

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)**

**Minutes of Zoom Meeting
November 17, 2022, 12:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT: (all virtual)

| Town of Ashland | | Charles City County | | Chesterfield County | |
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| Upton S. Martin | X | Vacant | | Susan Beals | |
| Don Root (A) | | | | Herbert A. Richwine | |
| | | | | Starrie Jordan (A) | |
| Goochland County | | Hanover County | | Henrico County | |
| Robert L. Basham Jr. | X | H. Charles Rasnick | X | Amber Burke | X |
| New Kent County | | Powhatan County | | City of Richmond | |
| Lisa M. Guthrie, FY23 Chair | X | Robert W. Powers | X | Andrew Bunn | X |
| John P. Moyer (A) | | Vacant (A) | | Sera Erickson, FY23 Vice Chair | X |
| | | | | Shelley Allmond (A) | |
| | | | | Clinton Smith (A) | |
| Chamber RVA | | Natl. Assoc. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Richmond VA Branch | | League of Women Voters (LWV) | |
| John Easter | X | James J. Minor III | | Sarah Weisiger | X |
| | | Walter L. Johnson Jr. (A) | | Karen Rosenblum (A) | |
| RIC Area Bicycling Assoc. (RABA) | | Richmond Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility | | RVA Rapid Transit | |
| Champe M. Burnley | | Kelli N. Rowan | X | Faith Walker | |
| John Hamilton | | | | | |
| Senior Connections | | VA Assoc. of Railway Patrons (VARP) | | Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) | |
| Tony Williams | X | Michael Testerman | X | John D. Leonard | X |
| | | | | Jesse MacLelland (A) | |
| VA Conservation Network (VCN) | | | | | |
| Wyatt Gordon | | | | | |
| Victoria Higgins (A) | X | | | | |

The technology used for the RRTPO CTAC meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom and YouTube Live Streaming and was open and accessible for participation by members of the public. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

Virtual participation of 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](#).

CALL TO ORDER

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Community Transportation Advisory Committee Chair, Lisa Guthrie, presided and called the November 17, 2022, RRTPO CTAC meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Guthrie welcomed committee members, staff and guests to the meeting and asked members and other attendees to introduce themselves.

ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Janice Firestone, Chief Clerk, certified that a quorum was present.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

There were no requested amendments to the agenda.

2. Approval of the September 15, 2022, CTAC Meeting Minutes

On motion of Robert Basham, seconded by Upton Martin, the Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) unanimously approved the minutes of the September 15, 2022, meeting by acclamation as presented.

3. Open Public Comment

A statement was provided regarding the public comment process. There were no requests to address the RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee.

4. CTAC Chairman's Report

Chair Guthrie reported that DRPT has a new Chief of Public Transportation, Zach Trogdon.

5. RRTPO Updates

a. RRTPO and TAC Meetings Report

b. CVTA Update

Ken Lantz provided a recap of recent Policy Board, TAC and CVTA actions. He also reported that PlanRVA's move to The Current on Hull Street will happen in December.

Meetings are being held at alternate locations for the time being. The next RRTPO Policy Board meeting is scheduled for December 5th at the VDOT District Office and the next CVTA meeting is scheduled for December 8th at the Capital Region Airport Commission.

Staff will be working remotely until January.

B. NEW BUSINESS

Prior to the next agenda item, Chair Guthrie opened a discussion about the role of CTAC. Mr. Lantz reported that the next meeting will be devoted to opportunities for engagement. TAC members will present on the 2050 LRTP Update & PlanRVA Scenario Planning Overview will suggest areas where CTAC can contribute.

1. COVID-19 impacts on logistics and supply chain issues

Dale Bennett, President and CEO, Virginia Trucking Association, gave a presentation on the trucking association and their role in Virginia's economy. In addition to reviewing the role of trucking in Virginia's economy, the amount of taxes paid by the industry, and recent clean air initiatives, he noted that pandemic related challenges facing trucking and truck drivers have included travel restrictions, closed rest areas, and restrictions on dining at truck stops and restaurants. Despite these challenges, Mr. Bennett noted that during the pandemic trucks have continued to deliver medicine, food and other basic necessities as well as personal protective equipment, COVID test kits, and vaccines. Following the presentation, committee members had comments and questions, and Mr. Bennett provided clarification on truck parking options and funding. The presentation can be found on the [meeting web page](#).

Ronnie Hobbs, Virginia State Legislative Director, SMART Transportation Division, gave a presentation on the challenges the state's rail transportation services and railway workers have faced with regard to COVID. He noted that the railroads are in a unique position, with the majority of their operating guidelines being federal in nature, while they also have to comply with state guidelines. During the pandemic, the railroads failed to fulfill 13% of their pickups and deliveries and laid off roughly 30% of their workforce. Mr. Hobbs noted that in order to be prepared for future pandemics and rail service emergencies, rail carriers, unions and transportation authorities need to jointly plan for responding to these challenges. He offered clarification on the 24/7 schedule expectations and other issues that have been a big part of the contract negotiations.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Future Meeting Topics

The future meeting topics were reviewed. The Chair and Mr. Lantz asked for feedback and suggestions for topics into 2023.

2. CTAC Member Comments

Kelli Rowan announced that the Rides to Work Program was kicked off in Richmond. It is a free, grant-funded program utilizing vans to provide consistent, reliable and safe transportation to people with barriers to transportation to and from their place of employment. The response has been great.

There were no other CTAC member comments.

3. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on January 19, 2023.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:25 p.m.

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