



Richmond Regional
**Transportation
Planning Organization**

Joint Annual Meeting

June 13, 2024

RRTPO Administrative Items

Consent Agenda

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ACTION ITEM

6/13/2024

TO Policy Board

SUBJECT FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –
Atlee Station Rd Widening, Phase 2 (UPC 115195)

BRIEF:

VDOT submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the planned obligations and estimated cost for the Atlee Station Rd Widening (Phase 2) (UPC 115195). This project is already included in the TIP. The proposed changes are consistent with project allocations and the six-year improvement program (SYIP). This TIP amendment is required due to the increase in the total estimate of \$5,445,557.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT.

DISCUSSION:

Under Federal law and agreements with state agencies, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) has authority to select projects and program regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, including the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside.

For other funding programs, the RRTPO does not have authority to select projects but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional long-range transportation plan, ConnectRVA 2045, and the regional conformity assessment. All proposed revisions are also evaluated for fiscal constraint, or the ability to fund the project with projected revenues.

The proposed amendment requested by VDOT has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval. The draft TIP block can be found in Attachment A. A summary of the findings for each requirement is included below.

Project Overview: This phase of the project will focus on Atlee Station Road from 0.124 miles North of Castle Tower Rd, King’s Charter Dr., to 0.067 miles south of Warren Ave. The project seeks to address existing and future traffic congestion, to improve overall safety, and provide safe opportunities for students to walk and bike to school. Some of the planned geometrical and operational improvements include converting Atlee Station Road into a 4-lane divided roadway, turn lane and

intersection improvements, and optimization of signal timing. Pedestrian and Bike accommodations include the construction of a shared use path, sidewalk, additional marked crosswalks and crossing signals, and offset median refuge islands.

ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency: ConnectRVA 2045 establishes categories of projects which are regional in nature and must be included in the constrained long-range plan (CLRP) prior to inclusion in the TIP. Conversely, other project types are considered either local or programmatic in nature and can advance without being specifically listed. The project types under each category can be reviewed in Chapter 5 of ConnectRVA 2045. Figure 1 graphically shows the consistency review process.

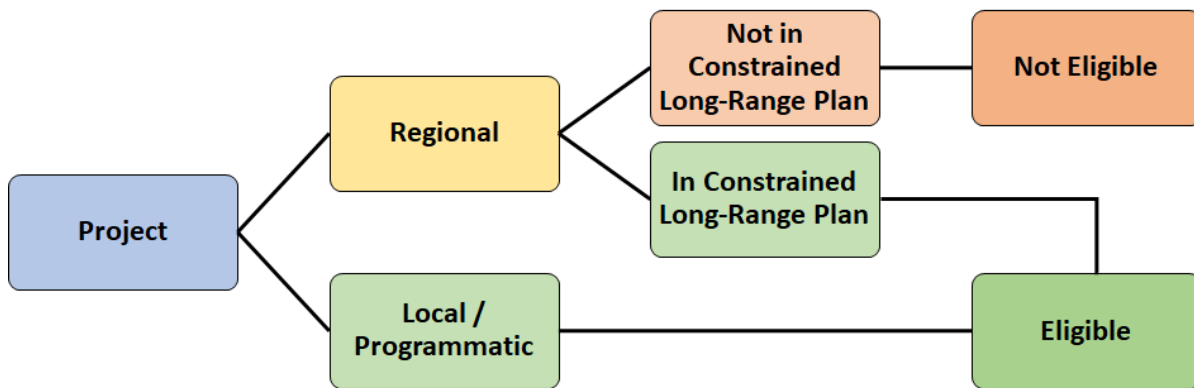


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

This project is regionally significant included in the constrained long-range plan. Further, this project is already included in the FY24 – FY27 TIP.

Air Quality Conformity: Portions of the RRTPO were formerly part of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area and projects in these areas must either be part of the Regional Conformity Assessment or must be exempt from air quality conformity analysis under federal regulations prior to being added to the TIP. However, this project is not in any of the localities that were a part of the 8-hour ozone maintenance area and does not change the analysis. This project is regionally significant and already included in the regional conformity report.

Fiscal Constraint: The proposed changes to the TIP are reflective of the approved FY24 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the latest project estimate. The changes included in this amendment are as follows; add \$1,906,918 (AC-RSTP) FFY24 with conversion in FFY 26; release \$395,623 (RSTP) & \$4,421,280 (AC-Other), add \$347,392 (AC-RSTP) FFY26 with conversion in FFY27 RW phase; release \$22,542,708 (AC-Other) FFY27 CN phase.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions:

RSTP – Provides funding for a broad range of capacity, operational, and congestion mitigation related improvements. These projects are selected directly by the RRTPO consistent with the regional funding framework.

AC - An innovative financing technique which allows a project to proceed without federal obligation authority while maintaining the ability to convert to federal obligations in the future. These projects are selected directly by the RRTPO consistent with the regional funding framework.

For more information, please contact Myles Busching at 804-923-7035 or mbusching@planrva.org.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Draft TIP Project Block
- B. Draft Resolution of Approval

Attachment A – Draft TIP Block

UPC NO	115195	SCOPE	Reconstruction w/ Added Capacity			
SYSTEM	Secondary	JURISDICTION	Hanover County	OVERSIGHT	NFO	
PROJECT	Atlee Station Rd Widening (Phase 2)			ADMIN BY	Locally	
DESCRIPTION	FROM: 0.124 Mi N of RTE 1860 (Castle Tower Rd) TO: 0.067 MI S of RTE 1255 (Warren Ave) (2.0700 MI)					
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD – add \$1,906,918 (AC-RSTP) FFY24 with conversion in FFY26; release \$395,623 (RSTP) & \$4,421,280 (AC-Other), add \$347,392 (AC-RSTP) FFY26 with conversion in FFY27 RW phase; release \$22,542,708 (AC-Other) FFY27 CN phase					
ROUTE/STREET	Atlee Station Road (0637)			TOTAL COST	\$36,974,796	
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
PE	Federal - AC CONVERSION	\$476,730	\$0	\$0	\$1,906,918	\$0
PE AC	Federal - AC	\$476,730	\$1,906,918	\$0	\$0	\$0
RW	Federal - AC CONVERSION	\$86,848	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$347,392
	Federal - RSTP	\$312,238	\$0	\$0	\$1,248,953	\$0
RW TOTAL		\$399,086	\$0	\$0	\$1,248,953	\$347,392
RW AC	Federal - AC	\$86,848	\$0	\$0	\$347,392	\$0



POLICY BOARD AGENDA 6/13/2024; CONSENT ITEM C.-1.

**FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –
Atlee Station Rd Widening, Phase 2 (UPC 115195)**

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the members of the RRTPO Policy Board voted to adopt the following resolution (voice vote):

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has requested a revision to the estimate and planned obligations for the Atlee Station Rd Widening, Phase 2 (UPC 115195) project in the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, this project is already included in the FY24 – FY27 TIP and does not impact the regional conformity assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the proposed amendment and recommends approval of the request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board amends the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the Atlee Station Rd Widening, Phase 2 (UPC 115195) project as requested by VDOT.

This is to certify that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held June 13, 2024.

WITNESS:

BY:

Janice Scott
Board Relations Manager
PlanRVA

Myles Busching
Secretary
Richmond Regional Transportation
Planning Organization

ACTION ITEM

6/13/2024

TO Policy Board**SUBJECT** FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –
Transforming Rail in Virginia/VPRA (UPC 124309)**BRIEF:**

VDOT submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the planned obligations and estimated cost for the State-Sponsored Amtrak Service/Transforming Rail in Virginia Initiative project (UPC 124309). This project is already included in the TIP as of November 2023. The project cost and planned obligations were split across MPOs based on stops served. This amendment will update the estimate and planned obligations to reflect the entire project cost statewide.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval of the proposed TIP amendment as requested by VDOT.

DISCUSSION:

Under Federal law and agreements with state agencies, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) has authority to select projects and program regional Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, including the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside.

For other funding programs, the RRTPO does not have authority to select projects but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional long-range transportation plan, ConnectRVA 2045, and the regional conformity assessment. All proposed revisions are also evaluated for fiscal constraint, or the ability to fund the project with projected revenues.

The proposed amendment requested by VDOT has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval. The draft TIP block can be found in Attachment A. A summary of the findings for each requirement is included below.

Project Overview: The project seeks to improve rail across the state, including the PlanRVA localities. VPRA was given funds to support the operations of Amtrak-operated trains throughout the Commonwealth. The specific operating expenses

are for trains on the Newport News route (Route 47), the Norfolk route (Route 50), and the Richmond route (Route 51) in the Richmond area.

ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency: Intercity passenger rail service is generally outside the scope of projects contemplated in ConnectRVA 2045 but is most like GRTC operations which are considered programmatic expenses. Capital rail projects are all included in the vision list as state and federal rail funding is not included in the revenues considered in the financial plan. Similarly, CMAQ funding allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is not included in the financial plan. The additional service supported by these funds is consistent with the goals of increasing access and mode choice in the plan.

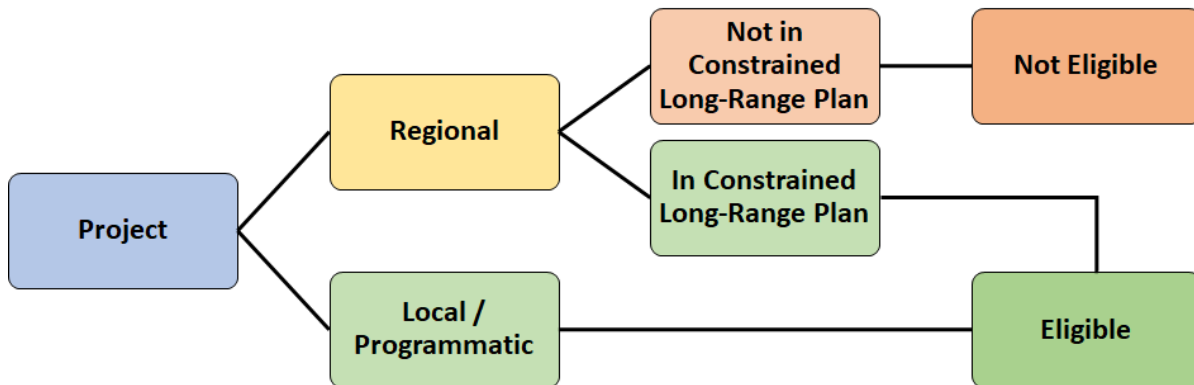


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2045 Consistency Workflow

This project is not regionally significant or included in the constrained long-range plan. However, this project is consistent with the constrained long-range plan and the project is already included in the FY24 – FY27 TIP.

Air Quality Conformity: Portions of the RRTPO were formerly part of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area and projects in these areas must either be part of the Regional Conformity Assessment or must be exempt from air quality conformity analysis under federal regulations prior to being added to the TIP. This project is considered exempt because it is an operating assistance project.

Federal Fund Source Descriptions:

AC - An innovative financing technique which allows a project to proceed without federal obligation authority while maintaining the ability to convert to federal obligations in the future.

CMAQ - Provides flexible funding for congestion reduction and air quality improvement projects and programs; funding only available for areas not meeting federal air quality standards or maintenance areas

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Attachment A – Draft TIP Block

UPC NO	124309	SCOPE	Other			
SYSTEM	Miscellaneous	JURISDICTION	Statewide	OVERSIGHT	NFO	
PROJECT	Transforming Rail in Virginia / VPRA			ADMIN BY	DRPT	
DESCRIPTION	FROM: DC Rte 46, Rte 47, Rte 50 and Rte 151 TO: Roanoke, Newport News, Norfolk and Richmond					
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD - add \$81,901,009 (CM), \$43,296,138 (AC-CM) & \$117,578,455 (Other: State) FFY24, add \$19,197,761 (ACC-CM) FFY25, \$22,302,363 (ACC-CM) FFY26, \$1,796,014 (ACC-CM) FFY27					
ROUTE/STREET	9999			TOTAL COST	\$274,074,889	
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
PE	Federal - AC CONVERSION	\$10,824,035	\$0	\$19,197,761	\$22,302,363	\$1,796,014
	Federal - CMAQ	\$20,475,252	\$81,901,009	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other	\$0	\$117,578,455	\$0	\$0	\$0
PE TOTAL		\$31,299,287	\$199,479,464	\$19,197,761	\$22,302,363	\$1,796,014
PE AC	Federal - AC	\$10,824,035	\$43,296,138	\$0	\$0	\$0



POLICY BOARD AGENDA 6/13/2024; CONSENT ITEM C.-2.

**FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) –
Transforming Rail in Virginia/VPRA (UPC 124309)**

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the members of the
RRTPO Policy Board voted to adopt the following resolution (voice vote):

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has requested a revision to
the estimate and planned obligations for the Transforming Rail in Virginia/VPRA
(UPC 124309) project in the FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
and

WHEREAS, this project is already included in the FY24 – FY27 TIP and does not
impact the regional conformity assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the proposed
amendment and recommends approval of the request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation
Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board amends the FY24 – FY27 Transportation
Improvement Program (TIP) to update the Transforming Rail in Virginia/VPRA (UPC
124309) project as requested by VDOT.

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Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held June 13, 2024.

WITNESS:

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RRTPO Policy Board Meeting

June 13, 2024

Staff Report - FY25 Election of Officers

Background:

The RRTPO (MPO) bylaws establish the rotation order for the RRTPO Chair. Established RRTPO policy in the bylaws' [Non-binding Governance documents](#) stipulate that the RRTPO Vice Chair be from the jurisdiction next in line to serve as RRTPO Chair.

Due to outcomes of the 2023 primary elections, the Policy Board implemented a shift of the rotation so as not to disrupt the function of the board with mid-year officer changes following the fall election. The Chair and Vice Chair swapped the service years of Hanover County and Chesterfield County with Chesterfield serving as Chair of the RRTPO in FY24 and Hanover County serving as Vice Chair. It was planned for Hanover County to assume the Chair in FY25 and the regular rotation would remain in place with the City of Richmond assuming Vice Chair as scheduled.

Requested action: Nominate a Chair and Vice Chair for FY25 to serve from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.



RRTPO Policy Board Meeting

June 13, 2024

Staff Report - FY25 Meeting Schedule

Background:

Staff has compiled the proposed FY25 meeting schedule for the Policy Board and the Executive, Technical Advisory and Community Transportation Advisory Committees (attached).

Requested action: Motion to approve the proposed FY25 meeting schedule as presented.

FY25 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE - RRTPO POLICY BOARD

MEETING	TIME	LOCATION
July 11, 2024	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
August – no meeting		
September 5, 2024*	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
October 3, 2024*	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
November 7, 2024*	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
December 5, 2024 Joint Meeting & End-of-Year Breakfast	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
January – no meeting		
February 6, 2025*	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
March 6, 2025*	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
April 3, 2025*	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
May 1, 2025*	9:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
June – no meeting		

*Note: meeting will be cancelled in the event there are no TIP amendments or other necessary action items date.

RRTPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July 11, 2024	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
August – no meeting		
September 5, 2024*	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
October 3, 2024*	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
November 7, 2024	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
December – no meeting		
January – no meeting		
February 6, 2025	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
March 6, 2025	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
April 3, 2025	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
May 1, 2025	8:30 a.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
June – no meeting		

*Note: meeting may be cancelled in the event the Policy Board does not meet.

RRTPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

MEETING DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July 9, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
August 13, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
September 10, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
October 8, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
November 12, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
December 10, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
January 14, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
February 11, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
March 11, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
April 8, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
May 13, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
June 10, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Virtual

RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

MEETING DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July 18, 2024	12:00 p.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
September 19, 2024	12:00 p.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
November 21, 2024	12:00 p.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
January 16, 2025	12:00 p.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
March 20, 2025	12:00 p.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond
May 15, 2025	12:00 p.m.	PlanRVA James River Boardroom 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond