues rate; this will help fund a regional data hub. She reported on efforts to coalesce the regional strategic plan.

Regional Strategic Plan (Pathways to the Future) Vision Themes:

- Strategic and resilient infrastructure
- A healthy environment
- Attainable housing
- A strong economy
- Equitable opportunity and choice for everyone

RVA Rising Alignment Highlights

- PlanRVA's work maps to many of RVA Rising's five areas of focus, particularly work within...
 - Community Development: maps strongly to the Rewarding Work, High-Quality Education, and Opportunity Rich and Inclusive Neighborhoods areas of focus
 - Environment: maps to the Healthy Environment and Access to Good Health Care area of focus
- The 2025 update of the **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)** will include a focus on upward mobility in the data and action plan, and coordination with RVA Rising partners.

RRTPO Vice Chair Rogish announced that the agency was awarded \$1.495 million in FHWA funding through the Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP). This will be used for Pathways to the Future project scoring. More information about the program can be found [here](#).

The purpose of PPPP is to support data-driven approaches to planning that, upon completion, can be evaluated for public benefit. The program provides funding to develop and implement a publicly accessible, transparent prioritization process for the ranking and selection of projects for inclusion in short-range and long-range transportation plans.

Mr. Parsons came forward and explained that there has always been a connection between the CVTA and the planning that's being done at PlanRVA and the RRTPO. The LRTP is created by the RRTPO. CVTA can then provide funding for the necessary projects. To date, the CVTA has committed just over \$1.2 billion in funding to the projects that have been identified in the region.

Mr. Parsons out connections between RVA Rising—PlanRVA providing support for engagement and data, RRTPO producing the regional plan, and CVTA implementing key elements.

Daniel McGraw, PlanRVA Commission Chair, announced that PlanRVA has been awarded \$1.5 billion in FEMA funding through the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant. The funds will be used for enhanced regional resilience, support to vulnerable populations, collaborative community efforts and sustainable planning for the future. More information about the program can be found [here](#).

Special Recognitions and 2024 Chair Reflections

Chair Davis shared his thoughts on the regional progress that's been made since the CVTA's inception.

Frank Thornton came forward and shared his thoughts on the history of the CVTA and expressed his appreciation to board members and other local elected officials for their dedication to serving the citizens of their localities.

Chair Davis presented recognition plaques to Mr. Thornton and Kevin Carroll for their previous service as Chair of the CVTA. Mr. Carroll shared his thoughts on his time as Chair of the Authority. A plaque for Mayor Levar Stoney was given to Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Richmond, who shared his thoughts on the CVTA and what it has accomplished.

Adjournment

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.