

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

**Minutes of Meeting - March 16, 2023, 12:00 p.m.  
PlanRVA James River Board Room,  
424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224 and via Zoom**

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

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

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*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 March 16, 2023, RRTPO CTAC meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Guthrie welcomed all attendees.

## **ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Janice Firestone, Program Manager, called the roll and 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 January 19, 2023, CTAC Meeting Minutes**

On motion of Don Root, seconded by Champe Burnley, the Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) unanimously approved the meeting minutes as presented by acclamation.

### **3. Open Public Comment**

There were no requests to address the RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee.

### **4. CTAC Chairman's Report**

Chair Guthrie provided an update on the policy board's recent exploration of opportunities for increased CTAC engagement.

Ken Lantz, PlanRVA, offered details on possible CTAC involvement in the long-range planning, public documents, processes and public outreach/engagement and telephone town halls.

Chair Guthrie reported that the RRTPO Executive Committee has invited CTAC members to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to further discuss these opportunities. Committee members shared thoughts and comments, including:

- Changing the CTAC position on the policy board to a voting position.
- Increasing the committee's focus on projects and project selection.
- Gearing CTAC agendas more toward matters the policy board is addressing.
- Being included in distribution of policy board materials so members can evaluate and provide input.
- Discussion about the types of public outreach and engagement events CTAC might attend.
- The importance of putting matters in a way that is easily understood and getting the information out to the public to spur interest.

## **5. RRTPO Updates**

### **a. CVTA Update**

Myles Busching, PlanRVA, provided this report and noted that the CVTA recently heard an update on the results of the last round of Smart Scale. Committee members had questions and Mr. Busching offered clarification on the leveraged amounts and how they impacted the projects level of success. He also clarified that funds from the state budget that might be allocated to the I-64 widening projects has already been committed.

The Fall Line Working Group recently heard options on funding for the trail.

### **b. Next RRTPO Policy Board meeting – April 6, 2023**

Mr. Busching reported that the RRTPO Policy Board agenda packet will be posted prior to the meeting.

## **B. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. General Assembly Update**

#### **a. Session Overview and Review of Governor’s Transportation Bill -**

John Easter, Chamber RVA, provided this overview and reported that the bill passed almost unanimously in both houses. The presentation has been posted with the [meeting documents](#).

#### **b. Clean Cars and Rural EV Infrastructure**

Victoria Higgins, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Virginia Conservation Network, provided this update. She offered clarification on the impact of EV’s on grid stress. The presentation has been posted with the [meeting documents](#).

#### **c. TRIP and Bus Operator Assault Bill**

Chair Guthrie provided an overview and status of this bill.

#### **d. Bike/Ped Bills**

Brantley Tyndall, Bike Walk RVA, provided a report on this matter. He noted there were three primary bills brought to the General Assembly that passed. Many of the proposed bills that would have had a larger effect on bike/ped issues were not successful and are likely to be brought back to the next session.

## **A. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Regional Transportation Safety Metrics**

Mr. Tyndall provided this presentation on RVA traffic fatality trends. He reviewed all types of crashes in Virginia and reported on the increase in fatalities on local highways for cyclists and pedestrians. Mr. Tyndall’s presentation has been posted with the [meeting documents](#).

### **2. Future Meeting Topics**

The future meeting topics were reviewed. Members were asked to submit suggestions for other future meeting topics to Mr. Lantz.

Champe Burnley requested a briefing at an upcoming meeting on the Southeast lightweight rail project schedule.

Mr. Lantz reported that the hope is to hold a future CTAC meeting in-person at PlanRVA's new office at 424 Hull Street. Chair Guthrie reported that the March meeting can be held in-person.

### **3. CTAC Member Comments**

Charles Rasnick commended staff on the smooth transition to the new office location.

Faith Walker, RVA Rapid Transit, commented that her organization is also making efforts to increase public engagement and is currently hiring for a related position.

Kelli Rowan, Richmond Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility, reported that RVAConnects.com has a list of opportunities for engagement that CTAC members may be interested in.

There were no other CTAC member comments.

### **4. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on May 18, 2023.

### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:51 p.m.

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