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October 6, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Cristina Finch, AICP, LEED AP, Secretary to the Transportation Technical Committee

SUBJ: October 13, 2022 TTC Meeting/Agenda

The October meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) will be held Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office (Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

TTC AGENDA

1.	Welcome, Call to Order	Chair Sexton
2.	Roll Call (including consideration of remote participation)	Chair Sexton
3.	Action Requested: Approval of the Consent Agenda items: A. Approval of the Agenda B. Action on the September 8, 2022 TTC Minutes, pp. 2 – 19	Chair Sexton
4.	Chair's Remarks	Chair Sexton
5.	Review of 2nd Draft Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan Cristina F Update, pp. 20	inch & David Jackson, Cambridge Systematic
6.	Other Business	
7.	Comments by TTC Members and/or Citizens	
8.	Adjournment (by 3:00 p.m.)	

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MINUTES

The September meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA

1. <u>WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER</u>

Chair Sexton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL (including consideration of remote participation)

Cristina Finch, Secretary to the TTC, called the roll and stated a quorum was present.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

David Givens

Megan Cronise (via zoom)

Will Crawford

Wayne Leftwich

Dwayne D'Ardenne (via zoom)

County of Roanoke
City of Roanoke
City of Roanoke
City of Roanoke
City of Salem

Crystal Williams

Anita McMillan

Cody Sexton, Chair

City of Salem

Town of Vinton

Town of Vinton

William Long Greater Roanoke Transit Company Frank Maguire, *Vice Chair* Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission

Michael Gray Virginia Dept. of Transportation - Salem District Daniel Wagner (via zoom) Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Mariel Fowler County of Bedford
Jonathan McCoy County of Botetourt
Dan Brugh County of Montgomery

Kyle Kotchou Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport

Nathan Sanford Unified Human Serv. Transp. System (RADAR)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Jones Federal Highway Administration

RVARC Staff Present: Cristina Finch, Bryan Hill, Alison Stinnette, Jonathan Stanton, Elizabeth Elmore, Jeremy Holmes, and Virginia Mullen.

Others Present: David Jackson (via zoom), Cambridge Systematics.

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Chair Sexton reported that Ms. Megan Cronise, representing Roanoke County, and Mr. Dwayne D'Ardenne, representing City of Roanoke, have requested to participate remotely in today's meeting of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Technical Committee under the "RVTPO Written Policy for Electronic Meeting Participation," allowing for remote participation under special circumstances and a physical quorum is present. Ms. Cronise's request is due to medical matter and Mr. D'Ardenne's is due to personal matter.

<u>Unanimous Consent Request</u>: by Chair Sexton to approve the remote participation request by Ms. Cronise and Mr. D'Ardenne.

Action by the Chair: without objection, the request was approved.

3. <u>ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</u>

The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier:

- A. September 8, 2022 TTC Meeting Agenda
- B. July 14, 2022 TTC Minutes
- C. August 11, 2022 TTC Minutes

<u>Motion</u>: by Michael Gray to approve items (A), (B) and (C), under the consent agenda, as presented; seconded by Frank Maguire.

TTC Action: Motion carried unanimously.

4. CHAIR REMARKS

No remarks were made.

5. <u>FIRST_DRAFT_OF_THE_ROANOKE_VALLEY_TRANSPORTATION_PLAN_UPDATE</u> INCLUDING THE DRAFT FY24-27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RVARC staff and Mr. David Jackson with Cambridge Systematics presented an update on the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan and shared the first draft, which was distributed with the agenda packet (the PowerPoint presentation is included with the Minutes).

Mr. Gray noted that as stated previously, he does not agree with the way the needs were done, especially when a one comment from the public involvement was identified as a high priority need to address. Mr. Gray added that he spent fifteen minutes in the NEST mapping tool. Three or four of the needs around Salem area that he looked at he felt are not actual needs for example, Wildwood Road was identified as a congestion need based on a person's comment.

Mr. Gray asked if the spreadsheets that members were provided with would be shared with the public. Ms. Finch replied with yes, they were included in the Appendix and will be provided for public comment. Mr. Gray noted that some of the information included in the spreadsheets seem to be working notes and some even outside of transportation (for example the notes about providing satellite DMV locations). Mr. Gray added that he would not feel comfortable

sharing this information with the public the way it is. Ms. Finch explained that TTC members had guided staff that the identification of needs in our region was where public input would be of most value. The needs assessment shows the issues that have been identified through past regional/local plans, past public surveys, and public input from the plan's survey. Ms. Finch agreed that a vetting process to understand the needs is a process and will take time as it was not possible to complete during this plan's development. Ms. Finch addressed the DMV example and noted that this is a transit access need. It would be a process to figure out what the best solution might be which may include non-transportation solutions such as satellite DMV locations.

Mr. D'Ardenne commented that it is important that a need that is really an issue, or a concern is indicated somehow. It is difficult to look at the list and say everything in there is a need, especially if it is one person's comment.

Ms. Cronise agreed with Mr. Gray and Mr. D'Ardenne comments and added that the vetting needs to happen before the document goes for public input.

Mr. Wayne Leftwich asked if there is a way to reference the fact that the needs are still being vetted or present an abbreviated version to the public.

Mr. D'Ardenne asked if the "need id" is necessary in appendix G. Mr. Stanton replied that it is a unique identifier and it is helpful to have available.

Mr. Leftwich expressed concern with Appendix I about listing the entire list of needs since they have not been vetted yet. Mr. Stanton replied that showing the list conveys that everyone was heard, and if the needs or concerns were vetted and set aside, they would not be publicly visible.

Vice Chair Maguire expressed confusion with the addressed needs and used the example of the complaint about speeding on Wiley Drive, which showed as a bike/ped issue and was noted "addressed" because there is an adjacent greenway, but it seems to be an incomplete addressed need. Vice Chair Maguire commented that one option may be to only share needs that score above 80 (that have been thought about and looked at) because including needs that score below that is just capturing random thoughts. Mr. D'Ardenne commented that a score above 80 is still eighteen pages of needs and asked if realistically they will be addressed over the next five years. Ms. Finch asked if it would be helpful to conduct a survey amongst members to identify priority gap needs within the priority gap needs which will reduce the eighteen pages to something smaller. Ms. Cronise agreed with Ms. Finch's suggestion.

Chair Sexton asked what process will be used to identify and distinguish that a need was identified, studied, and made a conclusion on (checked the box - e.g., if it is a valid need, if it is being addressed or if it warrants further work to address). When in the process would the step of "checking the box" happen? Mr. Long noted he has the same question.

Ms. Finch requested any additional feedback by Friday, Sept. 16 in order to consider it for the RVTPO agenda packet. Michael Gray asked how the concerns about the needs that were

expressed today will be addressed. Ms. Finch replied that staff will need to give it some thought and will continue collaborating with members.

Megan Cronise commented that there are a number of rows where there are no need types or needs identified and asked if they can be removed. Ms. Finch replied that it is a missing formula which will be corrected but that the need id also shows the type of need.

6. <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

Mr. Gray commented that there will be a fall meeting coming up and he will share information with members once it is available.

7. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS AND / OR CITIZENS

Chair Sexton thanked staff and members for their diligent work on the plan.

8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

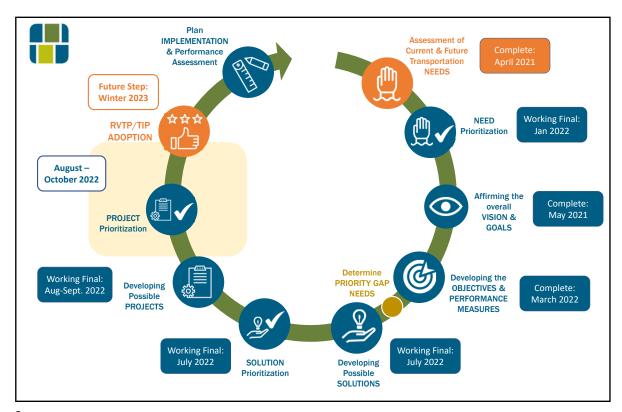
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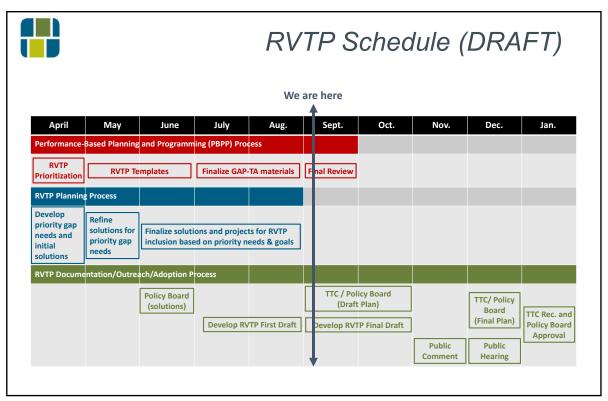


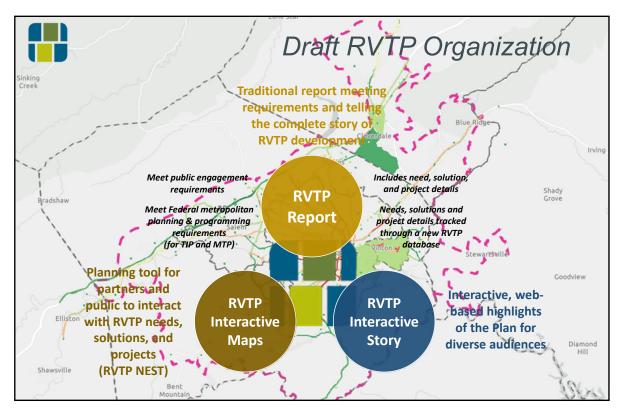


Agenda

- RVTP Process Update
- Draft RVTP Organization
- Draft RVTP Discussion Questions
- Next steps and schedule





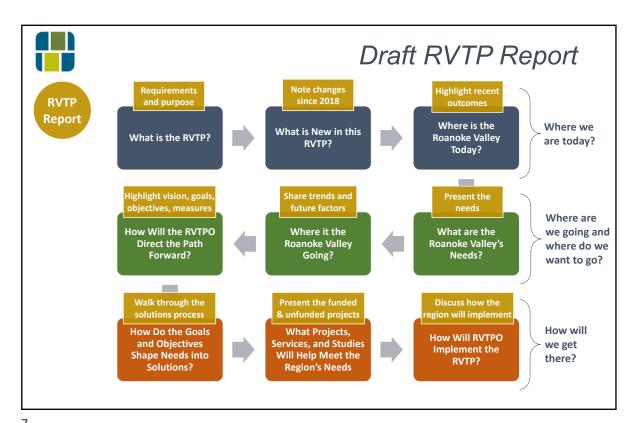






Draft RVTP Report

- Objective Document the RVTP development process and the key outcomes, including funded and unfunded projects and services
 - Reference applicable Federal and State requirements
 - Includes the TIP and Metropolitan Transportation Plan
 - Highlights the role of Roanoke valley residents and stakeholders in shaping the Plan
 - Link to state and regional planning and programming processes
 - Create a framework for Plan implementation, including positioning unfunded projects to secure future funding
 - Provide access to technical appendices documenting the process, including funded (TIP) project sheets



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• Items still under development....



- Where is the Roanoke Valley Today?
- What are the Roanoke Valley's Needs?
 - Needs prioritization maps
- What Projects, Services, and Studies Will Help Meet the Region's Needs?
 - Benefits of funded projects/services
 - Priority projects, services, studies to pursue (next 10-years)
 - Projects, services, studies to pursue (beyond 10-years)
- How Will RVTPO Implement the RVTP?
- Appendices A-F (some content previously developed and reviewed)
- Appendix J Funded Project Sheets

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Draft RVTP Report





- What is the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan?
 - Purpose
 - Requirements
 - Link to Appendix A (Federal requirements matrix)
 - Organization
 - Performance based planning and programming
 - Partner, stakeholder, and public engagement

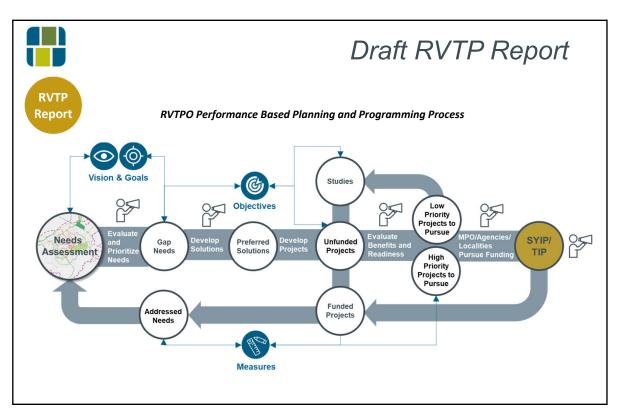
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Draft RVTP Report

- What is new in this Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan?
 - Performance based planning and programming process
 - Reference Federal and State guidance
 - Acknowledge GAP-TA process
 - · Organization of TIP and MTP within the RVTP
 - Federal Direction
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 - Justice40
 - Statewide initiatives







Draft RVTP Report

- Where is the Roanoke Valley Today?
 - Accomplishments since 2017
 - Major projects and initiatives
 - Current performance insights
 - Key funded projects, services, programs being implemented and how they may impact the future
 - Transforming Rail in Virginia
 - I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan
 - Route 460 East, Third Street Station, Roanoke River Greenway, etc...
 - Transportation system performance trends
 - Federal performance measure highlights





- What are the Roanoke Valley's Transportation Needs?
 - Needs assessment approach
 - Process
 - Connection to NEST and needs assessment methodology (Appendix C)
 - Highlights across the nine need categories



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Draft RVTP Report



• Where is the Roanoke Valley Going?

- Regional trends and forecasts
 - Population, employment, economy, transportation
- Future factors
 - Future factors insights in Appendix D











• Uncertainty and continuing change





How Will RVTPO Direct the Path Forward?

- Vision and goals
 - Connection to federal, state, and regional goals and planning factors
- Objectives and performance measures
 - Objectives description
 - Existing performance measures and candidate measures for development
 - Reference to all goals, objectives, measure details in Appendix E
- Informing the PBPP process



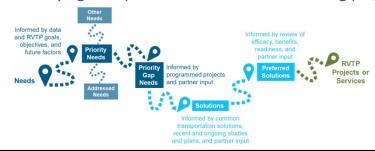
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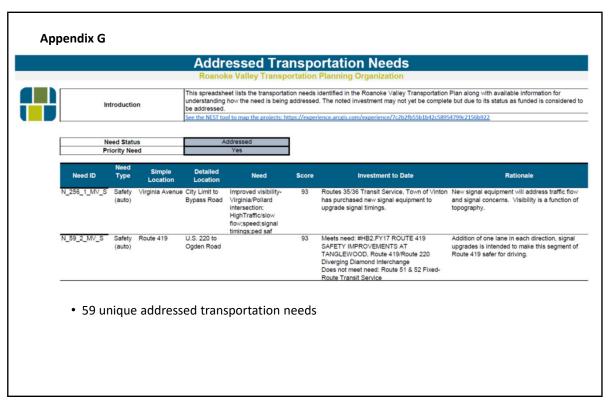


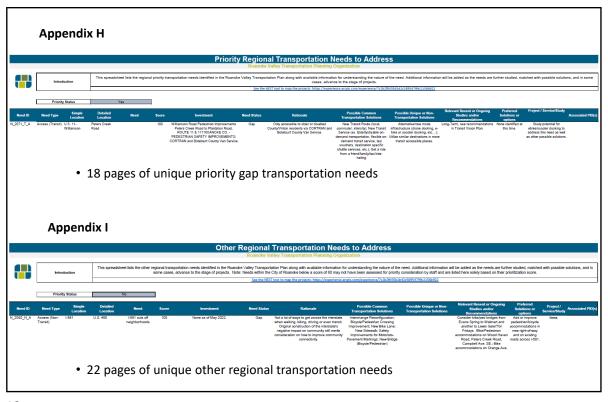


Draft RVTP Report

- How Do Goals and Objectives Shape Preferred Solutions to Address the Needs?
 - Priority gap needs process
 - Highlight criteria and provide access to NEST and methodology, Appendix F
 - Needs: Addressed <- Priority Gap <- Other Gap
 - Link to the NEST and Appendix G, H, and I with each detail need tables
 - Identifying transportation solutions and defining projects





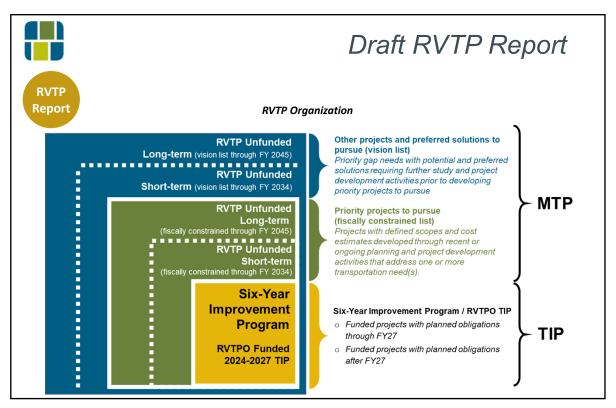






- What Projects, Services, and Studies Will Help Meet the Region's Needs?
 - Present the RVTP structure
 - Funded (2024 2027 TIP)
 - Unfunded (fiscally constrained)
 - Unfunded (vision)
 - Funded projects and services (TIP)
 - Prioritization
 - · Funding sources and requirements (fiscal constraint)
 - Funded projects and services link to Appendix J (project tables and sheets)
 - Anticipated benefits
 - Unfunded projects and services (MTP)
 - Next ten-year priorities link to Appendix K (priority projects to pursue)
 - Following ten-year priorities link to Appendix L (other projects to pursue)
 - Studies

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Appendix J: Funded projects and services (FY 2024-2027 TIP)

Project/Services Summary

Project/Services Sheet – Transit Example

Administrator	EVTPID	Project Source	State ID	State Title	RVTPO Title	Description
Valley Metro	2040.0717.210	TIP	GRTC0016	Automatic Vehicle Locator	Automatic Vehicle Locator technology	Purchase and implement automatic vehicle locator (AVL) technology on all fisaed-route buses for use with the VMGO app enabling real-timistentification of transit vehicli location and use with the Rea Time Passenger Information System.
Valley Metro	2040.0717.211	TIP	GRTC0017	Miscellaneous Office	Miscellaneous Office	Supplies and equipment used in the administrative offices.
Valley Metro	2040.0717.212	TIP	GRTC0018	Radio Communication System	Radio Communication System	Purchase Radio Communication System to enable transit dispatcher to communicate with vehicle operators and dispatch.
Valley Metro	2040.0717.213	TIP	GRTC0019	Real Time Passenger Information System	Real Time Passenger Information System	Purchase equipment and software to install the real time passenger system within the new Third Street Station.
RADAR	2040.0717.214	TIP	RAD0001_1	Operating Assistance	CORTRAN Operating Assistance	Operating assistance for RADAR under contract to Roanoke County to provide o demand transit services for Roanoke County residents 70 or of any age with a disability
RADAR	2040.0717.215	TIP	RAD0001_2	Operating Assistance	Local Office on Aging Taxi Vouchers	Taxi vouchers for people 60 and over medical transportation??
RADAR	2040.0717.216	TIP	RAD0002	Paratransit Vehicles	CORTRAN vehicles	Purchase of ADA-accessible passenger vehicles to suppor the CORTRAN program.
Encircle	2040.0717.217	TIP	LF50001	Paratransit Vehicles	enCircle vehicles	Vehicles to transport people i entircie's adult day support program at the Brandon Poin Center to/from the Center an their homes, community engagement activities/sites in Salem and Roanoke.
ROA CO	2040.0717.218	TIP	ROA0001	Operating Assistance	CORTRAN Operating Assistance	Operating assistance for Vis Transportation, Inc. under contract with Roanoke Count to provide on-demand transi services for Roanoke County residents 704 or of any age with a disability.



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Draft RVTP Report

Appendix K: Priority Projects/Services to Pursue for Funding

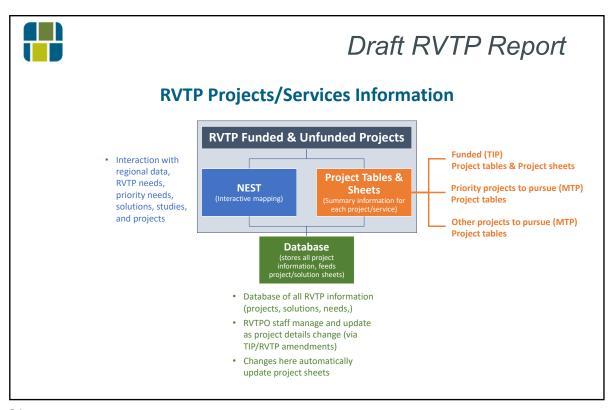
		Roan	oke Valley Transp	portation Planning Organization							
Introduction	This spreadsheet lists the region's priority projects to pursue for funding in the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan along with the project's scope and estimate cost in the year of expenditure. Once funding is identified for the project, it will be considered for inclusion in the RVTP's Transportation Improvement Program funding the projects list.										
		See the NEST tool to map the projects, https://experience.arcsis.com/experience/7c2b2fb55b1b42c58954799c2156b922									
Project Type	Cons	trained	I								
RVTPO Title	Street	Limit From	Limit To	Description		Total Cost					
Brambleton Avenue (Rt. 121) Bicycle/ Pedestrian mprovements	Brambleton Avenue	2300 Block of Brambleton Avenue	Overland Road	Construct bike lanes and a sidewalk on both sides of Brambleton Avenue from Carilion Clinic traffic signal (former Shenandoah Building) to Overland Road.	\$	15,000,0					
loundabout at Hardy load and Bypass Road	Bypass Road	Hardy Road (Rt. 24/634)		Convert the intersection of Hardy Road/Bypass Road (Rt. 24) and Hardy Road (Rt. 034) from a signalized intersection to a two-lane roundabout. The project includes sidewalk in the immediate area of the mundabout.	\$	16,590,8					
Campbell Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian mprovements	Campbell Avenue	Tinker Creek	Williamson Road (Downtown)	Streetscape improvements would consist of sidewalk, curb and gutter, street trees, and milling and resurfacing the existing roadway and any related stormwater improvements.	\$	19,109,1					
Chaparral Drive Pedestrian Improvements	Chaparral Drive	Purple Finch Road	Woodthrush Drive	Build a sidewalk in front of Cave Spring High School.	\$	3,733,9					
Church Ave	Church Avenue	Jefferson St.	5th St.	Streetscape improvements	S	9.000.0					
Cove Road	Cove Road	Hershberger Road	Peters Creek Road	Add turn lanes, C&G, sidewalk, bike lanes, drainage	\$	20,000,0					
ast Main Street Phase II Previous UPC 106710)	East Main Street	Brand Avenue	Kessler Mill Road	Improve drainage, capacity, and non-motorized facilities by adding storm sewer, curbing, sidewalks, bike lanes, and turn lanes.	\$	22,131,6					
Route 419/Electric Road Pedestrian Signal Improvements	Electric Road	Brambleton Avenue	Postal Drive	Construct pedestrian signals and crosswalks at two adjacent Route 419/Electric Road intersections: Route 221/Brambleton Avenue and Postal Drive/Berry Lane.	\$	3,944,9					
electric Road Safety inprovements - Grandin load Ext. to Keagy Rd.	Electric Road	Grandin Rd Ext.	Keagy Rd.	Activities for this project include: an RCUT on Grandin Rd. Ext., Keagy Rd. South crosswalk, sidewalk from Grandin Rd. Ext. to Keagy Village on the County side, sidewalk from Starbucks to Keagy Rd. South on the City side, Keagy Rd. North crosswalks.	\$12,	489,305 (does r include RO					
lectric Rd. Safety nprovements, itoneybrook Dr Grandin Rd. Ext.	Electric Road	Stoneybrook Dr.	Grandin Rd. Ext.	Route 419/Electric Road Safety Improvements, Stoneybrook Road to Grandin Road Extension. This project proposes to modify the Stoneybrook Drive and Glen Hearther Drive intersections to Restricted Crossing U-Turn intersections. Sidewalk is also proposed along the western side of Route 419 between Glen Heather Drive and Grandin Road Extension.	\$5,	893,004 (does include RO					
ershberger Road	Hershberger Road	Cove Rd.	Peters Creek Road	Add turn lanes, C&G, sidewalk, bike lanes, drainage	\$	20,000,0					
folins Road											





Appendix L: Other Projects/Services to Pursue for Funding

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- How Will RVTPO Implement the RVTP?
 - Performance Measures
 - Facilitating the PBPP process
 - Tracking progress
 - Updating the Plan over time

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RVTP StoryMap

Public-friendly summary of the RVTP, focusing on key information and highlights (not the entire process) and providing links to RVTP Report and NEST

- Introduction
- Needs (w/ interactive maps)
- Future Factors
- Regional Vision
- Projects (w/ interactive maps)

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Next Steps







Update RVTP Report and develop project sheets



TPO meeting (Sept. 29th)



Develop Final RVTP for public comment



TTC meeting (October)

Review Draft RVTP report and key questions

Comments due 9/16 from TTC

TTC to review Report and StoryMap, RVTP team to finalize content and address TTC review findings

Develop updated Draft RVTP Report (including Appendices), StoryMap, and funded project sheets prior to TPO review Present Draft RVTP to TPO

RVTP team to address TPO review findings and finalize RVTP in preparation for public comment period

Develop Final Draft RVTP Report (including Appendices), StoryMap, and funded project sheets (and other summary/marketing documents) for public comment period Review Final RVTP prior to public comment period



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STAFF REPORT October 13, 2022 TTC Meeting

SUBJ: 2nd Draft of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan

The Draft RVTP report and supporting materials are available for RVTPO Policy Board and TTC review during September and October. The TTC was briefed on the Draft RVTP report at its September 9, 2022 meeting, and comments received during that meeting have been addressed in the current Draft available for review via the <u>Draft RVTP website</u>.

The Draft RVTP represents the culmination of implementing the PBPP process and includes the content to satisfy the requirements for both the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This unified RVTP includes funded projects over the next four years, unfunded fiscally constrained priority projects to pursue, and priority needs to address that RVTPO and partners will evaluate in coming years through implementation of the PBPP process.

Since the September 9th meeting, the RVTP team have updated the Draft RVTP as follows:

- Added content to the RVTP and updated the StoryMap to highlight the new details.
- Restructured and redefined the organization of the RVTP, including updated definitions of the role of the TIP, the MTP, fiscal constraint, and the approach supporting the developmental RVTP (outside of the federally required TIP and MTP).
- Provided access to new RVTP attachments, including documentation from the new RVTP PBPP process. Attachments now include the federally required system performance report and financial plan for review.
- Included the addressed needs within the System Performance Report and the other needs to review within the Public Engagement Summary.
- Relocated information previously contained in the vision list to the Priority Needs to Address attachment for continued work on scope development and cost estimating.
- Updated financial details associated with Funded Projects and Priority Projects to Pursue attachments with information provided by VDOT and jurisdictions.

The RVTP team continues to revise the RVTP report and supporting on-line materials in October as project details are finalized, and we receive input through the TPO Policy Board and TTC review. The public comment period is planned to begin on October 27th and run through November 27th, and include multiple opportunities for public input, including through a Metroquest survey. During December, the TTC and Policy Board will have an additional period for review in advance of TTC recommendation and Policy Board adoption in January 2023. TTC members are asked to provide any additional comments on the draft plan in advance of the public comment period by the TTC meeting on October 13.

TTC Action: None