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Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

Members and Alternates (Present – X):

Town of Ashland		**Charles City County**		**Chesterfield County**	
Nora D. Amos	X	Sheri Adams, Chair	X	J.J. Banuelos	X
Goochland County		Gary Mitchell (A)		Barbara K. Smith (A)	
Patrick Longerbeam	X				
Josh Gillespie (A)		**Hanover County**		**Henrico County**	
New Kent County		Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler	X
Amy Inman	X	Randy Hardman (A)		Ashley Austin	
Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC)		**Powhatan County**		**City of Richmond**	
John B. Rutledge		Ligon Webb		Dironna Moore Clarke	X
PlanRVA				**GRTC**	
Myles Busching	X	**DRPT**		Patricia Robinson	X
Dorian Allen		Wood Hudson	X	Corey Robinson (A)	
RideFinders		Tiffany T. Dubinsky (A)		**VDOT**	
John O'Keeffe (A)	X	**RMTA**		Naomi Siodmok	X
		Theresa Simmons		Todd Scheid (A)	

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1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   Chair Adams opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. and welcomed all attendees. The roll call and certification of a quorum were led and certified by Sarah-Keel Crews, PlanRVA. There were no requested amendments to the agenda, so the committee moved on to the action items.

   Dironna Moore Clarke entered the meeting at 9:15 am.

2. **Approval of September 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes**
   On a motion by Sharon Smidler, seconded by John O'Keefe, members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented (voice vote).

There were no requests to offer public comment and the chair did not have a formal report.

3. **FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – UPC 124712 - #SMART24 - BROAD ST STREETSCAPE W/ PULSE BRT EXP PHASE III**
   Will Heller, PlanRVA, presented this request and reported that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the 124712 - #SMART24 Broad St. Streetscape W/ Pulse BRT Expansion project. This represents the third phase of the streetscape and expansion project which will provide multiple multimodal safety and operational improvements along 1.6 miles of Broad St. from Malvern Ave. to Libbie.

   On a motion by Amy Inman, seconded by Joe Vidunas, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO Policy Board approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT. (roll call vote).

4. **Transit Program and MERIT Update**
   Will Heller provided this update and spoke about the marketing and promotional plan for this grant. The MERIT grant's purpose is to use local program transit success to expand regional transit access. This regional expansion can lead to greater access to things such as healthcare, education, and employment. Will reported that there was a 1.6 million increase in ridership due to the Zero Fare initiative. This initiative ties into the proposed regional expansion because access to affordable transit has wide-reaching benefits and this project can create microtransit options for those in rural areas. Nora Amos and Amy Inman both offered appreciation regarding Will's work on the project.

5. **Transportation Agency Updates**

   a. **DRPT**
      Wood Hudson provided an update on current and upcoming DRPT activity, including SMARTscale round 7, a November 19th grant workshop, and an FY27 30 Transit STIP with VDOT.

   b. **GRTC**
      Patricia Robinson provided an update on current and upcoming GRTC activity. This included Tap into Transit week, introducing the new LINK transit zone, and the ribbon cutting on the 21st.

   c. **RideFinders**
      John O'Keefe provided an update on current and upcoming RideFinders activity, including participating in One the Square and Transportation Fairs at Reynolds College. TDM week, a pop-up outreach event, also occurred during September. The Executive Director won the "Social Butterfly" Award through their diverse social media outreach.

   d. **VDOT**
      Naomi Siodmok provided an update on recent and upcoming VDOT activities. CTB had a workshop in September, and she will provide more updates at the next meeting. There is also an upcoming technology integration implementation to better understand traffic issues in certain corridors. The state-wide manual for uniform traffic control devices was accepted. There is a local assistance division event that will discuss right-of-way estimates.

10. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector

This was an information item.

11. TAC Member Comments

a. JJ Banuelos gave an update about Chesterfield plan for its bike lanes. He invited everyone to review and provide commentary on the proposed map.
b. Naomi Siodmok and Amy Inman provided commentary about bike infrastructure and the lack of integration for the Broad St. Streetscape w/ Pulse BRT Expansion Phase III.

12. Next Meeting

Chair Adams noted the next meeting will be held on November 18, 2025.

13. Adjournment

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.