

AGENDA

RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

Zoom Meeting

This meeting is open to the public.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

(Le Duc).....

STATEMENT REGARDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

(Parsons)..... page 3

ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

(Parsons).....

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda

(Le Duc).....

2. Approval of August 10, 2021 TAC Action Meeting Minutes

(Le Duc)..... page 4

Action Requested

3. Open Public Comment Period

(Le Duc/5 minutes).....

4. TAC Chairman's Report

(Le Duc/10 minutes).....

5. **RRTPO Update**
(Parsons/10 minutes) page 8
 - a. **Fall Transportation Forum – Topic Review**
 - b. **Current Work Efforts**
 - c. **Community Transportation Advisory Committee – agenda preview**
6. **ConnectRVA 2045 Update**
(Parsons/25 minutes)
Action Requested: TAC recommend Policy Board approval of the ConnectRVA 2045 plan at their October 4, 2021 meeting
7. **TIP Amendment – VDOT Request**
(Busching/5 minutes) page 9
Action Requested: TAC recommend amending the FY21 – FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adding one new project
8. **Transportation Agency Updates**
(VDOT, DRPT/10 minutes).....
 - a. DRPT - Dubinsky
 - b. GRTC - Torres
 - c. RideFinders – O’Keeffe
 - d. VDOT - McAdory
9. **Future Meeting Topics**
(LeDuc/5 minutes) page 12
10. **TAC Member Comments**
(LeDuc/5 minutes).....
11. **Next Meeting: October 12, 2021**
(LeDuc)
12. **Adjournment**
(LeDuc)

CAP/jf

Attachments

pc:	David T. Williams, RRTPO Policy Board Chair	Ron Svejksky, Tri-Cities MPO
	Upton Martin, CTAC Chair	Martha Heeter, PlanRVA
	Richard Duran, FHWA	TAC Interested Parties
	Daniel Koenig, FTA Liaison	Area News Media
	Jennifer DeBruhl, DRPT	

Opening Statement for Electronic Meetings

Due to the 2020 COVID-19 virus, meetings of the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization were transitioned to a virtual format in accordance with provisions of Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2 and related legislation approved by the General Assembly of Virginia during the period of the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration for COVID. The opportunity for public bodies to continue functioning in a virtual format has been extended and meetings of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commissions will continue to be held in a virtual format as authorized by Va. Code § 15.2-1413 from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This meeting will be held through electronic communication means pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 2020-093, adopted April 9, 2020, as most recently amended by Ordinance No. 2021-181, adopted June 28, 2021 (Richmond City Council Action).

While we meet in a remote/virtual format, we remain committed to public accessibility and opportunity to participate. Staff provided notice of this meeting to members and the public, including instructions for accessing the meeting and materials, through electronic posting on the PlanRVA website and email distribution of notice to members, alternates, and known interested parties, including the media.

This meeting will be recorded. Audio and visual recordings of the meeting and materials will be posted and accessible on the PlanRVA website.

Any member of the public participating as an observer during the meeting today may submit comments or questions at any time prior to or during the meeting via email at rrtpinput@PlanRVA.org. All comments and questions submitted at this time will be reviewed following the meeting and to the extent practical, responses will be provided or posted on the PlanRVA website.

We ask that members identify themselves first when speaking so we can more accurately record the activities of the meeting. All lines should be muted to minimize additional noise and feedback. You may unmute your line at any time to request acknowledgement from the Chair.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the process for assuring effective facilitation of this meeting or for how members of the public may participate.

By providing this statement, staff certifies that we have followed the approved procedures for appropriate notice of this meeting and the means by which we are convening.

Please indicate your presence by saying "HERE" when your name is called during a roll call. Anyone who wishes to identify themselves following the roll call of members will be invited to do so.

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

MINUTES OF ACTION MEETING

**Zoom Meeting
August 10, 2021
8:30 a.m.**

MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:

Town of Ashland		Charles City County		Chesterfield County	
Nora D. Amos	X	(vacant)		Barbara K. Smith	X
Vacant (A)				Chessa Walker (A)	X
Goochland County		Hanover County		Henrico County	
Thomas M. Coleman	X	Joseph E. Vidunas	X	Sharon Smidler, FY22 Vice Chair	X
Mike Campbell (A)	X	J. Michael Flagg (A)	X	Todd Eure (A)	
New Kent County		Powhatan County		City of Richmond	
Kelli Le Duc, FY22 Chair	X	Bret Schardein		Dironna Moore Clarke	X
		(vacant) (A)		Travis A. Bridewell (A)	
Capital Region Airport Commission		DRPT		GRTC	
John B. Rutledge		Tiffany T. Dubinsky		Adrienne Torres	X
		Grant Sparks (A)		Emily E. DelRoss (A)	X
PlanRVA		RideFinders		RMTA	
Chet Parsons	X	Von S. Tisdale		Theresa Simmons	
Sulabh Aryal (A)	X	John O'Keeffe (A)	X		
VDOT					
Liz McAdory	X				
Jacob C. Herrman	x				

The technology used for this meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom and YouTube Live Streaming and was open and accessible for participation by members of the public. Voting record tables are attached to the action meeting minutes in Appendix A. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

CALL TO ORDER

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Kelli Le Duc, presided and called the August 10, 2021 RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM

Phil Riggan, PlanRVA staff, took attendance by roll call and certified that a quorum was present.

1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda. Seeing and hearing no objections, the August 10, 2021 agenda was approved by acclamation as presented.

2. Approval of July 7, 2021 RRTPO TAC Action Meeting Minutes

On motion of Liz McAdory, seconded by John O’Keeffe, the RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) unanimously approved the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting by acclamation as presented (voice vote).

6. CRRSAA Highway Infrastructure Program Funds

[See the presentation](#)

On motion of Sharon Smidler, seconded by Joe E. Vidunas, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) voted to recommend (10-1 vote) RRTPO Policy Board approval of the following resolution as presented (see Appendix A):

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021 appropriated nearly \$10 billion in supplemental funding to FHWA for the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP); and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization share of the HIP funding is \$7,642,406; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board allocates the available HIP funds as follows:

- \$150,000 to UPC 113846
- \$1,869,997 to UPC 13551
- \$2,910,512 to UPC 112042
- \$2,711,897 to UPC 118153

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approves the transfer of regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding from the recipient projects to the RRTPO balance entry as follows:

- \$150,000 in FY23 funds from UPC 113846
- \$1,638,526 in FY23 funds from UPC 13551
- \$231,471 in FY24 funds from UPC 13551
- \$638,725 in FY23 funds from UPC 112042
- \$2,271,787 in FY24 funds from UPC 112042

7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside

[See the presentation](#)

On motion of Barbara K. Smith, seconded by Dironna Moore Clarke, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) unanimously recommended RRTPO Policy Board approval of the following resolution as presented (see Appendix A):

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Guidance requires all Transportation Alternatives applications located within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization to obtain a resolution of endorsement from the appropriate MPO; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico counties and the City of Richmond have indicated their intent to submit FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternatives applications for the following projects:

Chesterfield County

- Courthouse Road Shared Use Path (Route 10 to Fallow Drive)
- Fall Line (Shop Street to Chester Linear Park)
- Route 360 at Courthouse Road
- Route 360 at Turner Road
- Commonwealth Center Trail (Brad McNeer Pkwy to Craig Rath Blvd)

Hanover County

- Cool Spring ES Safe Routes to Schools

Henrico County

- Lakeside Community Trail – Phase 1
- Lakeside Community Trail – Phase 2
- Lakeside Community Trail – Phase 3
- Nuckols Road Corridor Shared Use Path

City of Richmond

- A Carnation St Phase II
- B SR 147 (Main St) Ped Safety (Ph I)
- C SR 147 (Cary St) Ped Safety (Ph II)
- D US 360 (Hull St) PHB
- E Gilles Creek Greenway Phase IV
- F Scott's Addition Greenway
- G Downtown Core Protected Bike Lanes
- H Patterson Avenue Bike Lanes
- I US Route 1 PHBs
- J Forest Hill Ave Bike/Ped Improvements
- K Jefferson Avenue Phase II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization endorses these projects as applications for the FY23 – FY24 Transportation Set-Aside process.

9. Transportation Agency Updates

A copy of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation update provided by Tiffany Dubinsky, Statewide Transit Planning Manager at DRPT, is available at: [DRPT Update](#)

Adrienne Torres, GRTC Chief Development Officer, provided the following update:

- The next [GRTC Board of Directors meeting](#) will be on August 17, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

John O’Keeffe, Account Executive at [RideFinders](#), provided the following update:

- Promoted the City of Richmond’s survey seeking input on the transportation system in Richmond and the Richmond Department of Public Works online survey seeking feedback on ways to improve bike infrastructure in Richmond;
- Communicated the Virginia Department of Transportation Richmond office survey seeking feedback for those who travel on Brook Road and E. Parham Road in Henrico County;
- Promoted the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s (DRPT) Commonwealth Corridor survey;
- Continue to promote “It’s A Green Thing” Clean Air Campaign;
- Continue to see vanpools come back on the road with 2 starting in July;
- Presented RideFinders Emergency Ride Home (ERH) Program to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) in San Antonio, TX Transportation Demand Management Committee on July 27;
- Working with Walmart Distribution Center in Prince George to discuss transporting employees via shuttle service from PAT to Walmart Distribution Center;
- Provided VCU with RideFinders information (Agilemile registration website and ERH information) they can place in their new Alternative Transportation Hub for students, Faculty and Staff.

A copy of the Virginia Department of Transportation update provided by Liz McAdory, District Planning Manager at VDOT, is available at: [VDOT Update](#)

12. Next RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Chair Le Duc noted the next regular RRTPO TAC action meeting will be held on September 14, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment:

Chair Le Duc adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m. on August 10, 2021.

CAP/pr

Current Work Efforts Update – Item 5.b.

ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Staff time in the last month has been primarily focused on the completion of the *ConnectRVA 2045* plan. The *ConnectRVA 2045* draft document was completed, incorporating technical reports. Staff has been preparing for an active in-person and virtual public engagement process from August 16 through September 15. The Director of Transportation has been visiting with each member government as it suits to share an update on the planning process.

Ashland Trolley Line Trail Study

Staff continues to work with the National Park Service's Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program to explore the opportunity for adding the skills of an NPS public historian for greater interpretation of the trolley line's former role in community connections through signage and self-guided walking tours. Plans are underway for a September field trip to the corridor with NPS staff. Two story maps for the project illustrate the importance and potential for the 14-mile Trolley Line Trail, now a segment of the Fall Line Trail, and include [history of the trolley line](#) and a [design sketchbook](#).

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

The draft plan entitled *BikePedRVA 2045* is being prepared concurrently with *ConnectRVA 2045* as a major update to the 2004 Richmond Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Complete Streets toolbox or illustrated [story map](#) continues to be updated as one resource intended to implement *BikePedRVA 2045*. The current schedule calls for the plan to be considered for adoption in the fall of 2021.

Active Transportation Work Group (ATWG)

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings, staff continues to support Henrico staff on the County's ATWG and efforts to develop the bicycle and pedestrian chapter of the county's comprehensive plan. Staff also assists the East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECG) on potential designations of segments of the future route of the trail through the Richmond region and during quarterly ECG council meetings.

Vision Zero Work Group

The RRTPO Vision Zero Work Group is working with VDOT and their consultant on a regional action plan. This action plan will be a great resource for member localities as they position for safety improvements around the region. A schedule for completion of the plan is being developed.

TAC AGENDA 9/14/21; ITEM 7

FY21 – FY24 TIP AMENDMENT: VDOT REQUEST

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

REQUESTED ACTION: Review and recommend to the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board a request from VDOT to amend the FY21 – FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a new project.

BACKGROUND: The RRTPO Policy Board has received a request from VDOT to amend the TIP to add one new project. Amendment details are outlined below:

One New Project:

- UPC 118147: IJR – Route 288 (West Creek Area) from Broad Street Road to Tuckahoe Creek Parkway – Goochland County

TAC ACTION REQUESTED: The following resolution is presented for TAC review and recommendation to the RRTPO for approval:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project is considered exempt from conformity under provisions contained in section 93.126 of the conformity rule as follows:

One New Project:

- UPC 118147: IJR – Route 288 (West Creek Area) from Broad Street Road to Tuckahoe Creek Parkway – Goochland County; **Study**

Attachments

CAP/jl

FY 2021 to FY 2024 Richmond Region TPO Transportation Improvement Program

Primary

UPC 118147

Jurisdiction: Goochland County
Route/Street:
Description: IJR - Route 288 (West Creek Area)
Scope: Preliminary Engineering
From: Broad Street Road
To: Tuckahoe Creek Parkway
Length:
Administered By: VDOT
Regionally Significant:
MPO Note:



Schedule

Phase	Start	End	Status
Preliminary Engineering (PE):			
Right of Way (RW):			
Construction (CN):			

Cost Estimates / Previous Obligations

Cost Estimates
PE:
RW:
CN:
Total: \$499,900

Goals addressed

Access	No	Congestion	Yes	Environment	No
Freight	No	Landuse	No	Maintenance	No
Safety	Yes	Reliability	No	Multimodal	No

Federal Obligations

Phase	Fund Source	Match	Federal Obligations			
			FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
PE	RSTP	\$99,980	\$0	\$399,920	\$0	\$0

Amendments

Amd 21 10/4/2021 Approved

1). This is a new project added to the TIP. 2). Add PE phase to FY22 and obligate \$399,920 RSBG funds (match \$99,980).

Date Requested 8/17/2021

FY 2021 to FY 2024 Richmond Region TPO Transportation Improvement Program

Project Amendments - Tracking Records

Amd 21 118147 Goochland County IJR - Route 288 (West Creek Area)

10/4/2021 Approved 1). This is a new project added to the TIP. 2). Add PE phase to FY22 and obligate \$399,920 RSBG funds (match \$99,980).

Date Requested 8/17/2021

TAC AGENDA 9/14/21; ITEM 9.

TAC Future Meeting Topics*

Future Meeting Topics

- Fall Transportation Forum
- DRPT – FY 2022 Virginia Statewide Rail Plan
- Bike-Ped Plan Updates
- CVTA Update

*Draft: This is not a comprehensive list of considerations and is subject to change.