

**2031 Long-Range Transportation Plan  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
May 15, 2008**

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

Viktoria Badger – City of Richmond  
William Britton – Charles City County  
Scott Clark – GRTC  
Thomas Coleman – Goochland County  
Tammye Davis – FHWA  
Dan Grinnell -- VDOT  
George Homewood – New Kent County  
Liz McAdory – VDOT  
Ann McRee – Sierra Club  
James Ponticello -- VDOT  
Michael Testerman – CTAC – VARP  
Stephen Story – James River Buslines  
Von Tisdale – RideFinders  
Ruby Turner -- CGRAGV  
Joe Vidunas – Hanover County  
Lloyd Vye – CTAC – RABA  
John Zeugner – CTAC-VCN  
Jin Lee – Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
Dan Lysy – Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
Barbara Nelson – Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
Archita Rajbhandary -- Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
Lee Yolton -- Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
Shelly Aprill – RRPDC Intern  
Anne Darby – RRPDC Intern  
Tiffany Tran – RRPDC Intern

**MEETING NOTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidunas at approximately 9:10 a.m.

**Administration:** The Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) approved the agenda for the meeting as presented.

The Committee had no revisions or corrections to the April 24 meeting notes as presented.

No one in attendance from the public offered comments during the public comment period.

**Chairman and Director’s Report:** The Chairman discussed a recent meeting in Charlottesville to review various aspects of “locally-administered” transportation projects, and what can be done to improve the situation. There was no report from the Project Director.

**Business:**

- The Project Director, Mr. Yolton, noted that very few review comments had been received on the materials so far posted on the RRPDC website. The deadline for receiving review comments on the first set of draft 2031 LRTP chapters – Chapters 3, 6 and 9, plus the project location maps – was set for Tuesday, May 13. An additional email to the Committee, sent on May 14, noted that additional draft chapters were posted; namely, Chapters 1, 2, 10, 12 and 14, with review comments requested by Tuesday, May 20.

- Some comments already had been provided on Chapter 10, Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities, and the Committee was reminded that jurisdictional representatives should closely review the draft information on bike and ped facilities in each jurisdiction.
- Mr. Yolton commenced a brief review of the contents of the draft 2031 LRTP chapters, with reference to the links posted on the Table of Contents page on the RRPDC website.
- As each posted chapter was discussed, the following comments were offered by the Committee members:
  - Chapter 1 – the likelihood of High Speed Rail between Richmond and Washington, D.C. is essentially nonexistent in the time period covered by the 2031 LRTP, so this statement should be dropped. U.S. Rte 33 should be included among the list of important highways in the region, and Rte. 895 should not be listed as an interstate highway.
  - Chapter 2 – Figure 2-1 which shows the LRTP update process is idealized; the 2031 LRTP update did not follow the process as outlined, so there should be a disclaimer added or another chart produced to show the actual process followed. It was verified that the Governor does have a roll in the approval of the TIP (statement on page 2). There is a typo on Map 2-1. It was suggested that the Mass Transit Account, which is one part of the Highway Trust Fund, should be explained better.
  - Chapter 6 – It was noted that there is a mention of the “graying” of the population in Ch. 6 and the likely impacts on transportation demand in the future. A discussion of projections of future VMT in the region should be included in Ch. 6, along with the other commuter information (future VMT is presented in the CMS Technical Documentation Report).
  - Chapter 14 – the term “Environmental Justice” implies an assessment of the cost/benefits of individual projects on minority and low-income groups; however, such an assessment would need to be done on a project-by-project basis and is beyond the scope of the 2031 LRTP.
- Additional comments and questions were discussed by the Committee, but not necessarily in reference to a specific draft chapter; for instance, it was suggested that a discussion concerning the overall lack of transportation funding and the failure of the VA legislature to effectively address this issue should be considered. Also, that there be some discussion of disaster preparedness, particularly for hurricane evacuations. A question was discussed about determining transit capture rates.
- The Committee agreed that an Executive Summary should be prepared for review purposes by the MPO and others.

## **Other Business**

### **Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The Project Director noted that staff was progressing with other chapters of the 2031 LRTP, and these will be posted on the RRPDC website as soon as possible. May 20 is the target date for having all the remaining draft 2031 LRTP chapters posted, with the possible exception of Chapter 4, Citizen Participation and Chapter 11, Intermodal System. In accord with the project schedule, the next, and final, meeting of the 2031 LRTP Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 29 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m.