

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

February 11, 2025 - 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		Barbara K. Smith	X
Goochland County		Gary Mitchell (A)		J.J. Banuelos (A)	X
Vacant		Hanover County		Henrico County	
New Kent County		Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler	X
Amy Inman	X	Randy Hardman (A)			
Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
John B. Rutledge		Bret Schardein (A)		Dironna Moore Clarke, Chair	X
PlanRVA		DRPT		GRTC	
Myles Busching	X	Tiffany T. Dubinsky		Patricia Robinson	X
Sulabh Aryal (A)	X	Wood Hudson (A)	X	Corey Robinson (A)	
RideFinders		RMTA		VDOT	
John O'Keefe (A)	X	Theresa Simmons		Larry Hagin	
				Todd Scheid (A)	

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Clarke opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

2. Roll Call & Certification of a Quorum

Sidd Kumar, 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 January 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

On motion by Amy Inman, seconded by John O'Keefe, 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 (TIP) – UPC 123761 #SMART24 – HILL CARTER PARKWAY EXTENSION

Ansley Heller, PlanRVA presented this request and reported that the proposed amendment requested by VDOT has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval.

Project Overview:

Federal funding will be used to construct a new roadway and sidewalks connecting N. Hill Carter Parkway from Kitty Hamilton Lane to Quarles Road, make intersection improvements at the intersection of Hill Carter Parkway, Kitty Hamilton Lane, Kitty Hamilton Circle, and the intersection of Haley and Quarles Rd. The project aims to support vehicular and pedestrian safety through the creation of sidewalks and new intersection design.

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

8. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – UPC 123760 #SMART24 - Green Chimney

Ansley Heller, PlanRVA presented this request and reported that the proposed amendment requested by VDOT has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval.

Project Overview:

Federal funding will be used to extend the existing Green Chimneys Court intersection with US 1 to connect to Hill Carter Parkway. This project creates a complete through connection with a 2-lane undivided road segment complete with 5 ft sidewalks on either side. The project aims to support vehicular and pedestrian safety through improved design.

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

9. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – GRTC068 – Permanent Downtown Transfer Hub NEPA

Ansley Heller, PlanRVA presented this request and reported that the proposed amendment requested by VDOT has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval.

Project Overview:

This project will conduct a review of the proposed permanent downtown transfer hub in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including preliminary design work. The purpose of a NEPA review is to understand the range of alternative solutions and assess the potential impacts to the natural and built environments from a proposed course of action. Ultimately, this study will help to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the potential impacts of the proposed project as it progresses to final design and construction.

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

10. FY26 Regional Public Transportation Plan

Ansley Heller, PlanRVA presented this request and explained the priority list for FY26. The operating revenue and planned service updates were reviewed.

Committee members discussed the need for appropriate transitions with respect to the proposed route eliminations. Patricia Robinson, GRTC, provided clarification on GRTC’s plans for these changes. Members had questions about various aspects of the plan, including other planned changes and fares. Ms. Robinson offered clarification on those items.

On motion by Sharon Smidler, seconded by Barbara Smith, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend approval of the priorities for the FY26 Regional Public Transportation Plan as requested (voice vote).

11. BikePedRVA 2045 Update

Phil Riggan, PlanRVA, provided this update and shared a story map of the plan. The definitions of spines and spurs was reviewed. Mr. Riggan reported that the survey will be shared with committee members.

12. Regional Transportation Safety Planning

Myles Busching, PlanRVA, provided this update and shared statistics on the fatalities and serious injuries over the past five years. Progress in reducing serious injuries and fatalities has been slowed. The efforts that are underway statewide and within the localities were reviewed along with proposed ideas as to how RRTPO can assist in these efforts.

Committee members discussed the following:

- Possibly exploring opportunities to work with other groups and VDOT to explore using shared resources and other initiatives.
- The importance of safety education and awareness campaigns. Mr. Busching indicated that the plan is to have a portion of each TAC meeting be dedicated to safety. Funding would need to be identified in order to initiate an education campaign. The Vision Zero group will be reconvened to identify outreach strategies. Committee members discussed possible funding sources, such as DMV programs.
- The importance of accurate reporting to document near misses and other incidents. Mr. Busching clarified that a system for localities to report these is being developed.

13. Flexible Regional Funding – Existing Project Requests Summary

Mr. Busching provided this summary and reported that ten applications have been received. They are being reviewed and will be brought back to TAC at the next meeting.

14. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

There was no update from DRPT. Mr. Hudson noted the agency is monitoring federal developments with respect to funding.

b. GRTC

Corey Robinson reported on GRTC's public safety officer and ambassador program; these individuals will be present on buses to assist drivers and riders.

c. RideFinders

John O'Keefe provided an update on recent and upcoming RideFinders activities.

d. VDOT

There was no update from VDOT.

15. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector

This was an information item.

16. TAC Member Comments

There were no member comments.

17. Next Meeting

Chair Clarke noted the next meeting will be held on March 11, 2025.

18. Adjournment

Chair Clarke adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.