



MINUTES

The February meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sexton called the meeting to order at 1:34 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

Mariel Fowler	County of Bedford
Nick Baker	County of Botetourt
Jonathan McCoy	County of Botetourt
Megan Cronise	County of Roanoke
Will Crawford	County of Roanoke
Wayne Leftwich	City of Roanoke
Dwayne D'Ardenne	City of Roanoke
Crystal Williams	City of Salem
Josh Pratt	City of Salem
Anita McMillan	Town of Vinton
Cody Sexton, <i>Chair</i>	Town of Vinton
William Long	Greater Roanoke Transit Company
Frank Maguire, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission
Michael Gray	Virginia Dept. of Transportation - Salem District
Kyle Kotchou	Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport
Daniel Wagner (<i>via zoom, joined later</i>)	Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Brugh	County of Montgomery
Nathan Sanford	Unified Human Serv. Transp. System (RADAR)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Jones	Federal Highway Administration
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RVARC Staff Present: Cristina Finch, Bryan Hill, Alison Stinnette, Jonathan Stanton, and Virginia Mullen.

TPO POLICY BOARD: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt, Montgomery and Roanoke; Town of Vinton; Greater Roanoke Transit Company (*Valley Metro*); Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport; Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation; Virginia Department of Transportation

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier:

- A. February 9, 2023 TTC Meeting Agenda
- B. January 12, 2023 TTC Minutes

Motion: by Mariel Fowler to approve consent agenda items (A) & (B), as presented; seconded by Frank Maguire.

TTC Action: Motion carried unanimously.

4. CHAIR REMARKS

- Chair Sexton announced that the Roanoke Valley - Alleghany Regional Commission was designated as gold level bicycle friendly business by the League of American Bicyclists.
- Chair Sexton announced that Roanoke City and Roanoke County/Town of Vinton/Botetourt County received grants from the Safe Streets for All Grant award program. Roanoke City received \$480,000 and Roanoke County/Town of Vinton/Botetourt County received \$280 000.

5. CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE FY24-29 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) FINANCIAL PLAN

Chair Sexton stated that today's discussion is to focus on prioritization of the projects, listed on pages 49 through 50 from the [January TTC agenda](#) packet (a copy of the project list is included with the Minutes). Chair Sexton reminded that last month the TTC members recommended to the Policy Board the acceptance of the changes, as described, on items #1, #2, #3, #10, #11 and #12. Today's discussion is focused on the five other projects from the list (#4, #5, #6, #7 and #8) requesting an increase in funding. Ms. Stinnette provided an overview and stated that the amount needed to cover all these projects is around \$4.1 million but there is only a little over \$2 million available.

Ms. Anita McMillan stated that project #4 (Phase 1) is under construction, the bid opening for project #6 (Phase 2) is next week. Ms. McMillan noted that Phase 3 has already been funded through SMART SCALE.

Ms. Megan Cronise commented that project #5 is moving toward construction. Project #6 is a priority as well but is further out. Mr. Josh Pratt commented that project #7 is at 60%, possibly looking into construction in April of 2024. If the project could be put in the front of the line next round (next year) it would be ok as well.

It was suggested to fully fund projects #4, #5, and #6 and apply the remainder on project #7 since construction for that project is not until next year. Mr. Gray asked if all the funds should be allocated now or should some funds be set aside, clarifying he is ok with either approach. Chair Sexton commented that once there is a commitment to a project, the project should move forward and figure out ways of completing it.

The consensus of the group was to fund projects #4, #5 and #6 and put the reminder on project #7. The official action will be taken at the March 9th TTC meeting. Ms. Cronise commented that in the past VDOT had helped in optimizing the funds and asked if that would be done this time as well to make sure the money is in the right place and corresponding to the correct fiscal years. Mr. Gray commented that this can be done any time. Ms. Finch noted staff had already met with VDOT in December to review project status and the timing of allocations were on track.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

7. **COMMENTS BY MEMBERS AND / OR CITIZENS**

Ms. Megan Cronise distributed a Roanoke County 200 Plan flyer (included with the Minutes).

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.



Cristina D. Finch, AICP, LEED AP, Secretary,
Transportation Technical Committee

TTC Action: Review the information and provide a recommendation on the following items:

1. **Roanoke River Greenway – Greenhill Park (Roanoke County) to Riverside Park (Salem)**
 - a. Reduce project scope from 1.4-mile greenway (Green Hill Park to Kingsmill Dr.) to a trailhead and 0.6-mile greenway (Riverside Nursery to Kingsmill Drive) utilizing full STBG allocation.
 - b. Rename the project title in this financial plan to reflect the STBG funded project.
 - c. Return of \$330,600 to the RVTPO.
2. **Roanoke River Greenway – Water Pollution Control Plant to the Blue Ridge Parkway**
 - a. Reduce project scope to 0.33-mile greenway from 1800' north of Highland Road to Highland Road utilizing full STBG allocation.
 - b. Adjust project limits in project title to reflect STBG funded project.
3. **Tinker Creek Trail Extension**
 - a. Replace with three projects per the three phases with funding distributed among them as indicated by the City of Roanoke on how much STBG on each.
4. **Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations (5th Street to City/Town limit)**
 - a. Requesting \$200,000 to cover change orders related to unexpected site conditions.
5. **Roanoke River Greenway through Explore Park**
 - a. Requesting \$1,275,000 to cover cost increases related to supply chain and demand issues, cost of labor and inflation.
6. **Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations (W. Lee Avenue to 1st Street)**
 - a. Requesting \$200,000 based on the bid submittal for LAP projects in Roanoke Valley.
7. **Elizabeth Greenway**
 - a. Requesting \$996,861 based on unit prices from a recent bid of a similar project.
8. **Orange Market Park and Ride/Parking Lot Improvements**
 - a. Requesting \$1,460,000 for additional project elements including mobilization, maintenance of traffic, stormwater management, and higher estimated costs due to supply chain and demand issues, labor costs and inflation.
9. **Roanoke River Greenway – East**
 - a. Requesting \$8,000,000 to put towards construction, full construction cost unknown at this time
 - b. Updating project title to be Roanoke River Greenway – Underhill section (13th Street Trailhead to Tinker Creek Greenway)

10. In VDOT's system, **Route 460 (Orange Ave) Improvements near Blue Hills Drive** has been combined with **Route 460 (Orange Ave) Improvements King Street**, and two others that are non-STBG funded projects to create a new project the **Orange Avenue Improvements, Hickory Woods Drive to Blue Hills Village Drive**. The UPC is 122120 administered by the City of Roanoke.
 - a. Combine these two STBG projects in the RVTPO Financial Plan, adding the STBG amounts: \$676,720 and \$550,280 for a total of \$1,227,000.

11. In VDOT's system, **Route 460 Intersections from Carson Road to Huntridge Road** has been combined with **Route 460 at West Ruritan Road Intersection Improvements** for project delivery as the **Route 460 Intersections W. Ruritan Road to Huntridge Road**.
 - a. Combine these two STBG projects in the RVTPO Financial Plan, adding the STBG amounts: \$785,549 and \$427,803 for a total of \$1,213,352.

12. Combine two STBG projects: **I-581/U.S. 460 and Williamson Road Interchange Improvements** (\$2M conditional) and **Orange Ave. (U.S. 460) and Williamson Rd. Intersection Improvement** (\$5M conditional). In SMART SCALE Round 5 these two projects were submitted as one project: **I-581/U.S. 460/U.S. 11 Improvements** \$7M STBG conditional; \$25,670,186 total cost estimate.

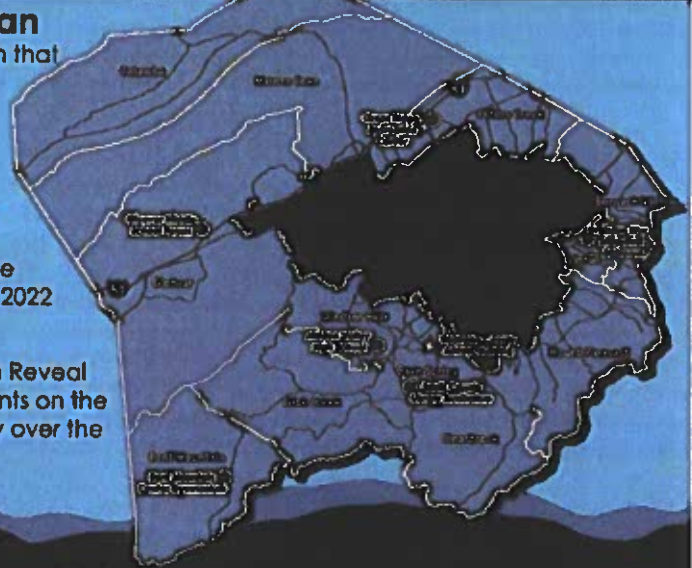
ROANOKE COUNTY 200 PLAN



The **Roanoke County 200 Plan** is an update to our Comprehensive Plan that expresses an overarching community vision as well as unique goals for 11 community planning areas within the County and the Town of Vinton.

Your Community. Your Voice.

- + The Draft Plan was developed from the input that we received at the 2021 and 2022 public meetings/online surveys.
- + Join us at your community's Draft Plan Reveal Meeting to review and provide comments on the 200 Plan that will shape your community over the next 15 years.



Join us for your community's Draft Plan Reveal Meeting

Meetings are open house format from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Presentation by staff begins at 5:00 PM

- Cave Spring, Glenvar & Masons Cove: Glenvar Middle School - Monday, February 27
- Peters Creek: Green Ridge Recreation Center - Wednesday, March 1
- Bonsack/Vinton & Mount Pleasant: Vinton War Memorial - Monday, March 6
- Windsor Hills: Hidden Valley High School - Wednesday, March 8
- Back Creek & Bent Mountain: Bent Mountain Center - Monday, March 13
- Cave Spring & Clearbrook: South County Library - Wednesday, March 15

Planning Commission Public Hearings on the Draft Plan

Both Public Hearing Meetings begin at 5:00 PM

Citizen comments are welcome

- Public Hearing Option 1: Green Ridge Recreation Center - Thursday, March 23
- Public Hearing Option 2: Roanoke County Administration Center - Monday, April 3



In the event of winter weather, please visit our website below or call us to confirm meeting

Learn more: www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/200Plan

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