

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

Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia
November 18, 2021
4:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81590560039?pwd=SHdLM09aVTFOZUUvS3pQU0RlamtxQT09>

Meeting Type:

- o Annual
- o Regular
- o 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 Svejksky, 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/Certification of Quorum

2. Welcome and Introductions

ADMINISTRATION:

3. Approval of Agenda *Approval*
4. Approval of minutes from October 14, 2021, meeting – *Att. 1* *Approval*
5. Public Comment Period
6. Chair's Report

ACTION ITEMS:

7. **MTIP Amendment for UPC 117864 - Attachment 2** *Action*

The Tri-Cities MPO has requested an MTIP amendment to add UPC 117864 (FY22 RSTP Planning Staff Supplement) and thus make it open to charges. Attachment 2 includes the MTIP AMD sheet. UPC 117864 is a budget/program item.

Action requested: TAC recommends the Policy Committee approve the resolution.

8. **Plan2045 Regionally Significant Candidates List** *Action*

Over the past few months, MPO staff has worked with the TAC/Plan2045 Committee to work on the Regionally significant Candidate projects list. These projects would be scored using our performance-based planning and programming system (as assisted by the GAP consultant). MPO staff also coordinated with the RRTPO staff which had been working on ConnectRVA 2045.

As a reminder, Regionally Significant Projects (as required by federal regulations), are not exempt from air quality conformity and include:

- Add a travel lane both ways to an arterial, freeway, or interstate
- Construct a new arterial

- Construct a new freeway interchange
- Passenger rail projects

Please note that a technical appendix (Vision Projects; i.e, projects that are consistent with the Long-Range Transportation Plan) will include Regionally Significant projects not selected for funding in *Plan2045* (plus other projects identified in various plans, etc.) and these projects will be considered “consistent with the Long-Range Plan.” At this point, almost 20 studies, plans, etc. will be used as sources for this Technical Appendix.

The Regionally Significant Candidate Projects List was developed based on the above and was reviewed for feasibility and for coordination with the RRTPO’s *ConnectRVA 2045*, then was discussed and approved by the TAC/Plan2045 Committee at its October 8 meeting.

The Regionally Significant Candidates List as approved by the TAC/Plan2045 Committee has been refined to these seven Regionally Significant widening projects:

- Route 10 from I-295 to Rt 746 N. Enon Church Rd (0.90 miles) – widen from 4 lanes (with median) to 6-lanes (lanes added in median)
- Route 144 (Temple Ave) from Conduit Ave. to Colonial Hts ECL (0.93 miles) - widen from 4 lanes (with median) to 6-lanes (lanes added in median)
- Route 144 from Colonial Hts. ECL to Puddledock Rd (0.78 miles) - widen from 4 lanes (with median) to 6-lanes (lanes added in median)
- Route 144 from Puddledock Rd to Route 36 (1.99 miles) - widen from 4 lanes (with median) to 6-lanes (lanes added in median)
- Route 620 (Wood Edge Rd) from east of the railroad to Route 1 (0.40miles) – widen from 2-lanes to 4-lanes (finish 4-lane section)
- Route 746 (N. Enon Church Rd) from Meadowville Technology Parkway to Route 10 (0.80 miles) - widen from 2-lanes to 4-lanes (finish 4-lane section)
- Cedar Level Road Southern section (0.50 miles) - widen from 2-lanes to 4-lanes (finish 4-lane section)

Note: The East-West Freeway (2 lanes) from west of Branders Bridge Road to Route 1 is a Private/Local” project and therefore would not be scored and will

be listed as a “Private/Local Road” in the “Financially Constrained Long-Range Plan”.

The TAC/Plan2045 Committee recommends this list be used for the Plan2045 Candidates for scoring.

Action requested: *The TAC/Plan 2045 Committee recommends Policy Committee approval of the Regionally Significant Candidates List.*

INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. 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

10. DRPT Report

Information

11. VDOT Report

Information

12. Other Upcoming Topics:

Information

January:

- Approve the 2022 MPO Safety Target
- FY22 Accomplishments and Draft FY23 UWPWP Priorities

13. Other Business/Members Comments

14. Next meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2021 (in person)

15. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

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Members Absent:

City of Petersburg	Samuel Parham
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Others Present:

Crater Planning District Commission	Ron Svejkovsky, MPO Secretary
VDOT	Todd Scheid (via Zoom)
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Chesterfield County	Barb Smith
DRPT	Tiffany Dubinsky (via Zoom)
FOLAR	Wendy Austin
Roslyn Farms Corp.	Nicholas Walker

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30. A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment Period

No public comments were received or given.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved

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

4. Approval of minutes from September 9, 2021, meeting – Att. 1

Approved

Mr. Carroll moved, and Mr. Mann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously

5.FY23-24 TAP Endorsement Resolution - Attachment 2

Adopted

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that 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.

Mr. Svejkovsky added that 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**).

Mr. Carroll moved, and Mr. Webb seconded the motion to approve the resolution list without dollar amounts. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Plan2045 Vision, Goals, and Objectives – Attachment 3

Action

Mr. Svejkovsky noted that 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.

Mr. Svejkovsky also noted that 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.

Mr. Webb moved, and Mr., Carroll seconded the motion that the Policy Committee approve the Vision and the Goals and Objectives. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Ms. Dubinsky gave the DRPT report (attached to the minutes)

9. VDOT Report

Information

Mr. Mann gave the VDOT report (attached to the minutes)

10. Other Upcoming

Information

Mr. Svejkovsky noted the upcoming agenda items:

November /December:

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January:

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11. Other Business

Mr. Nicholas and the Policy Committee members discussed the plans for their project near Rives Road and we need to be sure the roadway and the Rives Road interchange can handle the additional traffic. This development project is part of a joint Petersburg/prince George County economic development effort. Mr. Svejkovsky noted that a study/analysis was requested by the MPO made to VDOT as part of the FY22 UPWP effort, and MPO staff expects it to be a request in the upcoming FY23 UPWP effort, STARS, RAISE, etc. initiatives.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 18, 2021 (in person, note the special date!)

Transit Equity and Modernization Study

- Baseline Conditions and Opportunities Assessment will be finalized in October.
- Four Technical Working Groups will be meeting for the first time in October with a total of four meetings scheduled between now and August 2022.
- The interim report is due to the General Assembly by December 2021 and final report by August 2022.
- Information on the study and its progress can be found at www.vatransitequity.com.

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.
- Applications closed on September 17, 2021 with three Regional Connectivity projects and 10 Zero Fare projects for a total request of \$13,400,955.
- Review and scoring of applications underway with tentative CTB presentation of draft recommendations in late October.
- Additional information is available on DRPT's webpage at: <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/transit/trip-transit-ridership-incentive-program/>

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

- Expanded rail service from Richmond to the Northeast Corridor launched on September 27, 2021, with the return of Route 51 to service.
- Amtrak Northeast Regional Route 51 will now offer early morning service originating from Main Street Station and is the first expansion of service under the Transforming Rail in Virginia program.
- Additional information on VPRA can be found at: <http://vpra.virginia.gov/>

CTB – September 2021 Meeting Update

- [Workshop Presentations](#)
 - Sustainability for Virginia
 - Maintenance and Operations Comprehensive Review
 - Policy for the Development of VTrans Long-term Risk & Opportunity Register
 - Project Pipeline
 - Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program (IOEP)
 - Transportation Revenues and Opportunities
- [Action Meeting](#)
 - Approval of the FY22 Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program (IOEP) Funding Scenario
 - [Projects added to FY22-27 SYIP](#)

CTB – Next Meeting: (VDOT Auditorium)

- Workshop Meeting on October 19th at 10:00am
- Action Meeting on October 20th 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
 - SMART SCALE Portal and Pre-Scoping Workshop Demo

SMART SCALE – Round 5 (FY22 – FY27 SYIP)

- Round 5 will begin early 2022
- VDOT is beginning to work with local staff on application development

Fall Line Trail

- VDOT presented the most recent cost estimates at the last [CVTA meeting](#) on September 24th
- CTB approved allocation of \$5M for Fall Line Trail pre-scoping and preliminary engineering efforts

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.

Tri-Cities MPO
Miscellaneous Projects

UPC NO	117864	SCOPE	Other			
SYSTEM	Miscellaneous	JURISDICTION	Multi-jurisdictional: Tri-Cities MPO	OVERSIGHT	NFO	
PROJECT	RSTP SUPPLEMENT FOR MPO PLANNING STAFF SALARIES -- FY22			ADMIN BY	Locally	
DESCRIPTION						
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD – add \$32,000 (RSTP) FFY22.					
ROUTE/STREET	VARIOUS (9999)			TOTAL COST	\$45,000	
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
PE	Federal - RSTP	\$8,000	\$0	\$32,000	\$0	\$0

Federal funds include the use of soft match supported by approved toll credits unless otherwise indicated and/or matching funds are shown in the "Match" column. Non-federal fund sources are as noted in the "Program Note" and shown in the "Match" column, when applicable.

**Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution Approving
Revision of the 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement
Program to Add UPC 117864 (RSTP Supplement for MPO Staff FY22)**

WHEREAS, the transportation priorities of the Tri-Cities Area MPO are consistent with those of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Tri-Cities Area MPO for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to be consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Tri-Cities Area MPO for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to be consistent with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Six Year Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with included in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP);

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to transportation project to add UPC 117864 (RSTP Supplement for MPO Staff FY22) to ensure prompt project delivery; and,

WHEREAS, the project to be amended is exempt from conformity under the provisions of 40 CFR Part 93.126;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's FFY 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program be amended to reflect the projects' design, concept, scope, and schedule.

Upon a motion by _____ () with a second by _____ () and carried by a voice vote a motion was adopted on November 18, 2021 with ___ members voting Aye, ___ members voting Nay, ___ members abstaining.

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

Date

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

Date

