

**Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.  
PlanRVA James River Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224  
and via Zoom**

**Members and Alternates (Present – X):**

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

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Adams opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

**2. Roll Call & Certification of a Quorum**

Following member and attendee introductions, Janice Scott, PlanRVA, certified that a quorum was present.

**3. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda**

There were no requested amendments to the agenda.

**4. Approval of July 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

On motion Sharon Smidler, seconded by Joe Vidunas, 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 offer public comment.

**6. TAC Chairman's Report**

Chair Adams did not have a formal report.

**7. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – UPC 127838 - #SMART26 I-64 Exit 211 Interchange Improvement Project**

Will Heller, PlanRVA, presented this request and reported that VDOT made an update to replace the previous UPC. The I-64 Exit 211 Interchange Improvement Project at the intersection of I-64 and Rt. 106 comes as a result of a successful FY26 Smart Scale bid. The project seeks to construct an additional two-lane bridge to carry Rt. 106 traffic over I-64 to facilitate the construction of a proposed Diverging Diamond Interchange. In addition to the interchange construction, improvements will also include new signals placed along Rt. 106 and the I-64 ramp intersections, construction of a shared use path along the west side of Rt. 106, and additional capacity added along Rt. 106.

On motion Amy Inman, seconded by Dironna Moore Clarke, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO Policy Board endorsement of the applications (voice vote).

**8. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – UPC 123919 - #SMART24 I-64 at Ashland Rd Interchange**

Will Heller presented this request and reported that The I-64 at Ashland Rd interchange project is a result of a successful 2024 SMART Scale bid. The project will reconstruct the existing diamond interchange into a four-lane Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). The reconstruction and updated configuration will require a new two-lane bridge over I-64, widening east bound and west bound on and off ramps, will provide 2 ft paved shoulders, and will add two new traffic signals, one at each end of the bridge.

On motion Patrick Longerbeam, seconded by Larry Hagin, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO Policy Board endorsement of the applications (voice vote).

**9. FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment – UPC 122147 - #ITTF23 – 288 NB Hard Shoulder Running**

Will Heller presented this request and reported that The #ITTF23 – 288 NB Hard Shoulder Running Project was recommended out of a 2018 VA- 288 STARS Study. Implementing Hard Shoulder Running (HSR) Lanes allows traffic to use the shoulder as a travel lane during peak travel times, easing congestion in troublesome areas. This project seeks to deploy Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) infrastructure and necessary pavement improvements to implement HSR along northbound VA-288 between Huguenot Trail (Rt.711) and Patterson Ave. (Rt.6).

On motion Dironna Moore Clarke, seconded by Sharon Smilder, the members of the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee voted to recommend RRTPO Policy Board endorsement of the applications (voice vote).

## **10. FY27 – FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Schedule**

Will Heller presented this request and reported the new FY27-30 schedule is ready. Staff has begun coordination with VDOT, DRPT, and GRTC to develop the FY27 – FY30 TIP. Adoption of the FY27 – FY30 anticipated in May of 2026.

## **11. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) Project Updates**

Colin Burch, VPRA, presented this update and the current routes on the East Coast. He discussed the new construction of rails in the northern VA area. Mr. Burch noted that the Fulton Yard project in Richmond is improving, Details were provided on the three-step process for the Commonwealth Corridor project.

## **12. Freight Program**

Dorian Allen, PlanRVA, presented this item and reported on the following:  
about what Freight is, any trends

- Freight Trends
- Freight bottlenecks
- Congestions on freight corridors
- Land use conflicts
- Crashes involving large trucks

Mr. Allen also detailed the role of the MPO in Freight:

- Data collection
- Stakeholder engagement
- Freight needs
- Establishing regional and strategic direction
- Project prioritization

## **13. Transportation Agency Updates**

### **a. DRPT**

Wood Hudson provided an update on current and upcoming DRPT activity.

### **b. GRTC**

Corey Robinson provided an update on current and upcoming GRTC activity.

### **c. RideFinders**

John O’Keefe provided an update on current and upcoming RideFinders activity.

### **d. VDOT**

Larry Hagin provided an update on recent and upcoming VDOT activities.

## **14. PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector**

This was an information item.

## **15. TAC Member Comments**

There were no member comments.

## **16. Next Meeting**

Chair Adams noted the next meeting will be held on September 9, 2025.

## **17. Adjournment**

Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.