

**RICHMOND AREA**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**September 14, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**REPRESENTING**

Robert R. Setliff, <b>Chairman</b> .....	County of Hanover
R. M. “Dickie” King, <b>Vice Chairman</b> .....	County of Chesterfield
Viktoría W. Badger (Alternate) .....	City of Richmond
Robert M. Berry .....	RMA
Malvern R. Butler .....	County of Goochland
Ralph J. “Joe” Emerson .....	County of Henrico
E. Todd Eure .....	County of Henrico
Paul E. Fisher .....	RRPDC
Lawrence C. Hagin (Alternate) .....	GRTC Transit System
Russell E. Holland .....	County of Powhatan
Michael Holmes .....	County of Charles City
George Homewood .....	County of New Kent
Joseph T. Lacy .....	County of Goochland
Sherman W. Litton .....	County of Chesterfield
William C. Martin (Alternate) .....	Town of Ashland
William C. Nelson, Jr. (Nonvoting) .....	CTAC
Vanloan Nguyen .....	City of Richmond
Patricia O’ Bannon .....	County of Henrico
H. Charles Rasnick (Nonvoting) .....	MPO Chairman Citizen Appointee
Mark E. Riblett (Alternate) .....	VDOT
Barbara K. Smith (Alternate) .....	County of Chesterfield
Frank Thornton .....	County of Henrico
Stran L. Trout .....	County of New Kent
Joseph E. Vidunas (Alternate) .....	County of Hanover
Felicia H. Woodruff (Nonvoting) .....	VDRPT

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**REPRESENTING**

Jameson Auten (Nonvoting) .....	RideFinders
Linda Broady-Myers (Nonvoting) .....	EDAC
Cliff Burnette (Nonvoting) .....	VDA
John Gordon .....	County of Hanover
Thomas A. Hawthorne .....	VDOT
Patricia A. Kampf (Nonvoting) .....	FTA
John M. Lewis .....	GRTC Transit System
Eugene A. Mason .....	City of Richmond
John McCracken .....	County of Chesterfield
William Pantele .....	City of Richmond
Faye O. Prichard .....	Town of Ashland

**MEMBERS ABSENT (Cont.)**

**REPRESENTING**

Ivan Rucker (Nonvoting) ..... FHWA  
John Rutledge.....CRAC  
Carson L. Tucker .....County of Powhatan

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**REPRESENTING**

Daniel N. Lysy, **Secretary** (Alternate)..... RRPDC  
Jack E. Apostolides..... Citizen and former VDRPT nonvoting member  
William R. Britton, Jr. (Alternate)..... County of Charles City  
David Caudill ..... RMA  
Meade Daffron ..... RMA  
Rebecca Draper ..... former County of Hanover voting member  
Malcolm H. Hines ..... CTAC  
Richard C. Lockwood ..... VHB  
Liz McAdory ..... VDOT  
Brenda “Sam” Snyder .....Planning Commission, County of New Kent  
Jin Lee ..... RRPDC  
Barbara Nelson..... RRPDC  
Archita Rajbhandary ..... RRPDC  
Sharon Robeson ..... RRPDC  
Patricia Villa ..... RRPDC

**CALL TO ORDER**

MPO Chairman Robert R. Setliff called the September 14, 2006 meeting of the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to order at approximately 2:45 p.m. in the large conference room of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC).

**I. ADMINISTRATION**

**A. Certification by MPO Secretary of Meeting Quorum –**

Dan Lysy reported that a quorum was present.

**B. Additions to MPO Agenda –**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**C. Minutes of the June 8, 2006 MPO Meeting –**

On motion by Malvern R. Butler, seconded by Russell Holland, the June 8, 2006 MPO meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**D. Open Public Comment Period –**

There were no comments offered and Chairman Setliff closed the Public Comment Period.

**E. MPO Chairman's Report –**

Chairman Setliff noted this is his first meeting as MPO chairman. He said former MPO Chairman Rudy Butler did a great job last year and he hopes to move forward from where Mr. Butler brought us. He said he believes that as we move into the future, the MPO and other regional bodies will become increasingly important and begin to play an enhanced role as the region and the state struggle to fund transportation needs and look toward regional cooperation for solutions.

**1. Introduction of New MPO Members and Alternates –**

Chairman Setliff introduced new MPO members and alternates asking them to raise their hands if present. William C. Martin, MPO Alternate, Town of Ashland; Charles Rasnick, MPO nonvoting member, MPO Chairman's Citizen Appointee; and Felicia Woodruff, MPO nonvoting member, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), were all present and welcomed by Chairman Setliff. Faye O. Prichard, MPO member, Town of Ashland, and Edward L. Priestas, MPO alternate member, Henrico County, were not in attendance.

Prior to consideration of the resolutions of appreciation contained in the agenda package, Chairman Setliff noted that due to the meeting beginning late, he would not read each resolution, but asked that each recipient come forward to receive their resolution and, if they wish, to make any remarks. On motion of Stran Trout, seconded by Pat O'Bannon, the MPO unanimously approved all resolutions of appreciation, agenda items I.E.2 through I.E.6.

**2. Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing MPO Chairman Malvern R. "Rudy" Butler –**

**WHEREAS**, Malvern R. "Rudy" Butler serves as one of the Goochland County members to the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, Malvern R. "Rudy" Butler has served as MPO Chairman from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Malvern R. “Rudy” Butler during his tenure as MPO Chairman has provided exceptional commitment, guidance and direction for the MPO;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby express its sincere appreciation and gratitude this fourteenth day of September, 2006 to Malvern R. “Rudy” Butler for his leadership and outstanding service as MPO Chairman.

Chairman Setliff presented a framed copy of the resolution and a plaque bearing a gavel and inscription to Mr. Butler as tokens of the MPO’s appreciation for his service and Mr. Butler received a round of applause. Mr. Butler said he enjoyed serving as chairman during the past year and said that Chairman Setliff has served with distinction on other important committees and he believes he will do a great job as MPO chairman during the coming year.

**3. Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing CTAC Chairman Malcolm H. Hines –**

**WHEREAS**, Malcolm H. Hines serves as a City of Richmond member to the MPO’s Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC); and

**WHEREAS**, Malcolm H. Hines has served as CTAC Chairman from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, Malcolm H. Hines during his tenure as CTAC Chairman represented to the best of his ability the interests of CTAC and the citizens of the Richmond area; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the MPO wish to express their sincere appreciation to Malcolm H. Hines;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby express its sincere appreciation and gratitude this fourteenth day of September, 2006 to Malcolm H. Hines for his leadership and outstanding service as CTAC Chairman.

Chairman Setliff presented Mr. Hines with a framed copy of the MPO resolution, and applause followed. Mr. Hines thanked the MPO and said it was a pleasure to serve as CTAC chairman and that as a citizen, he was glad to participate and have a voice in some very important transportation issues.

**4. Resolution of Appreciation for Angela L. LaCombe –**

**WHEREAS**, Angela L. LaCombe has served with distinction as the Town of Ashland representative and voting member on the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, prior to her service on the MPO board, Angela L. LaCombe served on the MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) serving first as the Virginia Conservation Network alternate member and then serving as the Town of Ashland member; and

**WHEREAS**, Angela L. LaCombe has been an active member of the MPO, which has included her service on the MPO Executive Committee and on the MPO Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Angela L. LaCombe has proven to be an exceptional leader serving from November 2000 to June 2001 as the MPO Vice Chairman and serving from July 2001 to June 2002 as MPO Chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, Angela L. LaCombe has distinguished herself throughout her service with the MPO as an exemplary member;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby express its sincere gratitude and appreciation this fourteenth day of September, 2006 to Angela L. LaCombe for many years of dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of the Richmond region.

Chairman Setliff noted that Angela LaCombe was unable to attend today's meeting and requested that Ashland Vice Mayor William Martin deliver the framed MPO resolution to her.

**5. Resolution of Appreciation for Rebecca L. Draper –**

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca G. Draper has served with distinction as a voting member for the County of Hanover on the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca G. Draper has been an active member of the MPO serving as a voting member from January 1996 to August 2006, serving on the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as a voting member from January 1996 to August 2000, as a TAC alternate member from January 2002 to August 2006, and as the TAC Chairman from July 1996 to June 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca G. Draper has served with distinction on other MPO committees, panels, and work groups, and has been active in helping shape many important MPO plans, programs, and studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca G. Draper has distinguished herself throughout her service with the MPO as an exemplary member;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby express its sincere gratitude and appreciation this fourteenth day of September, 2006 to Rebecca G. Draper for many years of dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of the Richmond region.

Chairman Setliff noted that Hanover County suffered a great loss when Ms. Draper recently left her position as Director of Public Works to begin work as Capital Projects Manager for Spotsylvania County. He presented Ms. Draper a framed copy of the MPO resolution which was followed by applause. Ms. Draper said she really enjoyed the accomplishments she and the MPO have shared over the past 10 years and asked to be remembered for all her efforts to promote and construct shoulder wedge safety projects in the region.

**6. Resolution of Appreciation for Jack E. Apostolides –**

**WHEREAS**, Jack E. Apostolides has served with distinction as the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) nonvoting member on the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

**WHEREAS**, Jack E. Apostolides was appointed by VDRPT to the MPO on March 6, 2002 and was VDRPT's first MPO member; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack E. Apostolides has distinguished himself as an outstanding VDRPT representative by also serving on the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee, Regional Light Rail Development Program Committee, and Long-Range Transportation Plan Advisory Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, after many years of service at VDRPT and in the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) Public Transportation Division, the precursor to VDRPT, Jack E. Apostolides has decided to retire;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the MPO does hereby express its sincere gratitude and appreciation this fourteenth day of September, 2006 to Jack E. Apostolides for his outstanding and exemplary service on the MPO and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Chairman Setliff presented Mr. Apostolides with a framed copy of the MPO resolution and applause followed. Mr. Apostolides thanked the MPO and said he appreciates this recognition. He said he enjoyed working with the MPO over the years and noted that he is sure his replacement, Felicia Woodruff, will do an outstanding job. Mr. Aposotlides' comments were followed by applause.

**7. MPO Executive Committee Appointments –**

Chairman Setliff announced the FY 07 MPO Executive Committee appointments as follows: Town of Ashland, Faye O. Prichard; Charles City County, Michael L. Holmes; Chesterfield County, Richard M. "Dickie" King; Goochland County, Malvern R. "Rudy" Butler; Hanover County, Robert R. Setliff; Henrico County, Patricia S. O'Bannon; New Kent County, Stran L. Trout; Powhatan County Russell E. Holland; and City of Richmond, William J. Pantele.

**8. Other Business –**

The MPO Chairman had no other business for MPO consideration at this time.

**F. RRPDC Transportation Director's Report –**

**1. Introduction of New Staff –**

Mr. Lysy introduced Ms. Archita Rajbhandary. Ms. Rajbhandary is an Associate Planner in the Urban Transportation Planning Division (replacing Livingston Lewis who left on January 16, 2006). She started work at the RRPDC on September 11, 2006. Mr. Lysy also announced that Lee Yolton, formerly with Henrico County, was recently hired as a Principal Planner in the Urban Transportation Planning Division (replacing Mike Clements who left March 31, 2006). Mr. Yolton will start work at the RRPDC on September 18, 2006.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was brought forward for consideration.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consent Action Items –**

**1. GRTC FY 2007 UWP Amendments; Task 5.4, GRTC Comprehensive Operations Analysis -**

On motion of Malvern Butler, seconded by Russell Holland, the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) amends the *FY 2007 Unified Work Program* (UWP) task 5.4, GRTC Comprehensive Operations Analysis to revise the study budget and funding source information as presented.

**2. Authorization for Staff Travel; AMPO 2006 Annual Conference –**

On motion of Malvern Butler, seconded by Russell Holland, the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization unanimously approved the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) authorizes one Richmond Regional Planning District Commission staff member to attend the 2006 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**B. MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting Report –**

Chairman Setliff called on CTAC Chairman Bill Nelson to provide a brief report on the July 25 CTAC meeting. CTAC Chairman Nelson reported that the meeting featured a roundtable discussion with three members of the General Assembly concerning the Richmond region's transportation needs. Mr. Nelson said Senator Walter Stosch, Senator John Watkins, and Delegate John O'Bannon participated in the discussion and he said that through this discussion CTAC members gained a much better understanding of the complexities and dynamics involved with transportation funding decisions. Chairman Nelson noted that a summary of the roundtable discussion is presented under tab four of the MPO agenda package and offered to answer questions and there were none.

**C. MPO Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee (EDAC) Meeting Report –**

Dan Lysy reported that EDAC Chairman Linda Broady-Myers was not present at today's meeting and noted that no action was requested of the MPO. In the interest of time, Mr. Lysy referenced the EDAC meeting report contained under tab five of the agenda package. He said EDAC remains a very active committee working very hard with GRTC on a number of important issues and expressed appreciation for their hard work in the interest of elderly, disabled, and low-income citizens in the region.

**D. Powhite Parkway Expressway Project –**

Chairman Setliff introduced David Caudill, Assistant Director of Operations for the Richmond Metropolitan Authority (RMA), for his presentation on the Powhite Parkway Expressway. Mr. Caudill noted that RMA Director of Operations Bill Kennedy was recuperating from injury and unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Caudill's PowerPoint presentation on RMA's new project to add Smart Tag Express Lanes on the Powhite Parkway included the following slides:

- Powhite Parkway: Smart Tag Express Lane Plan (title page)
- Direction (Strategies)
- Powhite Parkway History
- Lane Throughput
- Smart Tag Express Lanes
- Split-Plaza Concept
- The Study
- Conclusion
- Powhite Parkway Split Plaza (map/diagram)
- Split Plaza (southbound) (map/diagram)
- Split Plaza (northbound) (map/diagram)
- Split Plaza (railroad bridge) (map/diagram)
- Previous Conditions
- Phase 1 (completed 2005)
- Final Phase
- Completed Project
- Powhite Split Plaza: Bid Summary
- New Plaza Building
- Questions?

Mr. Caudill offered to answer questions and there were none. Chairman Setliff thanked Mr. Caudill for his presentation.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was brought forward for consideration.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Rudy Butler, seconded by Russ Holland, Chairman Setliff adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m.