

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
PlanRVA James River Boardroom,  
424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224 and via Zoom**

**September 10, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:**

<b>Town of Ashland</b>		<b>Charles City County</b>		<b>Chesterfield County</b>	
Nora D. Amos	X	Sheri Adams, Vice Chair		Barbara K. Smith	
		Gary Mitchell (A)		J.J. Banuelos (A)	X
<b>Goochland County</b>		<b>Hanover County</b>		<b>Henrico County</b>	
Austin Goyne	X	Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler	X
Thomas Coleman (A)		Randy Hardman (A)		Todd Eure (A)	
<b>New Kent County</b>		<b>Powhatan County</b>		<b>City of Richmond</b>	
Amy Inman	X	Bret Schardein (A)		Dironna Moore Clarke, Chair	X
				<b>GRTC</b>	
<b>Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)</b>		<b>DRPT</b>		Patricia Robinson	X
John B. Rutledge		Tiffany T. Dubinsky	X	Corey Robinson (A)	X
<b>PlanRVA</b>		Wood Hudson (A)		<b>VDOT</b>	
Myles Busching	X	<b>RMTA</b>		Sarah Rhodes	X
Sulabh Aryal (A)	X	Theresa Simmons		Nicole Mueller (A)	
<b>RideFinders</b>					
John O'Keefe (A)	X				

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Clarke opened the meeting at 9:01 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 meeting agenda.

**4. Approval of August 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

On motion by John O'Keefe, 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 did not have a formal report.

**7. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – FY25 FTA 5310 Existing Projects**

Ansley Heller, PlanRVA, presented this request and reported that DRPT has submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to provide funding updates. Staff has reviewed the requested changes to update the planned obligations for multiple projects in the FY24 – FY27 TIP (UPC CCH001, UPC CCH002, UPC CAA0001, UPCC CAA0002). Staff has reviewed the changes and four (4) of the requested changes require TIP Amendments.

On motion by Austin Goyne, seconded by Tiffany Dubinsky, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the proposed TIP amendments as requested by DRPT (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	Tiffany Dubinsky	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 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – GRTC Existing Projects**

Kerry Ramos, PlanRVA, presented this request and reported that GRTC submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to provide funding updates. Staff has reviewed the requested changes to update the estimates and planned obligations for multiple projects in the FY24 – FY27 TIP (UPC GRTC004, UPC GRTC005, UPC GRTC008, UPC GRTC031, UPC GRTC056, UPC GRTC059, UPC GRTC065, UPC GRTC067). Staff has reviewed the changes and eight (8) of the requested changes require TIP Amendments.

On motion by Nora Amos, seconded by Joe Vidunas, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the proposed TIP amendments as requested by GRTC (roll call vote; see below).

<b>Jurisdiction/Agency</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	Tiffany Dubinsky	X			
GRTC	Patricia Robinson	X			
PlanRVA	Myles Busching	X			
RideFinders	John O’Keeffe (A)	X			
RMTA	Theresa Simmons				X
VDOT	Sarah Rhodes	X			

**9. FY24 - FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment – GRTC New Projects –**

Ms. Heller presented this request and reported that GRTC submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add three new projects (UPC GRTC037, UPC GRTC054, and UPC GRTC062) providing various transit improvements. These projects already have funding allocated and staff has found them to be consistent with ConnectRVA 2045 and regional air quality conformity standards.

On motion by J.J. Banuelos, seconded by Joe Vidunas, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO approval of the proposed TIP amendments as requested by GRTC (roll call vote; see below).

<b>Jurisdiction/Agency</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	Tiffany Dubinsky	X			
GRTC	Patricia Robinson	X			
PlanRVA	Myles Busching	X			
RideFinders	John O’Keeffe (A)	X			
RMTA	Theresa Simmons				X
VDOT	Sarah Rhodes	X			

## 10. Rural Transportation Analysis Update

Myles Busching, PlanRVA, updated the committee on the Rural Transportation Analysis and reported on the public engagement efforts that are underway. This study is the first to be on the new public engagement portal on the PlanRVA website. He shared information on the survey that is currently being promoted and asked that committee members share the survey as much as possible. There have been a lot of responses received so far from Powhatan County; staff is hopeful that more will come in from Charles City and New Kent counties.

## 11. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Update

Nicole Keller, PlanRVA, presented this update on the CPRG comprehensive climate action plan. She asked for TAC input on how to align this plan with the upcoming LRTP by acknowledging the plan. She has asked the same thing from the Tri-Cities MPO TAC.

She described the gap in the plan with respect to medium and heavy-duty vehicles. Committee members suggested connecting with Virginia Energy as well as with VDOT. DRPT reported that there are many plans underway that are exploring hydrogen.

She inquired about what long-term plans may exist for electrification. Chair Clarke reported that Richmond has several plans either in place or under public review.

There was a discussion about the size and environmental impacts of the batteries that would be required for the heavier vehicles.

## 12. Transportation Agency Updates

### a. DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky provided an update on recent and upcoming DRPT activities, including:

- The Connects Community initiative has been launched. More information will be shared.
- Reconnecting Communities pilot program applications are due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### b. GRTC

Corey Robinson provided an update on recent and upcoming GRTC activities including the following:

- Henrico County acquired land for the future end point of the Pulse.
- The GRTC Board of Directors voted to designate site 9 as the future home of the GRTC downtown transfer station.
- New safety initiatives, including adding unarmed safety officers.

### c. RideFinders

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

- Met with the Director of the Great Expectations Program at Reynolds Community College and scheduled Transportation Fairs at the Downtown Campus and Parham Road Campus.
- RideFinders staff attended the following events- John O'Keefe attended the ACT TDM Conference in Denver Colorado. RideFinders staff manned a table at the On the Square event, manned a table at the August 6<sup>th</sup> Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball game for Tri-Cities Night at the Diamond and attended the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Richmond chapter meeting.

- Signed and sent the representation letter to conclude the yearly audit conducted by Brown Edwards.
- Received the RideFinders Report to the Board of Directors and the RideFinders Financial Report from Brown Edwards.
- Created a Back to School Sustainability Edition illustration graphic which featured carpooling, walking, riding the school bus, buying eco-friendly school supplies and reducing paper usage to make the school year more sustainable.
- Continued working with DRPT and Agile Mile to revise program guidelines for the next iteration of Kick\$tart Your Carpool (KYC) program.

**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.

Sulabh Aryal, PlanRVA, reported that the Policy Board approved the formation of the LRTP Advisory Working Group. He requested that TAC provide their locality/agency representative on the working group.

**15. Next Meeting**

Chair Clarke noted the next meeting will be held on October 8, 2024.

**16. Adjournment**

Chair Clarke adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.