

**2031 Long-Range Transportation Plan  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Richmond Regional Planning District Commission  
February 26, 2008**

**MEETING ATTENDEES**

Victoria Badger – City of Richmond  
John T. Benton -- Citizen  
William Britton – Charles City County  
Scott Clark – GRTC  
Thomas Coleman – Goochland County  
Todd Eure – Henrico County  
George Homewood – New Kent County  
Dan Johnson – EDAC-AARP  
Liz McAdory – VDOT  
James Ponticello -- VDOT  
Mark Riblett – VDOT  
Daniel Rudge – VDRPT  
Brandon Stidham – Powhatan County  
Stephen Story – James River Buslines  
Michael Testerman – CTAC – VARP  
Frank Vance – Access Chesterfield  
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 1:08 p.m.

**Administration:** It was noted that there was an error on the agenda regarding the start time of today's meeting and the estimated end time. The Advisory Committee (the "Committee") approved the agenda for the meeting with a correction to the starting time and estimated meeting duration.

Mr. Yolton noted that copies of the meeting notes for the last two meetings of the Committee (Feb. 6 and Feb. 12) were placed on the table for Committee members.

**Public Comment Period:** Mr. John Benton made a statement to the Committee, noting several criticisms and weaknesses of the LRTP process. He felt that the LRTP is an important effort, but felt that the public review component was inadequate. In addition, he felt that a more objective process should be used for ranking project priorities. Also, that the socioeconomic forecast was not accurate because it under predicted growth in the region. Lastly, that there were many privately-funded projects in Chesterfield that are not contained in the list of future projects.

**Chairman and Director's Report:** There was no report from the Chairman or the Project Director.

**Business:**

- The Project Director noted for the Committee that individual meetings had been held with the project submitters either in person or by phone to finalize the list of projects that had been distributed for today's meeting. He noted that the overall list of projects being requested for approval included the E+C list, the list of Other Funded projects, and the list of Proposed projects. In addition, a "Vision" list was distributed, consisting of projects that could not be constrained given the funding forecast, but that this did not require formal approval and may continue to be modified.
- The Project Director reviewed changes since the last meeting, which centered primarily on the list of Proposed projects; for instance that additional Primary road funds were made available because of a large Hanover project removed from the list. And, an accounting error that freed-up additional Urban road funds. Also, he noted that recently available estimates of RSTP and CMAQ funds forecast for FY12 and FY13 were utilized to include additional projects in the constrained list; however, the utilization of these funds was in no way intended to presuppose what projects would result from the upcoming RSTP/CMAQ selection process. Lastly, he noted that the utilization of the new forecast for RSTP/CMAQ funds could result in a need to amend the 2031 LRTP.
- The Project Director concluded by noting that the constrained list of projects for inclusion in the 2031 LRTP should be viewed as a regional effort to improve the transportation system, and if the individual Committee members felt that the list represents a reasonable approach to utilize scarce resources, and considering all the other factors involved, then it would be appropriate to recommend its approval to the MPO.
- The Chairman opened the matter for discussion by the Committee and it was determined to go around the table and hear from each of the project submitters. Mr. Yolton kept notes of the requested final changes to the projects, and the Committee came to a consensus on various means by which the requested changes could be accommodated. After a final review and verification of the requested changes, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the overall list of constrained projects (as amended) to the MPO for approval at the MPO meeting scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Yolton noted that he would again verify the individual changes with project submitters prior to distributing the list to the MPO.
- A Committee member suggested that it would be appropriate at this point to make notes on how the process could be improved for the next time the LRTP needs to be updated. A discussion ensued, and it was noted that the project selection process needs to be better coordinated with the development of long-range goals and objectives. Also, it was noted that development of a Congestion Management System was an important component of the LRTP, and that this also should precede the selection of improvement projects to be funded.

### **Next Meeting/Adjournment**

The Project Director noted that staff was progressing with the other components of the LRTP, and the next meeting date would need to be determined based on when materials would be ready to distribute to the Committee for review. It was anticipated that there would be two additional meeting needed both in April and May to complete the project. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.