

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

March 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	X	Barbara K. Smith	X
Goochland County		Gary Mitchell (A)		J.J. Banuelos (A)	X
Josh Gillespie	X	Hanover County		Henrico County	
New Kent County		Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler	X
Amy Inman	X	Randy Hardman (A)		Ashley Austin	
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)	X
RideFinders		RMTA		VDOT	
John O'Keeffe (A)	X	Theresa Simmons		Larry Hagin	X
				Todd Scheid (A)	X

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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 February 11, 2025, 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

Chair Clarke reported that there are a number of action items on today's agenda that will be moved to the Policy Board.

7. BikePedRVA Plan Update

Phil Riggan, PlanRVA, presented this item and reported that the purpose of BikePedRVA 2045 was to update the 2004 Richmond Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, document the progress since then, and forecast a vision for the next 25 years. The plan was adopted by the RRTPO Policy Board in May 2022 and was prepared in coordination with the ConnectRVA 2045 long-range transportation plan.

Rather than allow the plan to sit on a shelf, it has been our plan to continue to update the data and track the progress as it is made. That includes the selection of projects, funding, implementation, completion, and eventual maintenance of projects that provide connections in the development of an active transportation network.

PlanRVA relies on each locality to provide updates on the progress made in their jurisdictions. The data we collect is gathered and presented collectively to view as a region. We track the active transportation projects that have been implemented and the envisioned future projects proposed by the localities with shape files and update them on our BikePedRVA website. Over the past year, staff have worked with local partners to update our proposed projects layer.

This update is being undertaken to serve two purposes. First, BikePedRVA 2045 is used in evaluating and scoring projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). A small portion of a project's score is based on its inclusion and classification (regional spine, regional spur, local) in the plan.

Second, the projects included in the plan will be used to inform the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Pathways to the Future: Transportation 2050. Projects and conceptual connections in the bike-ped plan are included as needs for the LTRP and certain project types like off-road trails are expected to be included in the constrained list of regionally important projects in the plan.

As part of this update, staff have been working to develop concise definitions of regional spines and spurs to use in classifying new trails. The following definitions have been adapted from the approved plan and are presented for TAC's consideration and discussion.

A **spine route** refers to a major interregional active transportation corridor that serves as the backbone of a comprehensive, interconnected network for bicyclists and pedestrians across the Richmond region.

A **spur route** refers to an active transportation route that serves to connect vulnerable road users to activity centers and/or to spine routes within the Richmond region on corridors that are safe and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities.

Following the presentation members had comments and recommended edits to the proposed projects in Chesterfield. Additional information was requested on the New Kent portion of the plan. Mr. Riggan clarified that the plan has not been reviewed by other cycling groups; rather, it has pulled in the information from each locality's plan.

There were questions about the process for updating the plan. Staff's goal is to update this document every two years and line it up with the TAC process. Recommended changes that

are received by staff in the next couple weeks can be included. The action for today is intended to lock down the spines and spurs; updates can still be made to specific projects before it goes to the Policy Board for approval.

For Goochland County the following points were noted:

- The dark blue/purple on the displayed map is difficult to distinguish and should be updated to be easier to read.
- The small activity centers should be added to the map.
- There is a conceptual river crossing between Powhatan and Goochland that is actually a current bridge.
- River Road was suggested as a better route (spine) through the county.

On motion by Nora Amos, seconded by Barbara Smith, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to defer action on the BikePedRVA 2045 Plan update to the next RRTPO TAC meeting (voice vote).

8. Flexible Regional Funding – Existing Project Requests

Myles Busching, PlanRVA, presented this item and reported that under Federal law and agreements with state agencies, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) has authority to select projects and program regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, including the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside. In June 2021, the RRTPO Policy Board adopted updated guidelines for project selection and the allocation of regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The guidelines have subsequently been amended to include the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). These guidelines are available for [review on the PlanRVA website](#).

In January 2025, as part of the funding process, the RRTPO sent out a call for applications for existing projects seeking additional funding. The RRTPO received a total of nine (9) applications asking for additional funding. These projects are currently in progress and are at different stages. Each project is seeking additional funding to cover the shortfall. To address these deficits, the projects are seeking financial support from the RRTPO to ensure their successful completion. A summary of the requests was provided.

Following the presentation the committee members had questions about the advertisement of the Jahnke Road project. Mr. Busching clarified that it will be readvertised.

The Ridefinders project was for Employee Trip Reduction; this is for incentives for City of Richmond employees to use alternative ways to travel to work. The city is working with Ridefinders to explore expansion of the program across the region.

On motion by Barbara Smith, seconded by Sharon Smidler, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to defer action on the Flexible Regional Funding – Existing Project Requests to the next RRTPO TAC meeting (voice vote).

9. Regional Funding Framework Review

Mr. Busching presented this item and reported that the remaining items are BikePed and the overall time commitment. He recapped the previous TAC discussion and recommendations. The TAP program recommended changes were reviewed.

10. ConnectRVA 2045 Amendment – I-64/250 Interchange Improvements

Sulabh Aryal, PlanRVA, presented this item and reported in the recommended additions and deletions to the amendment. Following the presentation, committee members had comments and the requested changes.

On motion by Sharon Smidler, seconded by Josh Gillespie to defer action on a until the next Policy Board meeting (voice vote).

11. Rural Transportation Analysis Update

Dan Motta, PlanRVA, presented this item and reported that the Rural Transportation Needs and Alternatives Analysis is designed to better understand and address the public transportation needs of rural communities in the counties of Charles City, Goochland, Hanover, New Kent, and Powhatan.

Following the presentation, committee members had comments and suggestions about the update. There was a consensus to bring further information on this matter back to the TAC for further review.

FY26 UPWP Priorities

Mr. Busching presented this item and reported on that this year is a convergence of getting several priorities finalized. Mr. Busching reported that staff is continuing on the multi-modal priority.

12. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

Wood Hudson provided an update on recent and upcoming DRPT activities.

b. GRTC

Corey Robinson provided an update on recent and upcoming GRTC activities.

c. RideFinders

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

d. VDOT

Larry Hagin provided an update on recent and upcoming VDOT activities.

13. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector

This was an information item.

14. TAC Member Comments

There were no member comments.

15. Next Meeting

Chair Clarke noted the next meeting will be held on April 8, 2025.

16. Adjournment

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