

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
PlanRVA James River Boardroom,
424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224 and via Zoom
July 9, 2024 - 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
		Gary Mitchell (A)		J.J. Banuelos (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	X	Bret Schardein (A)		Dironna Moore Clarke	
Kelli Le Duc (A)				GRTC	
Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)		DRPT		Patricia Robinson	X
John B. Rutledge		Tiffany T. Dubinsky		Corey Robinson (A)	X
PlanRVA		Wood Hudson (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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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. Election of FY25 TAC Officers

Note: this item was moved to the end of the meeting agenda.

4. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

Chair Vidunas noted that the election of officers will be held later in the meeting. There were no other amendments to the agenda.

5. Approval of June 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes

On motion by John O’Keefe, seconded by Amy Inman, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented (voice vote; Austin Goyne abstained).

6. Open Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the committee.

7. TAC Chairman’s Report

Chair Vidunas reported that Hanover County is recruiting for a Capital Projects Specialist. Information about the position can be found [here](#).

8. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – GROUPING Maintenance: Traffic and Safety Operations

Ansley Heller presented this item and reported that VDOT has requested amendments to the FY24 – FY27 TIP for a project grouping. Project groupings are pots of funds for similar types of projects that do not impact air quality or significantly impact capacity of the regional transportation network. Grouping projects allows additional flexibility in implementation as amendments are generally only needed if the total funding for the group of projects changes significantly. The amendment is for the Maintenance: Traffic Safety and Operations project category and will add more funding.

On motion by Austin Goyne, seconded by Barbara Smith, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the proposed TIP amendment 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	Sheri Adams	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’Keefe (A)	X			
RMTA	Theresa Simmons				X
VDOT	Sarah Rhodes	X			

9. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Richmond Safe Streets for All Traffic Safety and Operations (UPC T29775)

Kerri Ramos presented this item and reported that the City of Richmond submitted a request to add a new project to the TIP. The project has been funded directly to and by Richmond City; this procedure would be done to ensure consistency between the TIP, STIP, and government funding sources.

On motion by Barbara Smith, seconded by Sharon Smidler, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by the City of Richmond (roll call vote; see below).

Jurisdiction/Agency	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Town of Ashland	Nora D. Amos	X			
Charles City County	Sheri Adams	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			

10. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – Arthur Ashe Blvd. Bridge Replacement Over CSX Railroad (UPC T29776)

Ms. Heller presented this item and reported that the City of Richmond submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project to replace the Arthur Ashe Blvd. bridge crossing over the CSX railroad (UPC T29776). This project has a total estimate of \$23,000,000 and was awarded \$18,400,000 in funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, with \$1,360,000 coming available in FY 25 and \$17,040,000 coming available in FY 27. The remaining balance will be paid for with local.

On motion by Amy Inman, seconded by John O’Keeffe, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by the City of Richmond (roll call vote; see below).

Jurisdiction/Agency	Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Town of Ashland	Nora D. Amos	X			
Charles City County	Sheri Adams	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			

11. Pathways to the Future – Scenario Planning Overview

Sulabh Aryal provided an overview of *Pathways to the Future (P2F)*, the regional exploratory Scenario Planning project which developed the Richmond region's first cross-discipline scenario planning tool to assist in planning for uncertain futures. P2F addresses the region's current and future needs related to transportation, community development, natural resources and emergency preparedness through equitable strategies, effective public engagement, data collection and analysis.

The *P2F* uses exploratory scenario planning to help understand and prepare for many game-changing trends and forces that could affect the Richmond region in the next twenty-five years. In this process, we first identified all the factors that are causing challenges in the present as well as those likely to cause challenges in the future. Then, we combined these “disruptors” or “driving forces of change” into plausible future end states at a certain point in the future (2050). These combinations became scenarios, or depictions of what the future could be like. The process of modeling these future scenarios involved an integrated suite of eleven predictive models.

A major public engagement process complemented the technical process that included regional charrettes, public surveys, scenario-matchmaking exercise, and steering committee guidance by the subject matter experts.

The outcomes of the *P2F* scenario planning process will have a wide application to different planning areas (transportation, economic development, housing, environment, etc.). It will provide useful data and strategic planning input for the Richmond region at three levels of geography (regional level, jurisdictional level and at the sub-jurisdictional level). Among the primary benefits and values of this process is the robust and informative set of outputs to answer the “what if” questions about the future. The scenarios and findings of the study have a great utility in identifying potential long-term planning solutions.

Mr. Aryal provided an overview of the *P2F* planning process, covering Phases 1 and 2 in this meeting. Phase 3 of the process will be covered in the August TAC meeting. The TAC will also be asked to review the *P2F process and its outcome* and provide a recommendation of approval to the Policy Board in August. and offered to answer any questions.

Dironna Moore Clarke joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

3. Election of FY25 TAC Officers

Note: this item was moved from the beginning of the meeting agenda.

On motion by Sharon Smidler, seconded by Joseph Vidunas, the members of the CVTA Technical Advisory Committee voted to elect Dironna Moore Clarke as Chair and Sheri Adams as Vice Chair to serve from July 9, 2024, through June 30, 2025 (voice vote; Amy Inman abstained).

12. Transportation Agency Updates

a. DRPT

There was no representative from DRPT present to give this update.

b. GRTC

Corey Robinson provided an update on recent and upcoming GRTC activities including Link Microtransit launches.

c. RideFinders

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

- Submitted grant extension request for the DRPT Commuter Assistance Program Carpool Incentive Program for Kick\$tart Your Carpool. Grant extension was granted by DRPT.
- Working on outreach events in the Tri Cities area to promote RideFinders services and Kick\$tart your Carpool pilot program.
- Attended the Sandston Link ribbon cutting event and assisted GRTC with outreach in the Sandston Zone to include RideFinders services.
- Continued the series, Why Promote Carpool? with Commander Carpool to encourage employers to provide carpooling options to enhance their workplace. The message focused on boosting employee satisfaction and reducing commuting stress by offering on-site customized carpool matching provided by RideFinders.
- Continuing work with Foursquare ITP on the Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan.
- Continuing work to gather needed information for the Association for Commuter Transportation for RideFinders TDM accreditation pilot.

d. VDOT

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

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 Vidunas noted the next meeting will be held on August 13, 2024.

16. Adjournment

Chair Vidunas adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.