

CENTRAL VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
PlanRVA James River Boardroom and via Zoom
424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224

Members Present:

Jurisdiction/ Agency	Member	Present	Absent	Designee	Present	Absent
Town of Ashland	John H. Hodges, Vice Chair			Daniel McGraw	X	
Charles City County	Byron Adkins, Sr.	X		Ryan Patterson		
Chesterfield County	Kevin P. Carroll	X (virtual)		James Holland		
Goochland County	Neil Spoonhower			Tom Winfree		
Hanover County	Sean Davis	X		Ryan Hudson		
Henrico County	Tyrone Nelson	X		Vacant		
New Kent County	John Moyer	X		Amy Pearson		
Powhatan County	Steve McClung	X		Mark Kinney		
City of Richmond	Mayor Levar M. Stoney, Chair	X		Kristin Nye		
VA House of Delegates	Vacant			N/A		
Senate of Virginia	Senator Ghazala F. Hashmi			N/A		
Commonwealth Transportation Board	J. Rex Davis	X		N/A		

Non-Voting Ex-Officio

Agency	Member	Present	Absent	Designee	Present	Absent
CRAC	Perry J. Miller	X		John Rutledge		
GRTC	Sheryl Adams	X		Adrienne Torres		
RMTA	Joi Taylor Dean	X		N/A		
VDRPT	Jennifer DeBruhl			Zach Trogden	X	
VDOT	Stephen Brich			Dale Totten (A)	X	
				Mark Riblett (A)		
Virginia Port Authority	Stephen A. Edwards			Cathie J. Vick		
				Barbara Nelson	X	

The technology used for the CVTA meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom and YouTube Live Streaming and was open and accessible for participation by members of the public. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

Call to Order

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Chairman, Levar M. Stoney, presided and called the February 23, 2024, Central Virginia Transportation Authority meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Stoney.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Stoney welcomed all attendees.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Confirmation of Member Participation from a Remote Location

Chair Stoney reported that two members requested approval to participate remotely:

- Barbara Nelson, for the following reason: principal residence location more than 60 miles from the meeting location.
- Kevin Carroll, for the following reason: a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance.

Chair Stoney announced his approval of the requests to participate remotely.

On motion by Steve McClung, seconded by John Moyer, the Authority voted unanimously to approve the members' requests to participate from a remote location were in conformance with the CVTA Policy for Remote Participation of member; and, the voice of the remotely participating members could be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location (voice vote).

The quorum was updated to show the presence of the remote members.

2. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

There were no requested amendments to the agenda.

3. Approval of the January 26, 2024, CVTA Meeting Minutes

On motion by Tyrone Nelson, seconded by John Moyer, the members of the Authority voted to approve the CVTA meeting minutes as amended (voice vote).

4. Open Public Comment Period

There were no citizens present in-person or virtually wishing to offer public comments.

5. CVTA Chairman's Report

Chair Stoney reported on the importance of a spirit of regionalism and inclusion of the needs of every locality in the region when determining the regional funding scenario. He noted he had asked the Finance Committee to consider cost benefits, regional benefit, adjustment to localities' funding requests, project readiness, leveraging opportunities and other locality support. The Technical Advisory Committee was asked to consider the use of an additional year of funding in the funding cycle. He detailed priorities necessary to achieve growth balance in the region.

B. PUBLIC HEARING – CVTA REGIONAL REVENUE DRAFT FUNDING SCENARIO

Mr. Parsons presented this matter. There was a public comment period from February 8 – February 22. The 146 written comments received were compiled and distributed to Authority members and are posted on the meeting webpage. He noted that the comments will be on the

original published projects. TAC has now added both an additional year of funding plus absorption of a bond reserve that is not yet necessary to the draft and the Authority will be asked to take action on that amended recommendation.

Chair Stoney opened the public hearing and asked that anyone wishing to speak on the matter come forward.

John Lugbill, SportsBackers, came forward and spoke in support of funding for the Fall Line Trail, citing the benefits of the trail.

Rob Whitehead, Henrico County resident, came forward to speak in opposition to the New Osborne Turnpike and Route 5 corridor improvements project, citing detriments to residents in the area.

Authority member Tyrone Nelson and Todd Eure, Henrico County, clarified that the bridge in question will be wide enough to accommodate four lanes in the future, but will be configured initially for two lanes with a center turn lane.

Gray Montrose, Henrico County resident, came forward to speak in opposition to the New Osborne Turnpike and Route 5 corridor improvements project, citing the Virginia Environmental Justice Act and air pollution from increased traffic in the area.

Mr. Nelson commented on the importance of the project to the region in assuring a safe route onto Williamsburg Road and provide a solution to the existing bottleneck.

Stuart Schwartz, Partnership for Smarter Growth, came forward to speak in opposition to the New Osborne Turnpike and Route 5 corridor improvements project, citing concerns with the future expansion of the bridge to four lanes and detriments to residents in the area.

Susan Wagner, Henrico County resident, came forward to speak in opposition to the New Osborne Turnpike and Route 5 corridor improvements project, citing detriments to area residents.

Aileen Rivera, Henrico County resident, spoke via Zoom in opposition to the New Osborne Turnpike and Route 5 corridor improvements project, citing detriments to area residents and the cost of the project.

As there were no other individuals present, in-person or virtually, who indicated they wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

C. ACTION ITEMS

CVTA Regional Projects Cycle – Project List and Regional Revenue Draft Funding Scenario

Mr. Parsons presented this matter and detailed the work that has been done over the past six months by staff, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Finance Committee to develop the draft funding scenario.

Mr. Nelson addressed the concerns expressed about the New Osborne project. He detailed the safety improvements that the bridge will allow. He requested the Authority take action today to include funding to conduct an updated study in support of an updated traffic study.

Chair Stoney noted that this could be pulled from the list of projects for separate action by the Authority.

On motion by Tyrone Nelson, seconded by John Moyer, the Authority voted unanimously to approve the Project List and Regional Revenue Draft Funding Scenario, as amended to remove the Route 5/New Osborne Turnpike improvements project for separate consideration and vote (roll call vote; see attachment A).

On motion by Tyrone Nelson, seconded by Kevin Carroll, the Authority voted to approve funding to conduct an updated study in support of an updated traffic pattern for an improved two-lane roadway with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations and undertake a NEPA study to include consideration of phasing estimates, cost estimates, and community and environmental alternatives. The study will include analysis of proposed intersection improvements at Williamsburg Road/Hatcher and New Osborne Turnpike/Route 5 and a bridge over the CSX rail yard with details to come. The study will include multiple opportunities for public involvement and input with a value of \$4 million (roll call vote; see attachment A).

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. CVTA Finance Committee Update

a. Finance Committee Chair's Report

Mr. Parsons reported that the committee worked on preparing the funding scenario presented for consideration.

b. Financial Activity and Investment Reports

Mr. Parsons reviewed the financial activity and investment reports. He noted local distributions over the fiscal year of just over \$45 million and the regional fund has received just under \$32 million. The interest earnings for the fiscal year are just over \$5 million on short-term reinvestment of funds.

2. CVTA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

a. TAC Chair's Report

Dironna Moore Clarke, CVTA TAC Chair, came forward and provided an overview of TAC activity. She reported that the committee met on February 5th to approve the process for the cost benefit analysis. A special meeting was held on February 16th where the committee worked out the revised list for the recommended funding scenario that was approved today. She thanked her fellow committee members for the work done on the matter.

Chair Stoney thanked the TAC for the work done on the matter as well.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. CVTA Member Comments

John Moyer commented on the importance of reviewing procedures continually to clarify for each upcoming round.

Chair Stoney commented that there were comments submitted as well for the public hearing. Those comments will be included in the public record.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stoney adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Approve the Project List and Regional Revenue Draft Funding Scenario, as amended to remove

Motion as presented: the Route 5/New Osborne Turnpike improvements project for separate consideration and vote

First: Rev. Nelson

Second: Mr. Moyer

Select location of proposed service/facility =

Members	Population*	Weighted Votes	UNWEIGHTED				Voting Check	Population "Yays"	WEIGHTED	
			"Yay"	"Nay"	Abstain	Absent			"Yay"	"Nay"
Ashland	7,873	1	1				Ok	7,873	1	0
Charles City	6,773	1	1				Ok	6,773	1	0
Chesterfield	364,548	4	1				Ok	364,548	4	0
Goochland	24,727	2				1	Ok	-	0	0
Hanover	102,106	3	1				Ok	102,106	3	0
Henrico	334,389	4	1				Ok	334,389	4	0
New Kent	22,945	2	1				Ok	22,945	2	0
Powhatan	30,333	2	1				Ok	30,333	2	0
Richmond	226,610	4	1				Ok	226,610	4	0
Delegate		1				1	Ok		0	0
Senator		1				1	Ok		0	0
CTB Member		1	1				Ok		1	0
* Census 2020	1,120,304	26	9	0	0	3	12	1,095,577	22	0

A "Valid" vote requires all 12 members to have their vote marked "Yay", "Nay", "Abstain" or marked "Absent". **VALID**

OVERALL VOTE = **PASS**

Voting Check	VALID
Quorum Present	YES
4/5 Population in Affirmative	PASS

Quorum:

A majority of the voting members of the Authority (or designees) shall constitute a quorum. There are 12 voting members, therefore at least 7 members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Quorum Present

YES

Rule:

Decisions of the Authority shall require an affirmative vote of those present and voting whose votes represent at least four-fifths of the population embraced by the Authority; however, no motion to fund a specific facility or service shall fail because of this population criterion if such facility or service is not located or to be located or provided or to be provided within the county or city whose chief elected officer's or elected official's, or its respective designee's, sole negative vote caused the facility or service to fail to meet the population criterion.

A. Four-fifths of the pop. embraced by the Authority =

B. Pop. of voting members (cities & counties) present & voting in the affirmative =

If B. is less than A., vote **FAILS**.

896,243

1,095,577 ←

PASS

If B. is greater than or equal than A., motion **PASSES**.

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1	0
22	0

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