

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
PlanRVA James River Boardroom,
424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224 and via Zoom
May 14, 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		Barbara K. Smith	X
				Chessa Walker (A)	X
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		Bret Schardein (A)		Dironna Moore Clarke	X
Kelli Le Duc (A)				GRTC	
Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)		DRPT		Patricia Robinson	
John B. Rutledge		Tiffany T. Dubinsky	X	Corey Robinson (A)	X
PlanRVA		Daniel Wagner (A)		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 April 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes

On motion by Sarah Rhodes, 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 Vidunas reminded everyone that the Transportation Forum is this Friday at Main Street Station.

7. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Atlee Station Road Widening, Phase 2 (UPC 115195)

Myles Busching, RRTPO Secretary, presented this request and reported that the amendment was requested by VDOT. It has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval.

On motion by Barbara Smith, seconded by Joe Vidunas, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes 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
GRTC	Corey Robinson	X			
PlanRVA	Myles Busching	X			
RideFinders	John O’Keeffe (A)	X			
RMTA	Theresa Simmons				X
VDOT	Sarah Rhodes	X			

8. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - Transforming Rail in Virginia / VPRA (UPC 124309)

Mr. Busching presented this request and reported that the amendment will update the planned obligations and estimated cost for the State-Sponsored Amtrak Service/Transforming Rail in Virginia Initiative project (UPC 124309). This project is already included in the TIP as of November 2023. The CMAQ funding on this project was expected to be flexed to FTA and administered through DRPT. The project cost and planned obligations were split across MPOs based on stops served.

Committee members had questions and Mr. Busching clarified that are a handful of projects in the STIP that encompass areas larger than this region. Sarah Rhodes clarified that this is a large, unique statewide project.

On motion by Dironna Moore Clarke, seconded by Barbara Smith, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented (roll call vote; see below).

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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	Corey Robinson	X			
PlanRVA	Myles Busching	X			
RideFinders	John O’Keeffe (A)	X			
RMTA	Theresa Simmons				X
VDOT	Sarah Rhodes	X			

Amy Inman joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

9. Regional Funding Framework Revisions

Mr. Busing reported that there have been concerns expressed regarding:

- Time commitment
- Existing project priority and cost overruns
- Not funding regional priorities
- Reduced funding options for bike/ped
- Project readiness
- Coordination and timing

Mr. Busching shared results of the preliminary review that was conducted by staff. The plan is to gain consensus to conduct an in-depth review and potentially develop an update to the program framework.

Members volunteered to be part of the review group: Austin Goyne, Sharon Smidler, Dironna Moore Clarke and Sarah Rhodes.

10. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Update

Nicole Keller, PlanRVA, presented this update to the committee. She provided an overview of the grant and the deliverables for the next four years.

She explained that there is a real need to align the long-range transportation plan with the CPRG. The presented two models/options for TAC to participate and work to align the plans to best achieve the 2050 targets.

Committee members had questions and Ms. Keller explained that part of the plan development includes analysis of who is authorized to initiate the recommended measures.

TAC members shared their preferences on the two options for participation. There was a consensus to opt for Model 1 – Updates at some TAC meetings. Corey Robinson, GRTC, volunteered to be part of the transportation workgroup.

11. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky provided an update on upcoming DRPT events:

- May 16 – Public hearing for FY25 six-year plan.
- May 29 - Open house to celebrate the career and retirement for DRPT's executive director.

b. GRTC

Corey Robinson provided this update. He reported on GRTC's new employees, route extensions and realignment, Link microtransit launches and recent ridership statistics.

c. RideFinders

John O'Keefe provided an update on recent and upcoming RideFinders activities, including the following:

- Attended the following employer events- Lunch and Learn at DEQ and Office of Attorney General Benefits Fair.
- Participated in Southampton Elementary School's Career Day and attended ChamberRVA's Inside Peak on Richmond Downtown Development.
- Continued assisting GRTC with Microtransit outreach in Ashland and Clover Dale zones.
- Hosted RideFinders Advisory Board on April 23rd and provided organizational updates.
- RideFinders has been selected by the Association for Commuter Transportation to participate in a new TDM accreditation pilot program.

d. VDOT

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

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

This was an information item.

11. TAC Member Comments

Dironna Moore Clarke holding its Spring Speed Symposium tonight at Main Street Station.

12. Next Meeting

Chair Vidunas noted the next meeting will be held on June 11, 2024.

13. Adjournment

Chair Vidunas adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.