

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
PlanRVA James River Board Room and via Zoom
Thursday, January 5, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT (X), VIRTUAL (V):

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
John H. Hodges	X	Byron M. Adkins, Sr.	X	Kevin P. Carroll	X
Anita Barnhart (A)		William Coada (A)		James M. Holland	X
				Christopher Winslow	
				Mark S. Miller (A)	
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
Susan F. Lascolette	X	Sean M. Davis		Patricia S. O'Bannon	X
John L. Lumpkins Jr., FY23 Chair	X	W. Canova Peterson IV, FY23 Vice Chair	X	Frank J. Thornton	
Vacant (A)		Faye O. Prichard (A)		Thomas Branin (A)	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)	
New Kent County		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
Patricia A. Paige (virtual)	X	David T. Williams	X	Andreas D. Addison	X
C. Thomas Tiller Jr.		Karen Carmack		Katherine L. Jordan	X
Thomas W. Evelyn (A)		Vacant (A)		Stephanie A. Lynch	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Cynthia I. Newbille	X
				Michael J. Jones (A)	
				Kristen Nye (A)	
				Ellen F. Robertson (A)	
Capital Region Airport Commission		GRTC Transit System		RIC Metropolitan Transp. Authority (RMTA)	
John B. Rutledge		Sheryl Adams	X	Joi Taylor Dean	
Vacant (A)		Adrienne Torres (A)		Vacant (A)	
Secretary of Trans. Designee		CTAC		DRPT	
VDOT, Dale Totten		Lisa M. Guthrie (non-voting) (virtual)	X	Tiffany T. Dubinsky (non-voting)	X
VDOT, Mark E. Riblett (A)	X	Sera Erickson (A) (non-voting)		Grant Sparks (A) (non-voting)	
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)		Federal Transit Administration (FTA)		RideFinders	
Thomas L. Nelson Jr. (non-voting)	X	Daniel Koenig (Liaison)		Von S. Tisdale (non-voting)	X
Ivan Rucker (A) (non-voting)		Vacant (A)		Cherika N. Ruffin (A) (non-voting)	
VA Dept. of Aviation (DOAV)					
Rusty Harrington) (non-voting) (virtual)	X				

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Call to Order

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board Chair, John L. Lumpkins, Jr., presided and called the January 5, 2023, RRTPO Policy Board meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. at in the PlanRVA James River Board Room, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lumpkins.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Lumpkins welcomed all the attendees.

Certification of a Quorum

Janice Firestone, PlanRVA, certified that a quorum was present in-person.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

There were no requested changes to the agenda.

2. Approval of December 5, 2022, RRTPO Policy Board Meeting Minutes

On motion by David T. Williams, seconded by Katherine L. Jordan, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022, meeting as presented with Patricia O'Bannon and W. Canova Peterson abstaining. (voice vote).

3. Open Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the RRTPO Policy Board. The following public comment was received by email prior to the meeting:

From: Becky Dale
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 8:19 AM
Subject: Pedestrian safety

While it is great for localities to work toward engineering safer streets for pedestrians, there's one thing missing: the pedestrians themselves should not be crossing when it is not safe. They simply cannot assume that drivers see them and will stop in time. Drivers can be distracted, impaired, have sun in their eyes. It can be foggy, rainy, dark. I dare say that in the majority of pedestrian accidents, the drivers will quite honestly say "I just didn't see him!" It is imperative that pedestrians stay out of the path of moving vehicles. Instead of signs saying "stop for pedestrians" I propose a different emphasis: Pedestrians must look into any traffic lane before entering it and may cross only if the lane is clear or traffic has stopped.

There is a visibility problem on a four lane road when a vehicle in the first lane stops for a pedestrian. The stopped vehicle prevents the pedestrian from seeing into lane two clearly and drivers in lane two may not see that there is a pedestrian trying to cross. If the pedestrian assumes that vehicles in the other

lanes will also stop, there is a disaster waiting to happen. The pedestrian must look into lane two before entering and must stay in place in lane one in front of the stopped vehicle until the second lane is clear or any vehicle there has stopped. There is a similar visibility problem with lanes 3 and 4. Instead of crossing in front of only one stopped vehicle, it would be better for the pedestrian to wait on the sidewalk until all lanes are obviously clear.

We should remind pedestrians to cross at traffic lights whenever possible. Even there they should be vigilant about turning vehicles but at least they are crossing in front of stopped traffic. In your education efforts, please emphasize that pedestrians have to be responsible for their own safety. Drivers do not necessarily see them. They must look into each lane and may cross only when lanes are clear or traffic has stopped.

4. RRTPO Chair's Report

a. City of Richmond Highlight

Andreas Addison gave a presentation on the City of Richmond and described some of the key projects and economic development strides in the city.

5. RRTPO Secretary's Report

RRTPO Work Status and Financial Report for November 2022

Mr. Parsons provided a recap of the report and offered clarification on the open and upcoming staff positions within PlanRVA.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRRA) presentation: Transforming Rail in Virginia Program

Colin Burch, VPRRA, provided this update. The presentation is posted on the [meeting web page](#).

Following the presentation, board members had questions and comments. A safety issue with the rail stop in Ashland was discussed. The issue is currently under review and will be expedited to be addressed as soon as possible.

Mr. Burch offered clarification on planned route improvements and the funding for those projects.

2. FY21 – FY24 TIP AMENDMENTS

UPC 122295: #I95CIP - PARALLEL ROUTES OPERATIONS STUDY;

UPC 121681: REPLACE BRIDGE ON MEADOW ROAD OVER BOAR SWAMP

Myles Busching, PlanRVA, provided an overview of the request and offered to answer any questions.

On motion by Patricia S. O'Bannon, seconded by Cynthia I. Newbille, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board voted to approve the following resolution (roll call vote; see Appendix A):

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board amends the *FY21 – FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* adding the following new projects:

1. UPC 122295: #195CIP - Parallel routes operations study (District-wide)
2. UPC 121681: Replace bridge on Meadow Road over Boar Swamp (Henrico County); and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that these projects are considered exempt from conformity under provisions contained in section 93.126 of the conformity rule as follows:

1. Other - planning and technical studies
2. Safety - reconstructing bridges (no additional travel lanes)

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Project Cost Estimates

Mr. Busching provided an update on staff's efforts to identify the causes of project cost overruns.

The Chairman announced a brief recess at 11:20 a.m.
The meeting was reconvened at 11:28 a.m.

Kevin P. Carroll left the meeting at 11:29.

Board members had questions and Mr. Busching provided clarification on what is considered "recently completed".

Katherine L. Jordan left the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

There was discussion about determining what caused the cost overruns before referring the matter to TAC. There was further discussion about needing the transportation staff from the localities to provide input as to why the projects had overruns.

A consensus was reached to refer the matter to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review. The TAC will report back to the Policy Board with recommendations.

2. Regional Scenario Planning - Update

This matter will be heard at the February meeting.

D. AGENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Transportation Agency Updates

a. CVTA

Mr. Parsons provided this update and offered to answer any questions.

b. GRTC

Adrienne Torres reported on several current studies that are underway.

c. RMTA

There was no update from RMTA.

d. DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky provided this update, which is posted on the [meeting web page](#).

e. VDOT

Mark Riblett, VDOT, provided an update on VDOT agency activity. The update is posted on the [meeting web page](#).

D. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Future Meeting Topics

Chair Lumpkins noted that the topics list was included in the agenda packet.

2. RRTPO Member Comments

There were no comments from members.

3. Next RRTPO Policy Board Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023, at the PlanRVA board room, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Lumpkins adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Motion to approve resolution amending the FY21 –
FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Yays
Over

Vote Totals

23

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Jurisdiction	Voting			Status	Weighted Vote		
	Yay	Nay	Abstain		Yay	Nay	Abstain
Ashland (1)							
John H. Hodges	X			Present	1	0	0
Anita Barnhart (A)				Absent	0	0	0
Charles City (1)							
Byron Adkins	X			Present	1	0	0
Vacant (A)				Present	0	0	0
Chesterfield (4)							
Kevin P. Carroll	X			Present	2	0	0
James M. Holland	X			Present	2	0	0
Christopher Winslow				Absent	0	0	0
Mark Miller (A)				Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0
Goochland (2)							
Chair John L. Lumpkins Jr.	X			Present	2	0	0
Susan F. Lascolette	X			Present	2	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0
Hanover (3)							
Sean M. Davis				Absent	0	0	0
Vice Chair W. Canova Peterson	X			Present	3	0	0
Faye O. Prichard (A)				Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0
Henrico (4)							
Patricia S. O'Bannon	X			Present	4	0	0
Frank J. Thornton				Absent	0	0	0
Thomas M. Branin (A)				Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0
New Kent (2)							
Patricia A. Paige	X			Present	2	0	0
C. Thomas Tiller Jr.				Absent	0	0	0
Thomas W. Evelyn (A)				Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0
Powhatan (2)							
David T. Williams	X			Present	1	0	0
Karin M. Carmack				Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)				Vacant	0	0	0

Vacant (A)		Vacant	0	0	0
Richmond (4)					
Andreas D. Addison	X	Present	0	0	0
Katherine L. Jordan	X	Present	1	0	0
Stephanie A. Lynch		Absent	0	0	0
Cynthia I. Newbille	X	Present	1	0	0
Michael J. Jones (A)		Absent	0	0	0
Kristen Nye (A)		Absent	0	0	0
Ellen F. Robertson (A)		Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)		Vacant	0	0	0
CRAC (1)					
John B. Rutledge		Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)		Vacant	0	0	0
GRTC (1)					
Sheryl Adams	X	Present	1	0	0
		Non Voting Alt	0	0	0
RMTA (1)					
Joi Taylor Dean		Absent	0	0	0
Vacant (A)		Vacant	0	0	0
VDOT (1)					
Dale Totten		Absent	0	0	0
Mark Riblett (A)	X	Present	0	0	0

<p>Ashland (1) # Votes</p> <p>x # John H. Hodges</p> <p># Anita Barnhart (A)</p>	<p>Charles City (1) # Votes</p> <p>x # Byron Adkins</p> <p>#REF! # Vacant (A)</p>	<p>Chesterfield (4) # Votes</p> <p>x # Kevin P. Carroll</p> <p>x # James M. Holland</p> <p>#REF! # Christopher Winslow</p> <p>#REF! # Leslie Haley (A)</p> <p>#REF! # Vacant (A)</p> <p>#REF! # Vacant (A)</p>
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<p>VDOT (1) # Votes</p> <p>x # R. Shane Mann</p> <p>x # Mark E. Riblett (A)</p>	<p>CTAC (0) 0 Votes</p> <p>x # Upton Martin</p> <p>#REF! # Vacant (A)</p>	<p>DRPT (0) 0 Votes</p> <p>#REF! # Jennifer B. DeBruhl</p> <p>x # Tiffany T. Dubinsky (A)</p>
<p>FHWA (0) 0 Votes</p> <p>#REF! # Thomas L. Nelson Jr.</p> <p>#REF! # Richard Duran (A)</p>	<p>FTA (0) 0 Votes</p> <p>#REF! # Daniel Koenig (Liaison)</p>	<p>RideFinders (0) 0 Votes</p> <p>x # Von S. Tisdale</p> <p>#REF! # Cherika N. Ruffin (A)</p>
<p>VA Dept. of Aviation (0) 0 Votes</p> <p># P. Clifford Burnette Jr.</p>		