

**TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda**

Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia
October 14, 2021
4:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86019899833?pwd=L3N0azRvTnhoWkZ0di9TVFA5SjB3dz09>

Meeting Type: Annual
 Regular
 Special (Called)

Members Invited:

Chesterfield County	Kevin Carroll
City of Colonial Heights	John Wood
Dinwiddie County	William Chavis, Chair
City of Hopewell	Patience Bennett, Vice Chair
City of Petersburg	Samuel Parham
Prince George County	T.J. Webb
For the Secretary of Transportation	Shane Mann
Petersburg Area Transit	Charles Koonce
Crater Planning District Commission	Alec Brebner

Staff & Guests Invited:

Crater Planning District Commission	Ron Svejkovsky, MPO Secretary
Crater PDC	Jay Ruffa
VDOT	Mark Riblett
VDOT	Liz McAdory
VDOT	Todd Scheid
City of Hopewell	Johnnie Butler
Chesterfield County	Barb Smith
FHWA	Ivan Rucker
FTA	Ryan Long
DRPT	Tiffany Dubinsky

1. Call to order

2. Public Comment Period

ACTION ITEMS:

- 3. Approval of Agenda *Approval*
- 4. Approval of minutes from September 9, 2021, meeting – Att. 1 *Approval*
- 5. FY23-24 TAP Endorsement Resolution - Attachment 2 *Action*

As noted at last month’s meeting, any applications in an MPO area will need an MPO resolution of endorsement, so localities were asked to provide TA application information (project name, project description, estimated cost, and requested amount of TA funding) to MPO staff.

The resolution approved last month included dollar amounts that have changed since the resolution was adopted. Therefore, VDOT has asked that the Policy Committee approve the resolution at today’s meeting either without the dollar amounts or the new amounts (**Attachment 2**).

Action requested: TAC recommends the Policy Committee approve the resolution list without dollar amounts.

- 6. Plan2045 Vision, Goals, and Objectives – Attachment 3 *Action*

Earlier this year, MPO staff presented the results of the Vision, Goals and Objectives Survey. Based on a review of other MPO’s goals and objectives (ex: MPO staff served on RRTPO’s LRTP Committee; most of its goals and objectives are in **Attachment 3**) with the results of the survey, **Attachment 3** is the TAC - recommended Goals and Objectives.

Note: The recent Transportation Problems and Issues survey found that the public concurs with the Vision as approved by the TAC/Plan2045 Committee:

TCAMPO’s Transportation Vision - Encourage a transportation system that equitably improves safety, economic vitality, and quality of life for people living and working in the Tri-Cities area.

Action requested: The TAC/Plan 2045 Committee recommends Policy Committee approval of the Vision and the Goals and Objectives.

7. Plan2045 Report

Information

MPO staff will provide a status update of Plan2045, including the schedule below:

November /December:

- Approve the *Plan2045* Candidates Prioritization/Scoring Process
- Approve the *Plan2045* Revenue Forecasts (VDOT and DRPT) and Assumptions
- Resilience presentation – which level of vulnerability?

January:

- Approve the *Plan2045* Candidates scores and CLRP List
- *Plan2045* Safety Goal – Vision Zero Interest?

February:

- ICG meeting (Feb. 8 before RRTPO TAC meeting); Policy Committee approve for 30-day review (February 15-March 17)

March:

- Recommend Draft *Plan2045* for 30-day public review/outreach and resource agency review (March 15 – April 15)

May/June:

- Approve *Plan2045* for FHWA/FTA approval

8. DRPT Report

Information

9. VDOT Report

Information

10. Other Upcoming

Information

November /December:

- Approve the 2022 MPO Safety Target

January:

- FY22 Accomplishments and Draft FY23 UWPWP Priorities

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021 (in person, note the special date!)

ATTACHMENT 1

TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

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100 West Washington Street

Petersburg, Virginia

September 9, 2021

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Zoom Link (if you wish to attend virtually):

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Members Present:

Chesterfield County

Kevin Carroll (via Zoom)

City of Colonial Heights

John Wood

Dinwiddie County

William Chavis, Chair

City of Hopewell

Patience Bennett, Vice Chair

Prince George County

T.J. Webb

For the Secretary of Transportation

Liz McAdory (alternate)

Petersburg Area Transit

Charles Koonce

Crater Planning District Commission

Alec Brebner

Members Absent:

City of Petersburg

Samuel Parham

Others Present:

Crater Planning District Commission

Ron Svejkovsky, MPO Secretary

Crater PDC

Jay Ruffa

VDOT

Nicole Mueller (via Zoom)

City of Hopewell

Johnnie Butler

Chesterfield County

Barb Smith

Prince George County

Julie Walton

DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky (via Zoom)

PlanRVA

Ken Lantz (via Zoom)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved

Mr. Webb moved, and Ms. McAdory seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes from August 12, 2021, meeting – Att. 1

Approved

Mr. Webb moved, and Ms. Bennett seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Transfer from UPC 70725 to UPC 101288 - Attachment 2

Approved

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that the City of Colonial Heights has requested a \$300,350 RSTP fund transfer from UPC 70725 (RSTP Balance Entry) to UPC 101288 (Lakeview Ave Widening. Attachment 2 includes the MPO staff report with revised FY22-27 RSTP Allocation Table and resolution.

Ms. McAdory moved, and Mr. Webb seconded the motion that the Policy Committee approve the RSTP funds transfer by resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. FY23-24 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Att 3

Approved

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that any applications in an MPO area will need an MPO resolution of endorsement, so localities were asked to provide TA application information (project name, project description, estimated cost, and requested amount of TA funding) to MPO staff. Attachment 3 is the endorsement resolution which includes the list of TAP applications.

Mr. Webb moved, and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion that the Policy Committee approve the TAP endorsements by resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. Metroquest Problems, Issues, and Needs Survey – Att. 4

Information

Mr. Svejkovsky (with VDOT assistance) will presented the results of the Problems and Needs Survey. Attachment 4 includes a summary of the results.

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that MPO staff has forwarded the comments (from the survey and from Facebook) to the TAC members.

8. Federal Certification Meeting

Information

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that on August 24, the FHWA-FTA federal certification site visit of RRTPO was held (which TCAMPO staff also attended to help with the coordination questions) and of TCAMPO was held on August 25; the public meeting was also held August 26 p.m.

Mr. Svejkovsky also noted that the public comment period ends October 25.

9. Congressional Earmark Requests Status

Information

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that there has been no change regarding the Congressional and Senate earmark requests, which includes:

- TCAMPO: Fall Line Trail project (\$8,500,000)
- Hopewell: Courthouse Road bus shelters and sidewalk (\$1,000,000)
- Prince George County: Roundabout at the Intersection of Middle Rd. and Jefferson Park Rd. (\$3,540,806)
- Ettrick Train Station Revitalization - Bessie Lane Realignment and Reconstruction (\$1,000,000)

10. RAISE Grant Applications - Status

Information

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that the review process continues for:

- “Fall Line Trail (Patton Park through VSU to River Road)” Capital Grant
- “I-85 NB to I-95 SB (Planning and Conceptual Design)” Planning Grant, and
- “Multimodal Mobility Planning in Areas of Persistent Poverty (APP) in Tri-Cities MPO Area” Planning Grant.

11. DRPT Report

Information

Ms. Dubinsky presented the DRPT monthly report (attached to the minutes)

12. VDOT Report

Information

Ms. McAdory presented the VDOT monthly report (attached to the minutes)

13. Upcoming

Information

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that upcoming in October 14/November:

- Approve the *Plan2045* Goals and Measures
- Approve the *Plan2045* Candidates Prioritization/Scoring Process
- Approve the *Plan2045* Revenue Forecasts (VDOT and DRPT)

14. Other Business

There was no other business

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. The next meeting: Friday, October 14, 2021 (in person!)

DRAFT

Transit Equity and Modernization Study

- DRPT has selected Kimley-Horn to support the Transit Equity and Modernization Study (HJ 542).
- The legislation requires DRPT to conduct a needs assessment that focuses on the equitable delivery of transit services and modernization of transit in Virginia.
- A [joint webinar](#) for TRIP and Transit Equity and Modernization Study was held on July 29.
- An interim report is due to the General Assembly by December 2021 and final report by August 2022.

SMART SCALE Round 5

- With the SMART SCALE portal scheduled to open March 2022, DRPT is encouraging all eligible applicants with potential transit or rail projects to reach out for technical assistance on applications.
- Please reach out to your DRPT contact or for general SMART SCALE questions, please contact Taylor Jenkins at taylor.jenkins@drpt.virginia.gov.

Transit Ridership Incentive Program

- The Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) is a new statewide grant program dedicated to improving transit's regional connectivity in urban areas with a population in excess of 100,000 and reducing barriers to transit use by supporting low income and zero fare programming.
- Application opened on August 1 and will close September 17, 2021. Supporting documentation such as letters of support or board approvals may be submitted through October 1, 2021.
- Additional information is available on DRPT's webpage at: <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/transit/trip-transit-ridership-incentive-program/>

Virginia Breeze Bus Expansion

- The Virginia Breeze intercity bus service is expanding service along the I-81 Corridor with a fourth route titled the Highlands Rhythm. Service will begin later this year.
- The route will consist of daily northbound and southbound service connecting Bristol, Virginia to Union Station in Washington, D.C. with stops in Wytheville, Radford, Christiansburg, Salem, Roanoke, Harrisonburg, Dulles International Airport, and West Falls Church Metrorail Station.

Intercity Bus Relief Funding Opportunity

- This one-time grant opportunity will help intercity bus companies recover operating expenses incurred during the pandemic
- The application period is open now through October 1, 2021
- Funding is provided at a 100 percent federal share, with no local match required. The funds can be used to reimburse certain operating expenses incurred to maintain transit services as well as pay for administrative leave for transit personnel due to reduced operations during the emergency.
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and DRPT have established [eligibility criteria](#) to appropriately allocate this funding. Criteria should be thoroughly reviewed before completing the [application](#).

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

- The VPRA Board will be meeting on September 28, 2021 at 10:00 am at the VDOT Central Auditorium - 1221 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA with a livestream available.
- Extension of passenger rail service from Staples Mill Station to Main Street Station scheduled to launch in September as part of the Transforming Rail in Virginia Program.
- Additional information on VPRA can be found at: <http://vpra.virginia.gov/>

Freight Rail Enhancement to Increase Goods and Highway Throughput (FREIGHT) Grant Program

- DRPT funding program to utilize the Commonwealth Rail Fund for planning purposes and rail projects not administered by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
- DRPT presented at the July CTB Board workshop draft guidance for the FREIGHT program. A copy of the presentation may be found here: http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/media/3499/crf_freight_julyctb.pdf
- Next steps include finalizing program guidance, adoption by the CTB, and accepting applications on December 1, 2021.

CTB – August 2021 Meeting Update

- No August CTB meetings were held

CTB – Next Meeting: (VDOT Auditorium)

- Workshop Meeting on Sept. 14th at 10:00am
- Action Meeting on Sept. 15th at 9:00am

Local Programs Workshop

- VDOT's Local Assistance Division will host the 2021 Local Programs Workshop on Oct. 26-28 at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside
 - Click link above for information and to register

Fall Line Trail

- VDOT staff is continuing to review Fall Line Trail cost estimates and budget needs in order to assist CVTA with budget planning for other sections of the trail
 - This review includes the portion of the Fall Line Trail that falls within the Tri-Cities MPO area
 - VDOT is coordinating this review with impacted Tri-Cities member locality staff

Federal MPO Certification Review

- Thank you to MPO staff and all that participated in the Federal MPO Certification review
- VDOT continues to be available to provide any information or assistance needed

Upcoming Public Hearings/Citizen Information Meetings

- There are currently no Public Hearings or Willingness to Hold Public Hearings in the Tri-Cities MPO study area.

ATTACHMENT 2

Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution Endorsing FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternative Program Set-Aside Applications

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Guidance requires all Transportation Alternatives applications located within the boundaries of a Metropolitan Planning Organization, to obtain a resolution of endorsement from the appropriate MPO; and

WHEREAS, Chesterfield County, the City of Colonial Heights, and the City of Hopewell indicated their intent to submit FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternatives applications for the following projects:

- App. ID 8093 - Chesterfield, Fall Line Trail (W. Westover to Fairfax)
- App. ID 7993 – Colonial Heights, Appomattox Greenway Trail Phase 6
- App. ID 7994 - Colonial Heights, Appomattox Greenway Trail Boulevard Spur
- App ID 7995 - Colonial Heights, SRTS Phase III Middle School Sidewalks
- App. ID 8258 – Hopewell, W Randolph Rd Shared Use Path

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization endorses these project applications for the FY23 – FY24 Transportation Set-Aside process.

Upon a motion by _____ () with a second by _____ () and carried by a voice vote a motion was adopted on October 14, 2021 with ___ members voting aye, ___ members voting nay, and ___ members abstaining.

The Honorable William D. Chavis, Chair,
Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

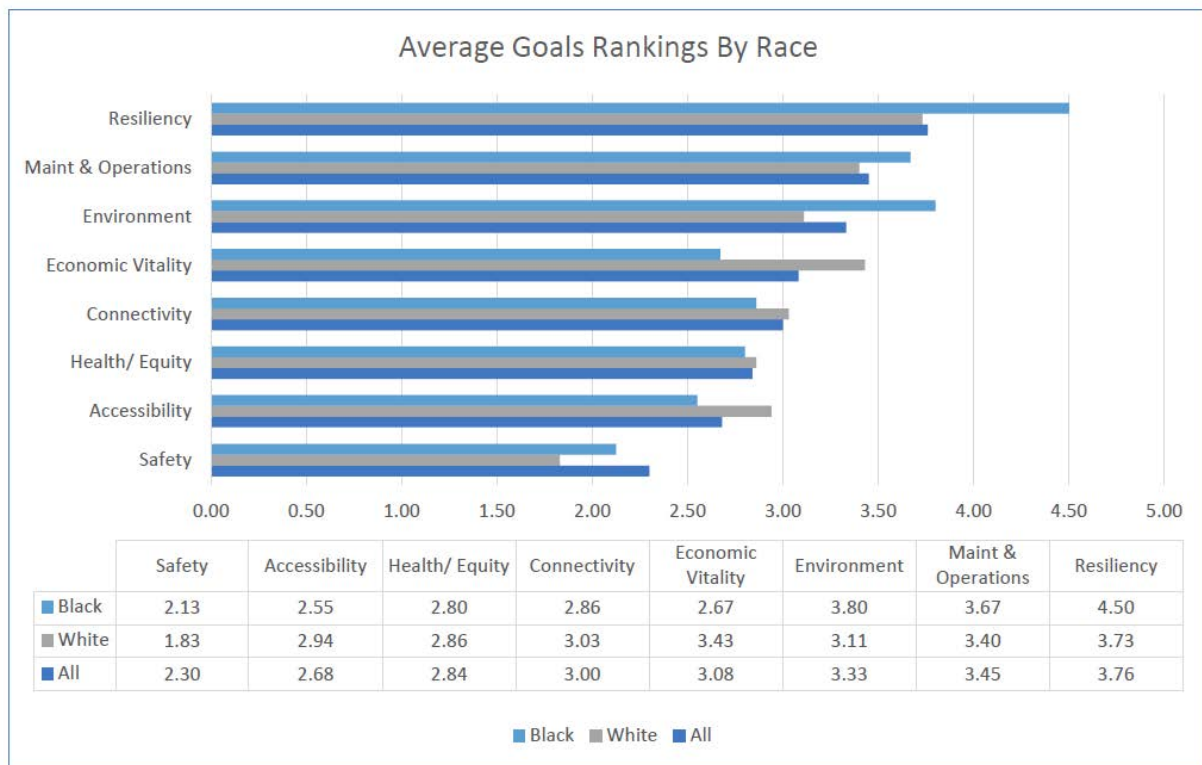
October 14, 2021

Ronald D. Svejkovsky
Secretary, Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

ATTACHMENT 3

Plan2045 Goals and Objectives

TCAMPO conducted public on-line surveys from January to August 2021 to gain an understanding of the public opinions on the of transportation goals and priorities in the region. The chart below displays the survey results (the lower the number, the higher the rank).



Guided by the survey inputs and Plan2045 Committee recommendations, TCAMPO staff recommend the following goals and objectives:

A. Safety

Improve the safety of the transportation system for all people.

A1. Enhance safety and comforts of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

A2. Work to eliminate all serious injuries and fatalities resulting from vehicular accidents.

B. Environment/Land Use

Reduce the negative impact the transportation system has on the natural and built environment.

B1. Address roadways prone to flooding and consider climate impacts in transportation planning prioritization and funding decisions.

B2. Reduce transportation related pollutants.

B3. Increase number and share of trips taken by shared and active transportation modes.

B4. Assist and support localities as they perform land use planning regarding transportation investments that encourage walkable and transit-oriented communities.

B5. Minimize impacts of transportation system on natural resources and communities with a particular emphasis on Environmental Justice (EJ) populations

C. Equity/Accessibility

Improve equitable access through greater availability of mode choices that are affordable and efficient

C1. Reduce trip lengths for all people with a focus on Environmental Justice (EJ) populations.

C2. Increase access to jobs and community services via transit, walking, and biking for all people with a focus on EJ populations.

D. Economic Development

Improve connectivity and mobility for strong economic vitality

D1. Reduce peak period travel times.

D2. Increase transportation investment which focuses on economic vitality.

D3. Improve reliability and accessibility of travel to and within the regional activity centers.

D4. Reduce freight bottlenecks.

D5. Increase multimodal access to tourist destinations.

E. Mobility

Increase travel efficiency and mode choices by maintaining the transportation system in a state of good repair

E1. Increase the percent of complete streets across the highway network to maximize use of available capacity.

E2. Increase system efficiency through operational, transportation demand management (TDM), and technology-based solutions.

E3. Improve system reliability across all modes.