

AGENDA

RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

VISION ZERO WORK GROUP

Thursday, October 8, 2020
 3:00 p.m.

Members of the public may observe the meeting via YouTube Live Streaming on the [PlanRVA YouTube Channel](#). Opportunities for sharing comments are described in the [Public Participation](#) guide.

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Opening Statement for Electronic Meetings

In light of the 2020 COVID-19 virus and current guidance regarding physical distancing to reduce the potential for spread, meetings of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commissions have transitioned to a virtual format. Regional Public Bodies were granted authority to conduct meetings electronically, pursuant to the 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-19.

While we do not know the exact duration of the current practice of electronic meetings, we will continue to function in this manner until such time as it is deemed appropriate to return to in-person meetings.

Staff provided notice of this meeting and the means by which we are virtually gathered to members of the public on October 1, 2020 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 on the PlanRVA website within 48 hours of this meeting.

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 rrtpoinput@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.

Does anyone have any questions regarding the process for assuring effective facilitation of this meeting or for how members of the public may participate?

I will now ask our clerk to certify we have followed the approved procedures for appropriate notice of this meeting and the means by which we are convening.

<Pause for Clerk's Response>

Please indicate your presence by saying "AYE" 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.

<Pause for Roll Call>

**RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
VISION ZERO WORK GROUP**

**MEETING SUMMARY
GoToMeeting Virtual Meeting
August 13, 2020
3:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town of Ashland		Chesterfield County		Goochland County	
Nora D. Amos	x	Kathryn Benedict	x	Thomas M. Coleman	
Henrico County		City of Richmond		VDOT	
Sharon Smidler Vice Chair	x	Dironna Moore Clarke Chair	x	Liz McAdory	

The RRTPO Vision Zero Work Group kickoff meeting was held by electronic communication means as set forth by the April 22, 2020 actions of the General Assembly in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. The technology used for this meeting was a web-hosted service created by GoToMeeting. A recording of this meeting is available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](#).

CALL TO ORDER

Dironna Moore Clarke, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Vision Zero Work Group Chair, presided and called the August 13, 2020 RRTPO Vision Zero Work Group meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

1. Approval of the August 13, 2020 Vision Zero Work Group Meeting Agenda

On motion of Sharon Smidler, seconded by Nora D. Amos, the Vision Zero Work Group unanimously approved the August 13, 2020 meeting agenda as presented.

2. Approval of the June 4, 2020 Vision Zero Work Group Meeting Summary

On motion of Sharon Smidler, seconded by Nora D. Amos, the Vision Zero Work Group unanimously approved the summary of the June 4, 2020 meeting as presented.

3. Vision Zero Work Group Chairman’s Report

Chair Clarke expressed a desire to move forward with some of the initiatives on the agenda. She communicated the expectation to share these initiatives with the members’ localities in hopes to reach a consensus on items like the vision and mission statements.

4. Adoption of Vision Statement

“The Richmond Region is committed to a strong and effective Vision Zero Action Plan with political commitment collaborating with multi-disciplinary leadership and using a system-based approach. Our plan is transparent, data driven, and engages our diverse communities, in an equitable manner.”

Following the direction established at the June kickoff meeting, the group discussed adoption of a vision and mission statement. The group decided more time and educational information about Vision Zero is needed before committing

and taking action on adopting vision and mission statements. The Vision Zero Work Group decided to table action on the adoption of the vision statement. Mike Sawyer, City of Richmond Transportation Engineer, offered to meet with any jurisdiction as a technical resource and to help answer any potential questions.

5. Adoption of Mission Statement

“To eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries in the Richmond Region by 2030.”

The Vision Zero Work Group decided to table action on the adoption of the mission statement.

6. Formation of Local Jurisdiction Commissions – Status Update from Each Locality

The group discussed formation of local jurisdiction commissions with emphasis placed on training/resources, safety messaging, and analysis of serious crash outcomes. The following information was shared:

- Town of Ashland
- Chesterfield County’s groups are having conversations about road safety, but they could benefit from collaboration to work more efficiently towards a common goal.
- Henrico County’s Pedestrian Work Group focuses on enhancing safety through education, enforcement and road design. The group includes members of the Police Division, Division of Fire, Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, Department of Public Works and Public Relations & Media Services as well as Sports Backers and GRTC. The Department of Public Works meets quarterly with VDOT and the Police Division to discuss crash data and improving safety.
- City of Richmond’s Safe and Healthy Streets Commission and the Vision Zero Task Force work together to move transportation safety matters forward. Organizations like Bike Walk RVA, AAA Mid-Atlantic, DRIVE SMART Virginia, and Safe Kids Worldwide are very interested in transportation safety.

a. Training or Resource Needs

The [kickoff meeting presentation](#) from June 4, 2020 provides helpful information on defining the issue concerning the Vision Zero concept. Mike Sawyer, City of Richmond Transportation Engineer, offered to meet with any jurisdiction as a technical resource and to help answer any potential questions.

b. Safety Messaging

Widespread email distribution of monthly Vision Zero Leadership Talking Points develops a culture of safety.

c. Analysis of Serious Crash Outcomes – Regional Approach 2017 to 2019

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in coordination with state and regional partners, is implementing the 2017-2021 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Stephen Read, HSIP Planning Manager at VDOT, gave a presentation on best practices and how best to utilize an effective safety planning approach.

The planning process includes identification of safety priority areas to address driver behaviors such as speeding, seat belt use, distracted driving, being impaired etc.; identification of other collision specific issues like roadway departure, or signalized/unsignalized intersections, motorcycle crashes etc.; as well as identification of crash locations with the potential for safety improvements across the region.

**Click on the following link for the [Roanoke Valley Regional Transportation Study](#) as an example.

7. Vision Zero Work Group Announcements and Open Public Comment Period

There were no requests to address the Vision Zero Work Group.

8. Vision Zero Work Group Member Comments

No comments were offered.

9. Next Vision Zero Work Group Meeting: October 15, 2020

Chair Clarke noted the next meeting will be held on October 15, 2020 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Richmond, Virginia.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. on August 13, 2020.

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