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Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Teams (webinar link located on agenda cover page)
PlanRVA Newsletter: The Better Together Connector (linked)

A. CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (15 Minutes)

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** *(Chair John P. Moyer)*
   Chair to welcome any new members
2. **Roll Call & Certification of a Quorum** *(Sarah-Keel Crews)*
3. **Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda** *(Chair John P. Moyer)*
4. **Public Comment Period** *(Chair John P. Moyer)*
5. **FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment - GRTC067** *(Will Heller)* - page 3

D. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be on **February 4, 2027, at 9:30 a.m.** In the PlanRVA James River Boardroom, 424 Hull Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23224

ACTION ITEM December 8, 2026

TO Policy Board

SUBJECT FY24 – FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: GRTC North South TOD BRT Study

BRIEF:
The Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) submitted a request to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for the existing GRTC067 project. GRTC067, holds funding to be used for Planning Consultant Services. At the direction of the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) to include the study in the TIP, GRTC requests their North-South Transit Oriented Design (TOD) study be folded into the existing GRTC067. Consultation with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) confirmed the appropriateness of this action. The focus of the TOD Study will be on the northern corridor of the North-South Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) expansion, which will run from Chamberlayne Ave. in Henrico County through downtown Richmond, and into Chesterfield County.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
The Policy Board should approve the proposed TIP amendment as requested. A draft resolution of approval is included under Attachment B for consideration.

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.

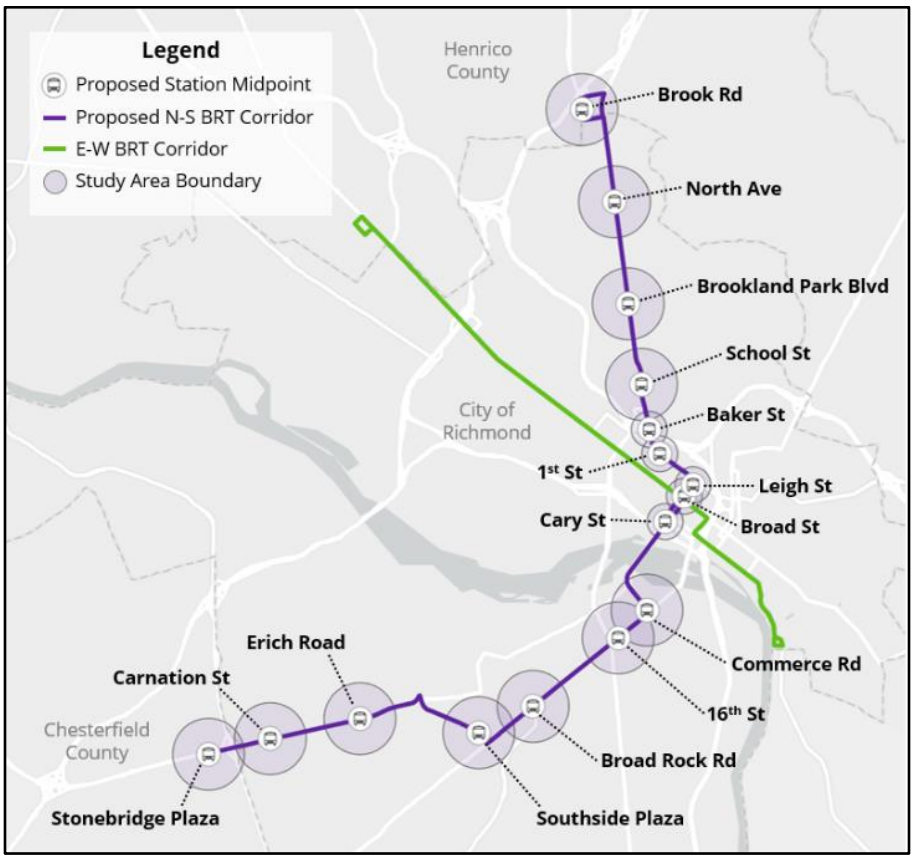
For other funding programs, the RRTPO does not have authority to select projects but is responsible for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Based on federal regulations and RRTPO policy, all projects proposed to be added to the TIP are screened for consistency with the regional long-term transportation plan, ConnectRVA 2050, 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 GRTC has been reviewed by staff and found consistent with the requirements for RRTPO approval. Draft TIP blocks can be found in Attachment A. A summary of the findings for each requirement is included below.

Project Overview:

The funding being folded into GRTC067 will support transit planning, design, and technical studies to advance service, safety, and regional mobility. The Pulse NS BRT expansion will go from Chamberlayne Avenue from Henrico County through downtown Richmond, and into Chesterfield County. The NS TOD Study being folded into GRTC067 will focus on the northern corridor of the planned Pulse North South Bus Rapid Transit Expansion. The assessment will result in the proposed BRT featuring fixed guideways; 10-minute frequency; dedicated lanes; transit signal priority; enhanced defined stations; TSP, queue jumping and real-time technology. This study was made possible by a $750,000 grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

A map of the study area is shown below.



ConnectRVA 2050 Consistency:
ConnectRVA 2050 establishes categories of projects which are regional in nature and must be included in the constrained long-range plan (CLRP) prior to the 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 2050. GRTC067 is already included in the TIP and it is considered local/programmatic in nature.

Figure 1 graphically shows the consistency of the review process below.

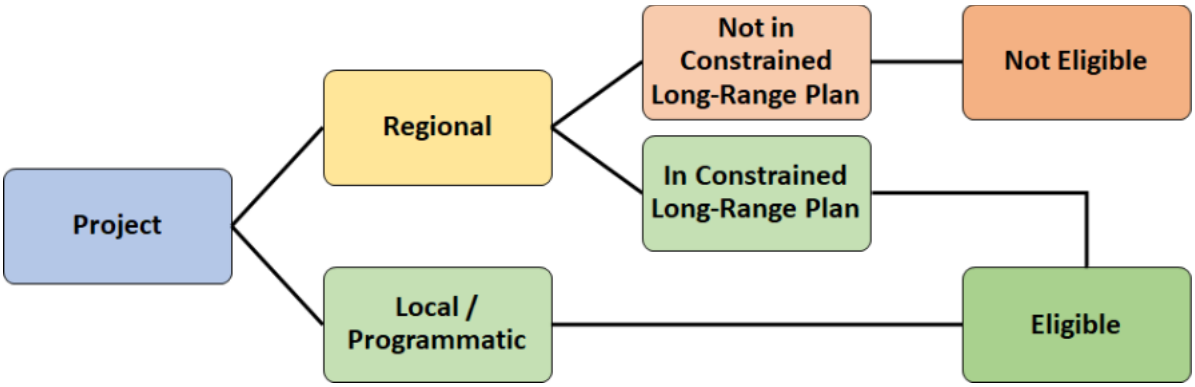


Figure 1: ConnectRVA 2050 Consistency Workflow

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 has been determined to be exempt from regional air quality conformity according to the 40 CFR § 93.126, under the category of "*Other – Planning and Technical Studies.*"

Fiscal Constraint:
The funding changes are as follows: add $750,000 (FTA 5307) and $187,500,000 (Local) to FFY27.

Federal Fund Source Description:
FTA 5307 – The Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program makes Federal resources available to urbanized areas and to Governors for transit capital and operating assistance and for transportation related planning in urbanized areas.

For more information, please contact Will Heller at wheller@planrva.org or 804-924-9618 Ext. 153.

Attachments:

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

Attachment A – Draft TIP Block

GRTC067 – Planning Consultant Services

STIP ID	GRTC067	SCOPE	Transit		
SYSTEM	Public Transportation	RECIPIENT	Greater Richmond Transit Company		
PROJECT	Planning Consultant Services			ADMIN BY	GRTC
MPO NOTES	TIP AMD: Add new project. Add $1,435,866 in FTA 5307, $1,596,486 in State, and $126,348 in local in FY24. Approved 11/2/23 TIP ADJ: Increase FTA 5307 by $17,000 to $1,453,000, decrease state by $17,000 to $1,579,000 in FY24. Approved 6/21/24. TIP AMD: Additional Funding of $1,598,000 of 5307, $3,502,000 in State funding, and $206,000 in Local funding in FY25. Additional funding in $140,000 in 5307, $340,000 in State funding, and 20,000 in Local funding in FY27. Bringing the total from $3,158,000 to $8,964,000. Approved 10/31/24. TIP ADJ: In FY27, increase FTA 5307 to $1,412,000, State to $1,691,000 and Local to $129,000. Approved 10/02/26. TIP AMD: In FY 27, add $750,000 to FTA 5307, add $0 to State, and add $187,500 to Local. Pending approval 12/03/26.			TOTAL	$12,633,500

	FUND SOURCE	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
	Federal - FTA 5307	$1,453,000	$1,598,000	$0	$2,162,000
	State	$1,579,000	$3,502,000	$0	$1,691,000
	Local	$126,000	$206,000	$0	$316,500

POLICY BOARD AGENDA 12/8/2026; ITEM 5

FY27 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment – GRTC North-South BRT Transit Oriented Development Study

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

WHEREAS, the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC) has requested an amendment to the FY24-FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for the existing GRTC067 project at the guidance of FTA; and,

WHEREAS, GRTC067 contains funding for planning consultation services and is being updated to include funding for GRTC's North-South Transit Oriented Design (TOD) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study; and,

WHEREAS, the North-South TOD BRT Study is funded through a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and,

WHEREAS, GRTC067 has been determined to be exempt from regional air quality conformity according to the 40 CFR § 93.126, under the category of "*Other – Planning and Technical Studies*;" and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) policy board amends the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update funding for GRTC067, as requested by GRTC.

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This is to certify that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approved the above resolution at its meeting held December 8, 2026.

WITNESS: BY:

Sarah-Keel Crews
Manager of Board Operations
PlanRVA

Martha Shickle Secretary
Richmond Regional
Transportation Planning
Organization