

MINUTES

The April meeting of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mickey Johnson	Bedford County
Steve Clinton	Botetourt County
Billy Martin, <i>Chair</i>	Botetourt County
Phil North, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Roanoke County
David Radford	Roanoke County
Stephanie Moon Reynolds	City of Roanoke
Renee Turk	City of Salem
Mike Stovall	Town of Vinton
Ken King	Virginia Dept. of Transportation – Salem District
Mike Stewart	Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport
Daniel Wagner (<i>via zoom</i>)	Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Kevin Price	Greater Roanoke Transit Company (Valley Metro)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Fijalkowski	Montgomery County
Keith Liles	Town of Vinton
Bill Jones	City of Salem

TPO NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Caywood	Roanoke County
Lee Osborne	Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission
Mark Jamison	Transportation Technical Committee
Cody Sexton	Town of Vinton

Others Present: Megan Cronise, Roanoke County; Will Crawford, Roanoke County; Anthony Ford, Virginia Department of Transportation; Michael Gray, Virginia Department of Transportation; Marshall Stanley, Leadership Roanoke Valley; and Rachel Spencer, Leadership Roanoke Valley.

Staff Present: Bryan Hill, Jeremy Holmes, Cristina Finch, Jonathan Stanton, Alison Stinnette, Amanda McGee, Emma Howard-Woods, and Virginia Mullen.

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL (including consideration of remote participation)

Chair Martin reported that Daniel Wagner, representing the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, has requested to participate remotely in ongoing meetings of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization under the RVTPO's Policy for

Electronic Meeting Participation, allowing for remote participation when a member's primary residence is more than sixty miles away, and a physical quorum is present. Chair Martin asked if there were any objections. None were voiced. The request was approved by unanimous consent.

Jeremy Holmes called the roll and stated a quorum is present.

Mr. Mike Stovall stated that Mr. Keith Liles has been unable to attend some meetings due to his summer business. He is trying to attend as many as he can.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier:

- A. April 28, 2022 RVTPO Meeting Agenda
- B. March 24, 2022 RVTPO Minutes

Motion: by Phil North for approval of the consent agenda items (A) and (B), as presented. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Moon Reynolds.

RVTPO Policy Board Action: Motion carried unanimously.

4. REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

- Chair Martin reported that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will hold a series of public hearings to accept comments on the 2023-2028 Six Year Improvement Program. These will include highway, rail, and public transportation projects. The public hearing for our region will be held May 12th at 4 PM at the Holiday Inn Valley View. Comments may be made in person or submitted ahead of time by writing. Chair Martin encouraged the member localities to attend and speak on behalf of their projects. Representatives from the TPO and Regional Commission will also be on hand to speak on behalf of those SMART SCALE projects submitted from the regional bodies.
- Chair Martin announced that TPO Vice Chair, Phil North, has recently been appointed the Chair of the Transportation Committee of the Virginia Association of Counties, further strengthening the voice of the Roanoke Region in statewide conversations about our transportation needs.

5. PRESENTATION FROM LEADERSHIP ROANOKE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Chair Martin introduced Rachel Spencer and Marshal Stanley from the Leadership Roanoke Valley Class of 2022. Rachel and Marshal are representing the Transportation Team of Leadership Roanoke Valley and have asked for an opportunity to share with the TPO some of what they learned through this year's program. (The PowerPoint presentation is included with the Minutes).

6. ACTION REQUESTED: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY23 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Cristina Finch reported that every year, the RVTPO Policy Board approves a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to identify the transportation planning activities the RVTPO will undertake in the next fiscal year. The first draft of the FY23 UPWP was presented at the March meeting. The final version of the FY23 UPWP (distributed with today's agenda) includes the budget information. Cristina Finch went over the staff report which addressed the climate crisis and the progress measurement comments from the April TPO meeting.

Motion: by Mike Stovall for approval of the resolution to adopt the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Stewart.

RVTPO Policy Board Action: Motion carried unanimously.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Relationship Between the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan, Six-Year Improvement Program, and Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Cristina Finch reviewed with the members the relationship between the three key transportation products: Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan (RVTP), Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The graphs illustrating the relationship were included in the staff report (previously distributed with the agenda packet). She reflected on the desire to have one place for citizens to find information about the region's transportation projects rather than having to visit multiple sources. With the TIP update happening concurrently with the Transportation Plan update next fiscal year, Ms. Finch noted the opportunity to create a more streamlined process and product which seeks to reduce duplicative efforts and to clarify when public comment is sought.

Mr. Lee Osborne commented that there is an overlap between the plans. Ms. Finch replied that is correct and explained that every time the RVTPO needs to approve a new TIP (four-year document), the decisions, related to funding allocation, have been already approved by the CTB through the SYIP (six-year document).

Vice Chair North commented that he would like to know how the big funds coming through the infrastructure law will be distributed in the region and what the rules will be. Ms. Finch explained that some of the funding is already coming through formula programs such as STBG and planning. Mr. Ken King replied that some funding is already coming through other programs such as bridge repair or will come through the next SMART SCALE program, and some other areas that have been identified for federal funding are for new programs such as electrification (electric charging stations).

Mr. Mickey Johnson commented that it seems when big funding is coming through a lot of times localities are caught off guard and it would be nice to have some type of backlog of needs (or similar), so it is easier to identify where to spend the money. Mayor Turk concurred, noting the need for a priority list of projects for new funding.

B. Presentation of Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program

Mr. Bryan Hill provided an update on the Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) and Draft FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2 (the PowerPoint presentation is included in the Minutes). The presentation summarized the existing projects in the SYIP, from VDOT and DRPT, and highlighted new projects, specifically new transit operating service for CORTRAN by Roanoke County. The presentation outlined the schedule for Amendment #2 to the TIP, which will result in a public hearing held by the RVTPO Policy Board at their May 26th meeting.

8. COMMENT PERIOD BY RVTPO POLICY BOARD MEMBER AND/OR PUBLIC

Vice Chair North asked Mr. Wagner what is the latest update on the Amtrak service to Roanoke. Mr. Wagner replied that he will need to touch base with the VDRPT's route planning folks and will be happy to provide an update.

Mr. Ken King commented that public comment can be provided on the SYIP through VDOT's website. All the presentation information on the SYIP can be found on the site as well.

Jeremy Holmes reported that the Commission had filled the open positions and is back at full capacity. Mr. Holmes introduced Ms. Alison Stinnette, Transportation Planner I, and Mr. Jonathan Stanton, Transportation Planner II. The Commission is excited to have them on board.

Chair Martin thanked Jeremy Holmes for the excellent work he had done as RVARC's Executive Director thus far.

Mr. Mike Stewart announced that the first annual "5k on the runway" will take place on May 14, 2022.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.


Jeremy Holmes, Secretary
Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization

Rights of Way: Exploring Equity & Transportation in Roanoke Leadership Roanoke Valley Transportation



Participants

- Thomas Fellers
- Daniel Haller
- Vivien McMahan
- Iliana Sepulveda
- Rachel Spencer
- Marshall Stanley
- Kim Via



Advisors

- Philip Clements
- Stephanie Frost
- Sara Guerry
- Jeremy Longshore

Objectives

Explain the inequities in transportation in the Roanoke Valley, why they exist, the current state of transportation and how we move forward.

Show the impact of transportation inequities in our region.

Facilitate conversations about awareness and perception of transportation-related issues and how program activities have impacted teammates.

Empower LRV teammates to become advocates for transportation change and improvement in the Roanoke Valley.



When we learn about our collective past, we understand the present, so that we can make decisions about our future.



Creating Change and Changing Minds

Compare the social interactions you experienced over the last 2 hours. How is it different from your experience with a vehicle?

What new things did you observe about your city (that you normally wouldn't see with a personal vehicle)?

As you moved from place to place, what did you find challenging? By contrast, what did you find easier?

During your time, were you tempted to ask for a ride? Did you ask for a ride? What did this feel like?

Comment/reflect on the time it took to accomplish your goals.

Creating Change and Changing Minds

We need to utilize public transit and recognize our privileges in owning a vehicle. Public transit in the RV is not where it needs to be for our area to grow and prosper. Transportation equity does not exist in the RV. We need to become advocates of transit.

I enjoyed learning more about the bus system and other modes of public transportation. Knowing that such few citizens have attended and spoken up at City and County board meetings to have say in the allocation of funds is shocking. We all need to be aware of how we can better shape our community, as I feel the Transportation team's program day did just that!

The passion the Transportation Team developed around their topic was evident. Everything from the speakers they chose to the activities they created, it was all great! Will certainly make me think twice about my own personal mode of transportation and the choices I make.

They opened the groups eyes to a lot of issues in our community that we may have but been aware of otherwise.

The Transportation team helped portray obstacles of the ever evolving public transportation systems and enlightened us on the need to implement changes to help encourage the use and growth of the systems. The team's activities brought about the daily nuances of the bus system and how one has to shape their time/day around such transportation.

Calls to Action

By Labor Day, read "Root Shock," by Mindy Thompson Fullilove

Connect with a leader in TAG - Transportation Advocacy Group, Learn how to support their Advocacy efforts through a lens of equity: TDurkin@RoanokeChamber.org or (540) 983-0700 x 111.

Sign up for the Public Participation Plan, spearheaded by the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO). <https://rvarc.org/transportation/public-involvement/>

Privilege public transit over personal transportation and careless methods of mobility, as often as practicable.

Participate in a work group with Healthy Roanoke Valley
Leslie@uwrva.org
540-777-4209

Actively participate in an Open House this Spring to provide feedback to the Roanoke County 200 Plan
www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/200plan



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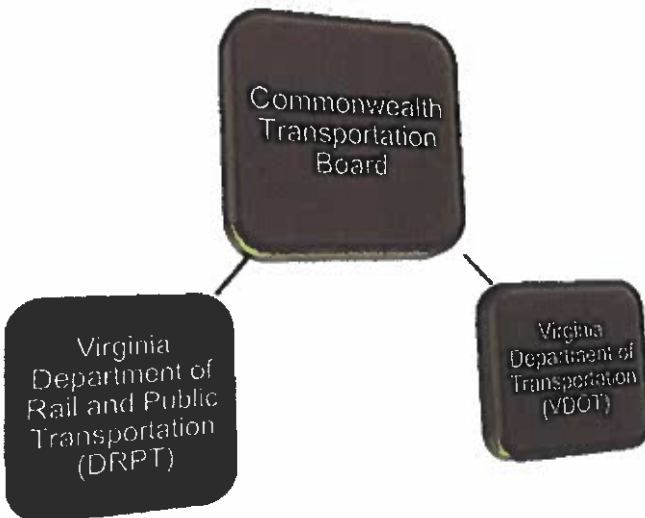
Update on
Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program and
Draft FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2

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Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program



- Released for public review and comment by the CTB on April 20th.
- In-person public comment opportunity at the Spring SYIP Salem District public meeting: Thursday, May 12 at Holiday Inn Valley View, 3315 Ordway Drive, SW, Roanoke.
- Electronic and regular mail public comment opportunities available until May 23. For more information: <https://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings2022/default.asp>.



Please provide your comments on all transit, transportation demand management, transit, pedestrian and highway projects in the Draft Fiscal Year 2023-2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) to be approved by the CTB in June 2023.

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New projects, studies, or services included.

Locality	Project	Funded Amount (Proposed)
RVTPO	I-581 Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Phase 1 (STBG)	\$16,998,000
City of Roanoke	Williamson Rd. Pedestrian Safety (TA)	\$575,000
City of Roanoke	18 th Street SE (Wise - Tazewell) Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk	\$3,297,000
Roanoke County	Glade Creek Greenway Vineyard Park West (TA)	\$651,000
Vinton	Glade Creek Greenway Phase 3 Study (STBG)	\$275,000

Unlike previous VDOT SYIP's, new projects with conditional STBG funding to leverage for SMART SCALE are not included in the FY23 Draft. Those are:

Locality	Project	Conditionally Approved Amount
City of Roanoke	I-581/U.S. 460 and Williamson Road Interchange Improvements	\$2,000,000
City of Roanoke	Orange Ave. (U.S. 460) and Williamson Rd. Intersection Improvement	\$5,000,000
City of Roanoke	I-581 at Exit 2 (Peters Creek Road) Interchange Improvements, Phase 1	\$5,000,000

VDOT
SALEM DISTRICT
2023 - 2028
WORKING DRAFT

Examples of Ongoing Projects

Locality	Project	Funding Source	Funded Amount
Roanoke County	U.S. 450/ Lymontown Rd. Intersection Improvement	SMART SCALE	\$7,623,000
City of Roanoke	Aviation Dr/ Wiley View Blvd. Pedestrian Improvements	SMART SCALE	\$7,178,000
Roanoke County	Rte. 460 Intersections - Carsen Rd. to Linnage Rd.	SMART SCALE	\$2,757,000
Salem	Downtown Salem College Avenue Improvements	SMART SCALE	\$3,017,000

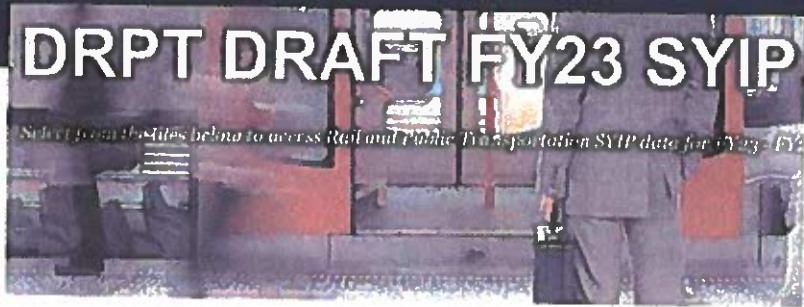
Other ongoing projects/services include various street, paving, and drainage improvements in the cities of Roanoke and Salem.



New projects or services and ongoing regional transit services/projects included.

DRPT DRAFT FY23 SYIP

Select from the files below to access Rail and Public Transportation SYIP data for FY23 - FY24



New Projects/Services

Locality	Project	Funded Amount (Proposed)	Match
Roanoke County	Shuttle Service to the National Park Service's McAfee Knob Trailhead Parking Lot	\$175,200	\$52,800 (30% Revenues) \$97,920 (56% State) \$24,480 (14% Local)
Valley Metro	Valley Metro Transit Strategic Plan Development	\$225,000	\$112,500 (50% State) \$112,500 (50% Local)

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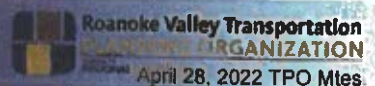
DRPT DRAFT FY23 SYIP

Ongoing Projects/Services

Agency	Project/Service	Funded Amount (Proposed)
RVARC	RVTPO FTA 5303 Program Grants	\$210,445
RVARC	RIDE Solutions	\$193,291
Valley Metro	Operating Budget	\$12,006,807
Valley Metro	Bus Replacement and Rebuild Program	\$2,049,274
Valley Metro	New Downtown Roanoke Multimodal Facility	Funded previously - \$11,500,000

Other ongoing projects/services include preventive maintenance, bus stop enhancements, security and ridership collection software.

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The FTA 5310 Program

At a glance...

Supports capital (including vehicles, equipment, and mobility management) and operating costs of transportation services for the elderly and/or disabled



What will the Program fund in FY23?

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Original Plan for Use of FTA 5310 Funds

The currently updated FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program outlines the plan for FTA 5310 funds in the region.

STIP ID	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024
STIP ID: RAD0001 Title: Operating Assistance Recipient: RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County					
FTA 5310	84,000	88,000	115,318	115,318	FTA 5310 389,631
State	67,000		92,252	92,252	State 251,504
Local	17,000		11,063	11,063	Local 38,128
Revenues		12,000	12,000	12,000	Revenues 35,000
Year Total:	168,000	78,000	238,631	238,631	Total Funds: 707,262
Description:	Adjustment 10/5/20: decrease FY21 funding \$82K (decrease FTA 5310 \$31K, decrease State \$25K, increase local \$6K, decrease revenues \$12K). FY22 funding \$142K decrease (decrease FTA 5310 \$49K, decrease State \$92K, and decrease Local \$11K).				
STIP ID: RAD0002 Title: Paratransit Vehicles Recipient: RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County					
FTA 5310	104,000	130,000	128,000	128,000	FTA 5310 490,000
State					State -
Local	26,000		32,000	32,000	Local 90,000
Year Total:	130,000	130,000	160,000	160,000	Total Funds: 580,000
Description:	Adjustment 10/5/20: Increase FY21 funding \$15K (increase FTA 5310 \$12K, Local \$3K). Adjustment 3/12/21: decrease FY22 funding \$30K (increase FTA 5310 \$2K, decrease Local \$32K).				
STIP ID: LFS0001 Title: Paratransit Vehicles Recipient: Lutheran Family Services					
FTA 5310	48,000				FTA 5310 48,000
State					State -
Local	12,000				Local 12,000
Year Total:	60,000				Total Funds: 60,000
Description:	Adjustment 10/5/20: Increase FY21 funding \$15K (increase FTA 5310 \$12K, Local \$3K).				
STIP ID: ROA0001 Title: Operating Assistance Recipient: County of Roanoke					
FTA 5310		119,000			FTA 5310 119,000
State					State -
Local					Local -
Year Total:		119,000			Total Funds: 119,000
Description:	Amendment 8/24/21: Add new project and FTA 5310 funding \$119K for FY22.				

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FY23 FTA Section 5310 Program Vehicle, Program Operating, Mobility Management, and Capital Grants

The following tables list what 5310 projects were applied for and are proposed for funding.

Applicant	Project	Requested Amount	Funded Amount (Proposed)	Match
enCircle	2 replacement minivans	\$130,000	None	N/A
LOA	1 9-passenger van w/lifts	\$70,000	None	N/A
RADAR	2 15-passenger vans	\$134,000	\$140,000	\$12,000 (80% Federal); \$28,000 (20% Local)

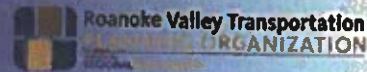
Denotes ongoing projects/services in the current FY21-24 TIP

Roanoke County applied for \$613,338 in 5310 operating funds for its CORTAN service. The Draft SYIP shows funding amounts under the 5310 Rural and Small Urban Programs.

Applicant	Project	Funded Amount (Proposed)	Match
Roanoke County (CORTAN)	Operating service for one year	\$288,000 (Large Urban) \$250,000 (Rural)	\$430,400 (80% Federal) \$86,080 (16% State) \$21,520 (4% Local)

Denotes new projects/services in the FY23-28 SYIP and the FY21-24 TIP

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FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2 Draft

As the Draft DRPT FY23-28 SYIP has been released, staff received a request last week, to add a new project to the FY21-24 TIP. Based on the recommendation by DRPT, Roanoke County will now be receiving capital assistance.

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024
STIP ID	ROA0002	Title Capital Assistance		Recipient County of Roanoke	
FTA 5310		230,000	240,000	240,000	FTA 5310 710,000
State		48,000	48,000	48,000	State 142,000
Local		12,000	12,000	12,000	Local 36,000
Year Total:		288,000	300,000	300,000	Total Funds: 888,000
Description:	Amendment: Add new project and add \$288K funding for FY22 (add FTA 5310 \$230K, State \$48K, local \$12K) & \$300K funding for FY23 & FY24 (add FTA 5310 \$240K, State \$48K, local \$12K)				

The TTC will consider the amendment for recommendation to the Policy Board at the May 12th meeting; and the Policy Board will hold a public hearing on the amendment at their May 26th meeting.

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FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2 Schedule

Action	Date/Meeting
Begin 15-Day Public Comment Period for TIP Amendment #2	Thursday, May 5
TTC consideration of Draft TIP Amendment #2	May 12 th TTC Meeting
End 15-Day Public Comment Period for TIP Amendment #2	Thursday, May 19
RVTPPO Public Hearing and consideration of Draft TIP Amendment #2	May 26 th RVTPPO Meeting

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