

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

**MINUTES OF ACTION MEETING
Zoom Meeting
June 14, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
Nora D. Amos	X	Rhonda Russell		Barbara K. Smith	
Vacant (A)		Gary Mitchell (A)		Chessa Walker (A)	X
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
Austin Goyne	X	Joseph E. Vidunas		Sharon Smidler, FY22 Vice Chair	X
Thomas M. Coleman (A)	X	J. Michael Flagg (A)		Todd Eure (A)	
New Kent County		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
Kelli Le Duc, FY22 Chair	X	Bret Schardein		Dironna Moore Clarke	X
		(vacant) (A)		Travis A. Bridewell (A)	X
Capital Region Airport Commission		DRPT		GRTC	
John B. Rutledge		Tiffany T. Dubinsky	X	Sam Sink	
		Daniel Wagner (A)	X	Patricia Robinson (A)	X
PlanRVA		RideFinders		RMTA	
Chet Parsons	X	Von S. Tisdale		Theresa Simmons	
Sulabh Aryal (A)	X	John O'Keefe (A)	X		
VDOT					
Liz McAdory					
Nicole Mueller (A)	X				

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STATEMENT REGARDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Chet Parsons, PlanRVA, shared the statement on virtual meetings.

CALL TO ORDER

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair, Kelli Le Duc, presided and called the June 14, 2022, RRTPO TAC meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM

Janice Firestone, Program Coordinator, took attendance by roll call and certified that a quorum was present.

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda

Seeing and hearing no objections, the May 10, 2022, agenda was approved by acclamation as presented.

2. Approval of May 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

On motion of John O'Keeffe, seconded by Tiffany Dubinsky, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the May 10, 2022, meeting by acclamation (voice vote) as presented.

3. Open Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the Technical Advisory Committee.

4. TAC Chairman's Report

There was no report from the Chair.

5. RRTPO Update

a. Current Work Efforts

Mr. Parsons provided this report and offered to answer any questions.

b. CTAC Update

Mr. Parsons directed the committee members to this report.

c. 2050 Socioeconomic Data Workgroup -Update

Mr. Parsons reported that the workgroup has been established. The schedule for meetings is being developed. Sulabh Aryal, PlanRVA, confirmed that all jurisdictions and organizations have designated members and a kick-off meeting is being scheduled for July.

6. Smart Scale Round 5 – RRTPO Projects

Myles Busching, PlanRVA, provided a recap of the applications that were submitted. The list of twelve projects needs to be narrowed down to ten. He reported that the Powhite Parkway Extension project was recently included as a replacement; it meets all project criteria. Staff recommends inclusion of that project.

On motion of Sharon Smidler, seconded by Chessa Walker, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend RRTPO Policy Board approval of the resolution. (See Appendix A).

RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) selects the following ten (10) projects for Smart Scale Round 5:

1. I-95/Route 10 Interchange Improvement, Phase II
2. 288/360: Rt. 360 at Brad McNeer Pkwy. Continuous Green T
3. Powhite Parkway Extension, Phase I
4. SB 288 Continuous HSR Lane - West Creek Parkway to Route 711
5. W Broad Street Intersection Improvements at Parham Road
6. Nine Mile Road Improvements
7. Williamsburg Road Improvements
8. I-64 Gap: Exit 205 to Exit 211
9. Fall Line Trail - Commerce Road, Phase II
10. Broad Street Streetscape (US250) with Pulse Expansion, Phase III

FURTHER RESOLVED that the RRTPO directs staff to coordinate with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Town of Ashland to submit the Vaughan Road Overpass for federal Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant funding.

7. Smart Scale Round 5 – Locality/Agency Project Endorsement

Mr. Busching presented this item to the committee and offered to answer any questions. Mr. Parsons offered clarified that the PlanRVA applications

On motion of Sharon Smidler, seconded by Dironna Moore Clarke, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend RRTPO Policy Board approval of the resolution. (See Appendix A).

WHEREAS all Smart Scale projects within the MPO area not included in or consistent with the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) require a resolution of support from the Richmond Regional Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board; and

WHEREAS all locality-sponsored Smart Scale applications addressing needs on Corridors of Statewide Significance also require a resolution of support from the RRTPO Policy Board;

RESOLVED that the RRTPO Policy Board supports submission of the following locality and transit agency projects in the MPO study area for Smart Scale Round 5:

Ashland

- Hill Carter Parkway Extension
- Trolley Line Trail Phase 2
- Vaughan Road Extended
- Green Chimney

Chesterfield

- Route 360 (Woodlake - Otterdale) Widening
- Route 60/Route 150 - Interchange Improvements
- Belmont Road/Cogbill Road - Roundabout
- Route 360/Deer Run Drive/Harbour View Court - RCUT
- Busy Street Extended

- Huguenot Rd at Robious & Cranbeck Capacity & Safety Improvmt
- Route 360/Harbour Pointe Pkwy/Mockingbird Ln - RCUT
- RT 360/Duckridge/Handcock Village Shopping Center - RCUT
- RT 360 at Winterpock Rd/Shopping Center Entrance - RCUT
- RT 360 at Spring Run Rd/Temie Lee Pkwy - RCUT
- Center Point Parkway/Brandermill Parkway Roundabout
- Route 360 at Turner Road Pedestrian Improvements

Goochland

- Three Chopt Rd Reconnection
- Route 288 NB Off Ramp/West Broad Street Improvements
- I-64 at Ashland Rd. (Rte. 623) Interchange
- I-64 at Oilville Road (Rte. 617) Interchange
- Hockett Road Re-alignment

GRTC

- A Arts District BRT Station ADA Access / Safety Streetscape
- B Main Street Station Improvements
- C Fall Line Trail with Transit Improvements Manchester Br.
- Route 60 (Ruthers Rd - Providence Rd) Pedestrian Improvemnts
- Rt 1 (General Blvd-Wonderview Dr) Transit Access Improvemts
- Rt 1 (South of Rt 10) Transit Access Improvements
- Rt 1 (Osborne Rd - Moores Lake Rd) Transit Access Improvemts
- Brook Road Improvements - Azalea Ave to Brook Run Shopping
- Nine Mile Road - Dabbs House Road to Laburnum Avenue
- #SMART18 - Broad St Pedestrian & Transit Stop Improvements
- S. Laburnum Ave Ped Improvements - Thornhurst St to Gay Ave

Hanover

- Greenwood Church/Blanton/Ashland/Ashcake Roads Roundabout
- Rt. 54 Left Turn Lane at Goddins Hill Rd
- Creighton Rd LTLs at Sledd's Lake Rd & Tammy Ln
- Walnut Grove Rd and Creighton Rd/Creighton Pkwy Roundabout

Henrico

- Staples Mill Road Improvements
- Springfield Road Improvements
- W Broad Street Short Pump
- Carolina Avenue Improvements
- Route 60/Route 33/Beulah Rd Roundabout & Gateway Project
- E. Parham Road Improvements - I-95 to Cleveland St
- Glenside Drive/Horsepen Road Safety Improvements
- Gaskins Road Interchange @ I-64 (SW Quad Partial Cloverleaf)
- S. Laburnum Ave Ped Improvements - Thornhurst St to Gay Ave
- Gaskins Road Interchange @ I-64 (North Quad & Aux Lanes)
- S. Laburnum Ave - Gay Ave Thru Cut
- Nine Mile Road - Gordon Lane to Dabbs House Road

Powhatan

- Carter Gallier Boulevard Extension: Phase II
- U.S. Route 60 at State Route 13/603 RCUT

- Dorset Road, Batterson Road & Route 60 RCUT
- New Dorset Road & Route 60 RCUT
- U.S. Route 60 at Red Lane Road: Continuous Green-T

Richmond

- A Gillies Creek Greenway
- B US360 Hull Street Phase II
- C Forest Hill Avenue Phase II Improvements
- D Clay Street Streetscape Improvements
- E Belt Boulevard (SR161) Streetscape
- F Hey Road Streetscape
- G Walmsley Boulevard Streetscape Improvements
- H Norfolk Street Bridge Connection
- I Commerce Road Streetscape
- J Hull Street Shared Use Path Improvements

8. FY21 – FY24 TIP Amendment – Chesterfield Request – Update

Mr. Busching provided this update and noted that the project is already in the project list. The expectation is that the amendment will be brought back to TAC in July for a recommendation for Policy Board approval.

9. ConnectRVA 2045 Amendments

Mr. Parsons presented these items to the committee and offered to answer any questions.

a. Reconnect Jackson Ward – City of Richmond

On motion of Dironna Moore Clarke, seconded by Austin Goyne, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend RRTPO Policy Board approval of the resolution. (See Appendix A).

RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) amends the ConnectRVA 2045 plan to include the Reconnect Jackson Ward project in its Vision Plan, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee open a 15-day public review period for this potential amendment from June 16, 2022, until July 1, 2022.

b. I-64 Widening – VDOT – page 35

On motion of Austin Goyne, seconded by Nora Amos, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend RRTPO Policy Board approval of the resolution. (See Appendix A).

RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization consider amendment of the ConnectRVA 2045 plan to include the I-64

widening project from Exit 211 to the James City County line in the Constrained Plan, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee open a 15-day public review period for this potential amendment from June 16, 2022, until July 1, 2022.

10. Election of FY23 RRTPO TAC Chair and Vice Chair

Chair LeDuc provided a recap of the guidance documents as they relate to officer rotations.

On motion of Joseph Vidunas, seconded by Nora Amos, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution (see Appendix A):

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization elects Sharon Smidler as FY23 Chair and Joseph Vidunas as FY23 Vice Chair.

11. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky, Statewide Transit Planning Manager at DRPT, provided an update on DRPT activities, which is posted with the [meeting documents](#).

b. GRTC

Patricia Robinson, GRTC, updated the committee members on There is increased interest in ridership on express route. The GRTC Board meeting is scheduled for June 21st.

c. RideFinders

John O’Keeffe, Account Executive at RideFinders, reported the following:

- Participated in Richmond City Public Schools-Bike/Walk to School Day with Safe Routes to School at Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary and Holton Elementary.
- Hosted Bike to Work event at RideFinders for Bike to Work Day.
- Participated in the 11th Annual Creighton Resource Center Anniversary Celebration in the City of Richmond.
- Started 5 new vanpools in May.
- Created vanpool-focused digital advertising and radio spots, secured media buys. Chesterfield Observer digital advertising started the week of May 23.
- Prepared marketing plans for two campaigns in June using the “Be the CEO of Your Commute” theme – one focused on carpooling and the other focused on vanpooling.
- Promoted the VA Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s bike month messages on social media.
- Hosted RideFinders Advisory Board meeting on May 3rd.

- Researched Six-Year Improvement Program for FY23 budget for DRPT State Aid recommendations.
- Continued promoting “Be the CEO of Your Commute” campaign by promoting ridesharing and recording “green” commute trips which essentially encourages commuters to “take charge” of their commute by finding the personalized option that’s best for them.
- RideFinders won two (2) awards from the Communitas Awards which recognizes exceptional businesses, organizations and individuals that are giving of themselves and their resources, and those that are changing how they do business to benefit their communities.
 - The first award is The Excellence in Community Service for our Youth Sustainability Outreach Campaign.
 - The second award entitled Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility in the sub-categories of Ethical and Environmental Responsibility and Green Initiatives was for recognition of the “It’s A Green Thing” Campaign.

d. VDOT

Nicole Mueller, Planning Specialist at VDOT, provided this update, which is posted with the [meeting documents](#).

12. Future Meeting Topics

Chair Le Duc reviewed the future meeting topics.

13. TAC Member Comments

Chair Le Duc expressed her appreciation to the committee members for her time as Chair.

14. Next Meeting: July 12, 2022

Chair Le Duc noted that the next regular RRTPO TAC meeting will be held on July 12, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

15. Adjournment

Chair Le Duc adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.