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The Honorable Jody Rogish, Chair
c/o Martha Shickle, Executive Director
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RE: Richmond TMA – FY 2026 Planning Process Certification Review

Dear Mr. Rogish:

This letter notifies you that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly certify the planning process as conducted by the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) for the Richmond, VA Transportation Management Area (TMA). This certification is based on the findings from the Federal Certification Review site visit conducted on February 25, 2026, and our corresponding desktop review of the RRTPO.

Based on this review, our ongoing year round coordination and oversight, and pursuant to 23 CFR 450.336(b), the FHWA and FTA have determined that the planning process for the RRTPO's portion of the Richmond, VA TMA complies with the intent of Federal metropolitan transportation planning laws and regulations under 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, and 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C. RRTPO's continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process reflects a significant professional commitment to deliver quality in transportation planning.

We thank the RRTPO, PlanRVA, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC), Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization (TCMPO), Crater Planning District Commission (CPDC), and Petersburg Area Transit (PAT) staff for their cooperation and assistance throughout our review.

The certification review report is pending and will be provided at a future date. The certification review report of the Planning Process conducted in the Richmond, VA TMA will document any findings and observations made by the FHWA and FTA including potential commendations and recommendations regarding the planning process in the Richmond, VA TMA.

Once the draft report is ready, we will transmit it concurrently to the RRTPO, VDOT, DRPT, GRTC, TCMPO, CPDC, and PAT staff, for review and comment. FTA and FHWA will present high-level findings of the planning process review at your April 23, 2026, Policy Board meeting. If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel

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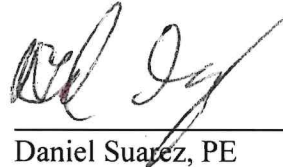
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