

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
PlanRVA James River Boardroom,
424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224 and via Zoom
March 12, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
Nora D. Amos	X	Gary Mitchell, Vice Chair	X	Barbara K. Smith	X
Kerri Ragland		Rhonda Russell (A)		Chessa Walker (A)	
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
Austin Goyne	X	Joseph E. Vidunas, Chair	X	Sharon Smidler	X
Thomas Coleman (A)		Randy Hardman (A)		Todd Eure (A)	
New Kent County		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
Amy Inman	X	Bret Schardein (A)		Dironna Moore Clarke	X
Kelli Le Duc (A)				GRTC	
Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)		DRPT		Patricia Robinson	X
John B. Rutledge	X	Tiffany T. Dubinsky		Corey Robinson (A)	X
PlanRVA		Daniel Wagner (A)	X	VDOT	
Myles Busching	X	RMTA		Sarah Rhodes	X
Sulabh Aryal (A)	X	Theresa Simmons		Nicole Mueller (A)	
RideFinders					
John O'Keefe (A)	X				

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Virtual participation in this meeting by members of the committee is authorized under the City of Richmond Res. No. 2020-R025, - declaration of a local emergency due to the potential spread of COVID-19, adopted March 16, 2020. The resolution is available [here](#).

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Vidunas opened the meeting at 9:02 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 amendments to the agenda.

4. Approval of March 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

On motion by Dironna Moore Clarke, 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 Vidunas reminded everyone that the Transportation Forum is this Friday at Main Street Station.

7. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – #SMART24 - I-64 Gap Widening - Segment B (UPC 123831)

Myles Busching, Director of Transportation, presented this request and offered to answer any questions. The amendment requested by VDOT has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval.

Project Overview: The project will widen I-64 from mile marker 215.6 to mile marker 224.3. The improvement will be for about 8.7 miles.

ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency: ConnectRVA 2045 establishes categories of projects which are regional in nature and must be included in the constrained long-range plan (CLRP) prior to inclusion in the TIP. Conversely, other project types are considered either local or programmatic in nature and can advance without being specifically listed. The project types under each category can be reviewed in Chapter 5 of ConnectRVA 2045. Figure 1 graphically shows the consistency review process.

This project is regionally significant included in the constrained long-range plan. Further, this project is already included in the FY24 – FY27 TIP.

Air Quality Conformity: Portions of the RRTPO were formerly part of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area and projects in these areas must either be part of the Regional Conformity Assessment or must be exempt from air quality conformity analysis under federal regulations prior to being added to the TIP. However, this project is not in any of the localities that were a part of the 8-hour ozone maintenance area and does not change the analysis. This project is already included in the STIP/TIP and is regionally significant.

Fiscal Constraint: The proposed changes to the TIP are reflective of the approved FY24 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the latest project estimate. The changes that trigger an amendment are as follows; release \$23,323,495 (Other: State) & add \$2,500,000 (AC-NHFP) FFY24, add \$2,500,000 (ACC-NHFP) FFY25 PE phase; release \$1,000,000 (Other: State) & add \$100,000 (AC-NHFP) FFY24, add \$100,000 (ACC-NHFP) FFY25 RW phase; release \$165,935,226 (Other: State) & add \$218,568,429 (AC-Other), release \$2,600,000 (ACNHFP) FFY24, release \$2,600,000 (ACC-NHFP) FFY25 CN phase.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions:

NHFP – The national highway freight program provides funding to facilitate the highway and freight systems. These projects are selected directly by the RRTPO consistent with the regional funding framework.

AC - An innovative financing technique which allows a project to proceed without federal obligation authority while maintaining the ability to convert to federal obligations in the future. These projects are selected directly by the RRTPO consistent with the regional funding framework.

On motion by Amy Inman, seconded by Gary Mitchell, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the TIP amendments as requested by VDOT (roll call vote; see below):

Jurisdiction/Agency	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Town of Ashland	Nora D. Amos	X			
Charles City County	Gary Mitchell	X			
Chesterfield County	Barbara Smith	X			
Goochland County	Austin Goyne	X			
Hanover County	Joseph E. Vidunas	X			
Henrico County	Sharon Smidler	X			
New Kent County	Amy Inman	X			
Powhatan County	Bret Schardein				X
City of Richmond	Dironna Moore Clarke	X			
CRAC	John B. Rutledge	X			
DRPT	Daniel Wagner				X
GRTC	Patricia Robinson	X			
PlanRVA	Myles Busching	X			
RideFinders	John O'Keeffe (A)	X			
RMTA	Theresa Simmons				X
VDOT	Sarah Rhodes	X			

8. FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Mr. Busching presented this request. Staff have conducted a midyear review of the work program, progress on planned tasks, and the available budget. Based upon this review and in recognition of the focus needed to achieve agency and partner priorities, staff have prepared a revised budget to ensure the necessary work can be completed for the balance of the fiscal year (ending June 30).

Summary of Proposed Changes: The major changes to the funding within the task in the work program can be summarized as follows:

1. Distribute Contingency Funds (7230) to support additional outreach and engagement, regional plan coordination, program administration, and long-range planning efforts as we ramp up for the 2050 long-range transportation plan.
2. Redistribute surplus short-range transportation planning funds primarily from the financial planning and programming (7420) subtask to support long-range planning efforts and program administration.

Within each broader task, the subtasks have also been redistributed to better reflect the balance of remaining work and available staff support.

On motion by Gary Mitchell, seconded by Dironna Moore Clarke, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the UPWP amendment as presented (roll call vote; see below):

Jurisdiction/Agency	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Town of Ashland	Nora D. Amos	X			
Charles City County	Gary Mitchell	X			
Chesterfield County	Barbara Smith	X			
Goochland County	Austin Goyne	X			
Hanover County	Joseph E. Vidunas	X			
Henrico County	Sharon Smidler	X			
New Kent County	Amy Inman	X			
Powhatan County	Bret Schardein				X
City of Richmond	Dironna Moore Clarke	X			
CRAC	John B. Rutledge	X			
DRPT	Daniel Wagner	X			X
GRTC	Patricia Robinson	X			
PlanRVA	Myles Busching	X			
RideFinders	John O’Keeffe (A)	X			
RMTA	Theresa Simmons				X
VDOT	Sarah Rhodes	X			

9. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

Daniel Wagner 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’Keeffe provided an update on recent and upcoming RideFinders activities, including the following:

- Started 5 new vanpools
- Continuing to work with FourSquare ITP on the RideFinders Strategic Plan
- Continuing to promote the Kick\$tart your carpool pilot to employers.
- 587 recorded carpool trips in February with 26 participants.

d. VDOT

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

14. [PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector \(linked\)](#)

This was an information item.

15. TAC Member Comments

Nora Amos commented that there will be a ribbon cutting for the Ashland Microtransit Link on March 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the Ashland Town Hall.

16. Next Meeting

Chair Vidunas noted the next meeting will be held on April 9, 2024.

17. Adjournment

Chair Vidunas adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.