

# RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

# PlanRVA James River Board Room and via Zoom Thursday, February 2, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

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

Town of Ashland		<b>Charles City County</b>		Chesterfield County	
John H. Hodges	Х	Byron M. Adkins, Sr.		Kevin P. Carroll	Χ
Anita Barnhart (A)		William Coada (A)	Х	James M. Holland	Х
				Christopher Winslow	Х
				Mark S. Miller (A)	
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
Susan F. Lascolette		Sean M. Davis		Patricia S. O'Bannon	Х
John L. Lumpkins Jr.,	Х	W. Canova Peterson IV,	Х	Frank J. Thornton	Х
FY23 Chair		FY23 Vice Chair			
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	Х	David T. Williams	Х	Andreas D. Addison	
C. Thomas Tiller Jr.		Karen Carmack		Katherine L. Jordan	Χ
Thomas W. Evelyn (A)		Vacant (A)		Stephanie A. Lynch	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Cynthia I. Newbille	Х
				Michael J. Jones (A)	
				Kristen Nye (A)	
				Ellen F. Robertson (A)	
Capital Region Airport		GRTC Transit System		RIC Metropolitan	
Commission		_		Transp. Authority	
				(RMTA)	
John B. Rutledge		Sheryl Adams	Χ	Joi Taylor Dean	Х
Vacant (A)		Adrienne Torres (A)		Vacant (A)	
Secretary of Trans. Designee		CTAC		DRPT	
VDOT, Dale Totten	Х	Lisa M. Guthrie	Х	Tiffany T. Dubinsky (non-	Х
•		(non-voting) (virtual)		voting)	
VDOT, Mark E. Riblett (A)	Х	Sera Erickson (A) (non-		Grant Sparks (A) (non-	
		voting)		voting)	
Federal Highway		Federal Transit		RideFinders	
Administration (FHWA)		Administration (FTA)			
Thomas L. Nelson Jr.		Daniel Koenig (Liaison)		Von S. Tisdale	Х
(non-voting)				(non-voting)	
Ivan Rucker (A)		Vacant (A)		Cherika N. Ruffin (A)	
(non-voting)				(non-voting)	
VA Dept. of Aviation					
(DOAV)					
Rusty Harrington) (non-					
voting) (virtual)					1

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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 February 2, 2023, RRTPO Policy Board meeting to order at 9:40 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.

Frank J. Thornton arrived at 9:45 a.m.

### A. ADMINISTRATION

# 1. Consideration of Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

There were no requested changes to the agenda.

# 2. RRTPO Chair's Report

### a. Locality Highlight – New Kent County

Patricia A. Paige introduced Amy Inman, the new Transportation Director for New Kent County. She also introduced the Director of Economic Development/Assistant County Administrator, Matt Smolnik, who gave a presentation on New Kent demographics and economic goals and trends in the county.

# 3. Open Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the RRTPO Policy Board.

### 4. Consent Agenda

Patricia S. O'Bannon requested the approval of the previous meeting minutes be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and vote.

**a.** January 5, 2022, RRTPO Policy Board Meeting Minutes (removed from consent action)

On motion by James M. Holland, seconded by David T. Williams, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023, meeting (voice vote; William Coada and Joi Taylor Dean abstained).

John H. Hodges requested that more information be added to consent agenda items with respect to the items' history (who has reviewed, etc.). Chair Lumpkins reported that Mr. Parsons will be briefly reviewing each item. Following review of the items Chair Lumpkins called for a motion.

On motion by James M. Holland, seconded by Cynthia I. Newbille, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board voted to approve the following consent agenda items as presented (roll call vote; see Appendix A):

- b. Letter of Support Ridefinders' Grant Application for the Carpool Incentive Program entitled *Cash for Carpool* DRPT CAP FY24 Grant Program
- c. Letter of Support Ridefinders' Grant Application for the Park and Ride Signage Project DRPT CAP FY24 Grant Program
- d. Resolution Support of Chesterfield County's Powhite Parkway Extended,
   Phase II Project Application for the FY2023 RAISE Grant Program

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriated \$1.5 billion for the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the RAISE grant program was developed to invest in surface transportation infrastructure projects which will improve safety, quality of life and mobility and connectivity for communities, and promote environmental sustainability, economic competitiveness and state of good repair, through partnerships, collaboration and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Chesterfield County is seeking RAISE grant funds to develop plans for the Powhite Parkway Extended, Phase II project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Regional TrOnsportation Planning Organization recognizes the regional benefit of the Powhite Parkway Extended, Phase II project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board hereby supports Chesterfield County's Powhite Parkway Extended, Phase II project application for the FY 2023 RAISE grant program.

e. Resolution – Support of Chesterfield County's Hopkins Road (Beulah Road – Chippenham Parkway) Interchange Improvement & Road Diet Project Application for the FY2023 RAISE Grant Program

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**WHEREAS**, the RAISE grant program was developed to invest in surface transportation infrastructure projects which will improve safety, quality of life and mobility and connectivity for communities, and promote environmental

sustainability, economic competitiveness and state of good repair, through partnerships, collaboration and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Chesterfield County is seeking RAISE grant funds to develop plans for the Hopkins Road (Beulah Road – Chippenham Parkway) Interchange Improvement & Road Diet project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization recognizes the regional benefit of the Hopkins Road (Beulah Road – Chippenham Parkway) Interchange Improvement & Road Diet project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board hereby supports Chesterfield County's Hopkins Road (Beulah Road – Chippenham Parkway) Interchange Improvement & Road Diet project application for the FY 2023 RAISE grant program.

f. Resolution – Support of Chesterfield County's Route 150/Route 60 Interchange and Multi-modal Improvements Project Application for the FY2023 RAISE Grant Program

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriated \$1.5 billion for the FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the RAISE grant program was developed to invest in surface transportation infrastructure projects which will improve safety, quality of life and mobility and connectivity for communities, and promote environmental sustainability, economic competitiveness and state of good repair, through partnerships, collaboration and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Chesterfield County is seeking RAISE grant funds to develop and construct the Route 150/Route 60 Interchange and Multi-modal Improvements project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization recognizes the regional benefit of the Route 150/Route 60 Interchange and Multimodal Improvements project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board hereby supports Chesterfield County's Route 150/Route 60 Interchange and Multi-modal Improvements project application for the FY 2023 RAISE grant program.

- g. RRTPO Work Status and Financial Report December 2022
- h. RRTPO CTAC Report January 2023

### **B. NEW BUSINESS**

# 1. Federal Performance Measures Reporting

Myles Busching, PlanRVA, presented this matter and offered to answer any questions. Dale Totten, VDOT offered clarification on the changes in the funding strategy that resulted in bridges not meeting targets.

On motion by W. Canova Peterson, seconded by Frank J. Thornton, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board voted to approve the two letters related to federal performance measures (roll call vote; see Appendix A).

Patricia S. O'Bannon left the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

# FY21 – FY24 TIP Amendment Request – UPC 121682 – I-64/Ashland Road Interchange IAR

Mr. Busching presented this request and offered to answer any questions.

On motion by Christopher Winslow, seconded by David T. Williams, 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 project:

1. UPC 121682: I-64/Ashland Rd Interchange IAR (Goochland County)

**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

# 3. FY21 - FY24 TIP Amendment Request - GRTC005 - Bus Stop Amenities

Mr. Busching presented this request and clarified that GRTC has identified a list of stops that have been slated for amenities.

On motion by Cynthia I. Newbille, seconded by James M. Holland, 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*) to update planned obligations for the GRTC005: Bus Stop Amenities as follows:

- 1. Obligate \$1,402,578 in FTA 5339 funds in FY23
- 2. Revise state funds from \$347,000 to \$3,753,260 in FY23
- 3. Revise local funds from \$51,020 to \$251,388 in FY23

### C. AGENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

# 1. Transportation Agency Updates

### a. CVTA

Mr. Parsons provided this update and offered to answer any questions. He clarified that the Technical Advisory Committee is discussing and working on the cost overrun issue. The update is posted on the <u>meeting web page</u>.

### b. GRTC

There was no formal report from GRTC. Board members congratulated Sheryl Adams for her appointment as the CEO of GRTC.

### c. RMTA

Joi Taylor Dean reported that RMTA has begun installing new technology in the express lanes (new readers and cameras). The Downtown expressway is completed. The Pohwhite Expressway North and South will be completed at the beginning of March.

#### d. DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky provided this update, which is posted on the <u>meeting web</u> <u>page</u>.

### e. VDOT

Dale Totten, VDOT, provided an update on VDOT agency activity. The update is posted on the <u>meeting web page</u>.

### **D. OTHER BUSINESS**

### 1. Future Meeting Topics

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

### 2. RRTPO Member Comments

Frank J. Thornton commented that radio announcements could be used to generate more public awareness and participation. In honor of Black History Month, he commended Patricia A. Paige on her diligence and compassion and Sheryl Adams for her leadership. He also commended on the positive changes that have occurred in the Richmond region.

There were no other comments from members.

# 3. Next RRTPO Policy Board Meeting

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

# D. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Lumpkins adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:46 p.m.