

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF ACTION MEETING**

**Thursday, July 1, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**PlanRVA James River Board Room**

**MEMBERS and ALTERNATES (A) PRESENT:**

<b>Town of Ashland</b>		<b>Charles City County</b>		<b>Chesterfield County</b>	
John H. Hodges	x	William G. Coada		Kevin P. Carroll	x
Anita Barnhart (A)		Vacant (A)		James M. Holland	x
				Christopher Winslow	x
				Leslie Haley (A)	
<b>Goochland County</b>		<b>Hanover County</b>		<b>Henrico County</b>	
John L. Lumpkins Jr.	x	Sean M. Davis		Patricia S. O'Bannon	x
Vice Chair Susan F. Lascolette	x	W. Canova Peterson	x	Frank J. Thornton	
Vacant (A)		Faye O. Prichard (A)		Thomas M. Branin (A)	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)	
<b>New Kent County</b>		<b>Powhatan County</b>		<b>City of Richmond</b>	
Patricia A. Paige	x	David T. Williams	x	Andreas D. Addison	
C. Thomas Tiller Jr.		Karin M. Carmack	x	Katherine L. Jordan	
Thomas W. Evelyn (A)		Vacant (A)		Stephanie A. Lynch	
Vacant (A)		Vacant (A)		Cynthia I. Newbille	x
				Michael J. Jones (A)	
				Kristen Nye Larson (A)	
				Ellen F. Robertson (A)	
				Vacant (A)	
<b>Capital Region Airport Commission</b>		<b>GRTC Transit System</b>		<b>RIC Metropolitan Transp. Authority (RMTA)</b>	
John B. Rutledge		Julie E. Timm	x	Joi Taylor Dean	
		Sheryl Adams (A)			
<b>Secretary of Transportation or Designee</b>		<b>CTAC</b>		<b>DRPT</b>	
R. Shane Mann	x	Upton S. Martin (non-voting)	x	Jennifer B. DeBruhl (non-voting)	
Mark E. Riblett (A)	x	Lisa M. Guthrie (A) (non-voting)		Tiffany T. Dubinsky (A) (non-voting)	x
<b>Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)</b>		<b>Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</b>		<b>RideFinders</b>	
Thomas L. Nelson Jr. (non-voting)		Daniel Koenig (Liaison)		Von S. Tisdale (non-voting)	x
Richard Duran (A) (non-voting)				Cherika N. Ruffin (A) (non-voting)	
<b>VA Dept. of Aviation (DOAV)</b>					
P. Clifford Burnette Jr. (non-voting)					

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board Chair, David T. Williams, presided and called the July 1, 2021 RRTPO Policy Board action meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in PlanRVA's James River Board Room.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Williams introduced Karin Carmack as the new policy board member representing Powhatan County.

## **ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF MEETING QUORUM**

Nicole Mueller, Program Coordinator of the RRTPO, certified that a quorum was present.

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **1. Consideration of Amendments to the Action Meeting Agenda**

There were no requested changes to the meeting agenda.

On motion of Patricia A. Paige, seconded by Christopher Winslow, the RRTPO Policy Board unanimously approved the July 1, 2021 agenda as presented.

#### **2. Approval of June 3, 2021 RRTPO Policy Board Action Meeting Minutes**

On motion of Cynthia I. Newbille, seconded by Patricia S. O'Bannon, the RRTPO Policy Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting as presented.

#### **4. RRTPO Chair's Report**

On recommendation of the RRTPO Executive Committee, the policy board discussed the declining trend in revenue sharing and the effects of the [Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021](#) on state transportation revenues which does not contain how the existing shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund's revenue will be covered. Members were concerned about the user-pays/user-benefits principle the gas tax was based on and how highway user tax revenues are being diverted to an array of non-highway uses. It was shared that the Commonwealth Transportation Board has delayed funding by four years and reduced funding for revenue sharing.

With the advent of the CVTA, more and more of the funding responsibility for transportation needs are pushed to the local level. General agreement among board members was that state and federal transportation agencies should honor their obligation commitment to the interstate highway system. The Byrd Road Act of 1932 was passed by the Virginia General Assembly with the purpose to relieve the county taxpayers of the cost of constructing and maintaining roads. It was recommended to send a letter to elected representatives so these concerns can be considered at the state and federal level.

On motion of W. Canova Peterson, seconded by Susan Lascolette, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board directs staff to draft a resolution letter to elected officials of the United States Congress and the Virginia General Assembly to let the RRTPO Policy Board's position known as they work through the transportation bill and that those elected officials be invited for a discussion and;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RRTPO coalesce with the Central Virginia Transportation Authority to support these efforts.

VDOT staff offered to bring back a summary of all the revenue sharing changes that are impacted statewide for all areas. Staff will compose a draft letter that will come back to the policy board for their consideration, and staff will look for possible meeting dates with state and federal officials.

## **B. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Action on ConnectRVA 2045 – Constrained List of Projects**

On motion of Patricia S. O'Bannon, seconded by Christopher Winslow, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

**RESOLVED**, that the RRTPO Policy Board approves the draft 'Constrained List of Projects' for the ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan as presented by staff and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RRTPO Policy Board approves the Constrained List of Projects in the ConnectRVA 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan and ungrouped projects of FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) as RRTPO projects for air quality conformity analysis as required by federal regulations (23 CFR § 450.326) and authorizes the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to review the draft conformity analysis and open the public review and comment period as needed.

### **2. Action on Critical Urban Freight Corridor (CUFC) Designation**

On motion of John H. Hodges, seconded by James M. Holland, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board approves the designations of the [Critical Urban Freight Corridors as determined by OIPI](#).

### **3. Action on FY21 – FY24 TIP Amendments: VDOT Request**

On motion of Kevin P. Carroll, seconded by R. Shane Mann, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these projects are considered exempt from conformity under provisions contained in section 93.126 of the conformity rule as follows:

**Two New Projects:**

- UPC 118144: Rt 360 Superstreets Study from Winterpock Rd to Harbour Point Pkwy/Mockingbird Ln project--Chesterfield County; **Study**
- UPC 118145: Rt 60 Corridor Improvement Study from Winterfield Rd/LeGordon Dr to Old Buckingham/Woolridge Rd project—Chesterfield County; **Study**

**4. Action on Draft Regional Project Selection and Allocation Framework**

On motion of John L. Lumpkins, seconded by W. Canova Peterson, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board unanimously approved the following resolution as presented:

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board adopts the Regional Project Selection and Allocation Framework for the allocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set Aside funds and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the RRTPO Policy Board rescinds the Richmond Area MPO RSTP and CMAQ Project Review, Selection, and Funds Allocation Process.

**C. AGENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Transportation Agency Updates**

- a. \*\* A copy of the Virginia Department of Transportation update provided by Shane Mann is available at: [VDOT Update](#)
- b. \*\* A copy of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation update provided by Jennifer DeBruhl, Chief of Public Transportation at DRPT, is available at: [DRPT Update](#)

**D. OTHER BUSINESS**

**3. Next RRTPO Policy Board Meeting: August 5, 2021**

The next action meeting will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

**E. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:46 a.m. on July 1, 2021.