



MINUTES

The April meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mariel Fowler	County of Bedford
David Givens	County of Botetourt
Jonathan McCoy	County of Botetourt
Megan Cronise	County of Roanoke
Will Crawford	County of Roanoke
Wayne Leftwich	City of Roanoke
Mark Jamison, <i>Chair (via zoom)</i>	City of Roanoke
Crystal Williams	City of Salem
Anita McMillan	Town of Vinton
Cody Sexton, <i>Vice Chair (via zoom)</i>	Town of Vinton
William Long	Greater Roanoke Transit Company
Frank Maguire	Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission
Michael Gray	Virginia Dept. of Transportation - Salem District
Daniel Wagner <i>(via zoom)</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, Andrea Garland, Emma Howard-Wood, Alison Stinnette, Jonathan Stanton, and Virginia Mullen.

Others Present: Anthony Ford, Virginia Department of Transportation – Salem District (via zoom); David Jackson, Cambridge Systematics (via zoom).

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jamison 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.

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

Chair Jamison reported that Mr. Daniel Wagner, representing the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 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 because of member's principal residence is 60 miles or more from the meeting location and a physical quorum is present. Chair Jamison asked if there were any objections. None were voiced. The request was approved by unanimous consent.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier:

- A. April 14, 2022 RVTPO Meeting Agenda
- B. March 10, 2022 TTC Minutes

Motion: by Wayne Leftwich to approve items (A) and (B), under the consent agenda, as presented; seconded by Cody Sexton.

TTC Action: Motion carried unanimously.

4. CHAIR REMARKS

- Chair Jamison reported that the Regional Commission has hired four new staff members – two transportation planners, one regional planner, and one public engagement manager. The two transportation planners that will be working closely with the TTC are Jonathan Stanton, who has relocated from San Diego, and Alison Stinnette who is from the Roanoke Valley and is graduating in May from VT with her master's degree.
- Senator Warner was in Roanoke this past Tuesday and spoke about the Infrastructure Law. Several upcoming discretionary grant programs might be of interest to members - staff sent a link to all members earlier today.
- Chair Jamison stated that also on Tuesday, Delegate Terry Austin, Mike Stewart (Airport Executive Director), and Dr. Ray Smoot addressed transportation and priorities at a Chamber event in Vinton. Extending one of the airport's runways most likely over I-581 was the most notable desired investment mentioned for our region. The next few months will be important in the transportation planning process to prioritize other big needs and how to address them in our region.

5. CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Cristina Finch reported that the RVTP plan development team continues to implement the new performance-based planning process being developed by the OIPI CAP-TA team to define common transportation solutions, determine priority gap needs, and identify potential solutions. As implementation of this process continues to be refined, the team is also focusing attention on how current efforts will support development of both the RVTP list of fiscally constrained projects and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Finch noted that the focus of today's discussion is to demonstrate how the Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (two core products of the RVTPO) relate to each other. Mr. David Jackson from Cambridge Systematics and Cristina Finch presented an update on the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan's development (the PowerPoint presentation is included with the Minutes).

Mr. Michael Gray commented on slide #3 of the presentation and stated that the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) gives a project life (allocation document), the TIP (obligation document) is just responsive to it. Mr. Gray asked how that would be used as a tool? Ms. Finch replied that staff is working with a team of other MPO folks, DRPT and VDOT staff to clarify those relationships because all the MPOs in Virginia will be creating the FY24-27 TIP next fiscal year.

Ms. Megan Cronise commented on slide #4 of the presentation and asked why not put the focus on the Six-Year Improvement Plan since it is the harder part? Ms. Finch replied that the focus is on determining the most important things that need to be worked on and pursued in the next five years for future SYIPs.

6. **ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMENDATION ON DRAFT FY23 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

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 draft UPWP was presented at the March meeting. Budget information has been included in the final version, distributed with the agenda. An additional \$86k was received from FHWA PL and \$33k from FTA 5303 through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for planning activities. With state and local matches, this amounts to approximately \$148k. Without this funding the new FHWA PL funding would have been down \$36k over last year. The additional funds will be used towards future budget contingency, planning consultant assistance, and RVTPO staffing.

Michael Gray asked who decides which tasks from the UPWP have priority and how is that being monitored. Ms. Finch replied that the guiding element will come from the plan that is being developed and outlines the prioritized projects and solutions. She also added that the guidance received from the TTC and Board is also guiding the work program activities.

Chair Jamison asked if it would be appropriate to ask for a quarterly report that tracks the progress of the completion of tasks. Ms. Finch replied that she will discuss it with Jeremy Holmes. Ms. Finch added that staff submits quarterly reports with invoices to VDOT (for PL funds) and VDRPT (for 5303 funds). Mr. Gray replied that it may be helpful to provide a report with key things that are happening within the work program to which Ms. Cronise agreed.

Motion: by Cody Sexton to recommend to the Policy Board the approval of the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program, as presented; seconded by Frank Maguire.

TTC Action: Motion carried unanimously.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Cristina Finch reported that there are additional roughly \$163,000 TA funds available to the RVTPO. She asked members to let her know if there are current TA projects that are needing additional funding.

Cristina Finch commented that one of the links that was sent to members this morning references SMART grants and suggested members to look it over.

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

No comments were made.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



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

Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan Update

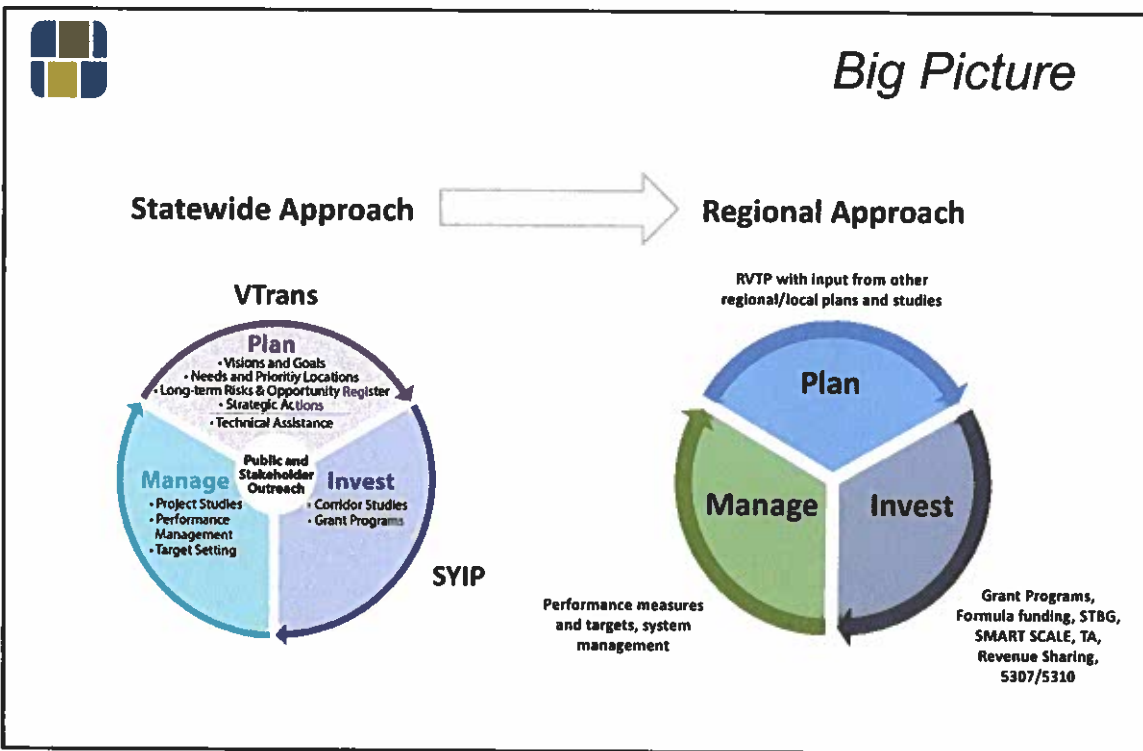
Approach/Schedule/Solutions Update

presented to
Transportation Technical Committee

presented by
RVTPO, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.



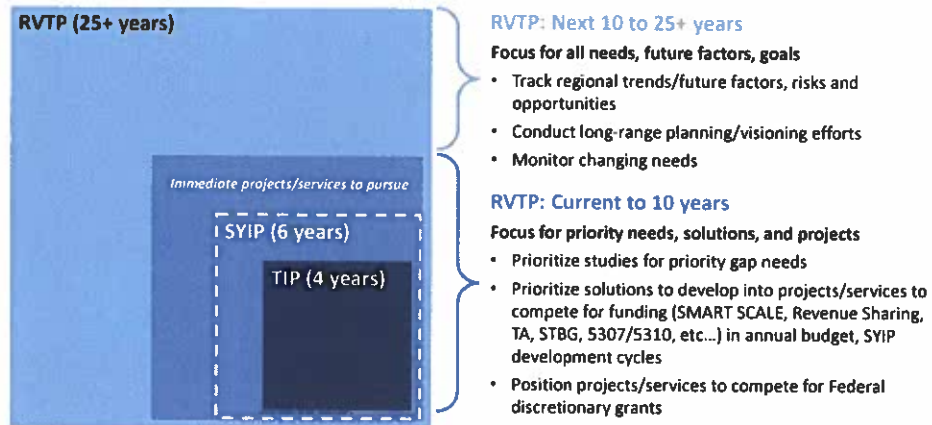
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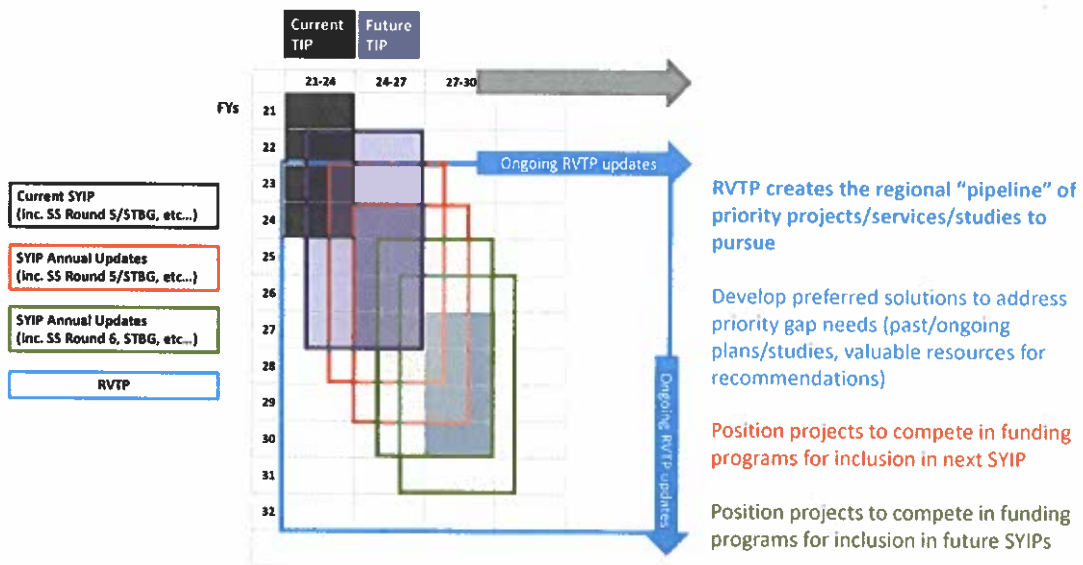


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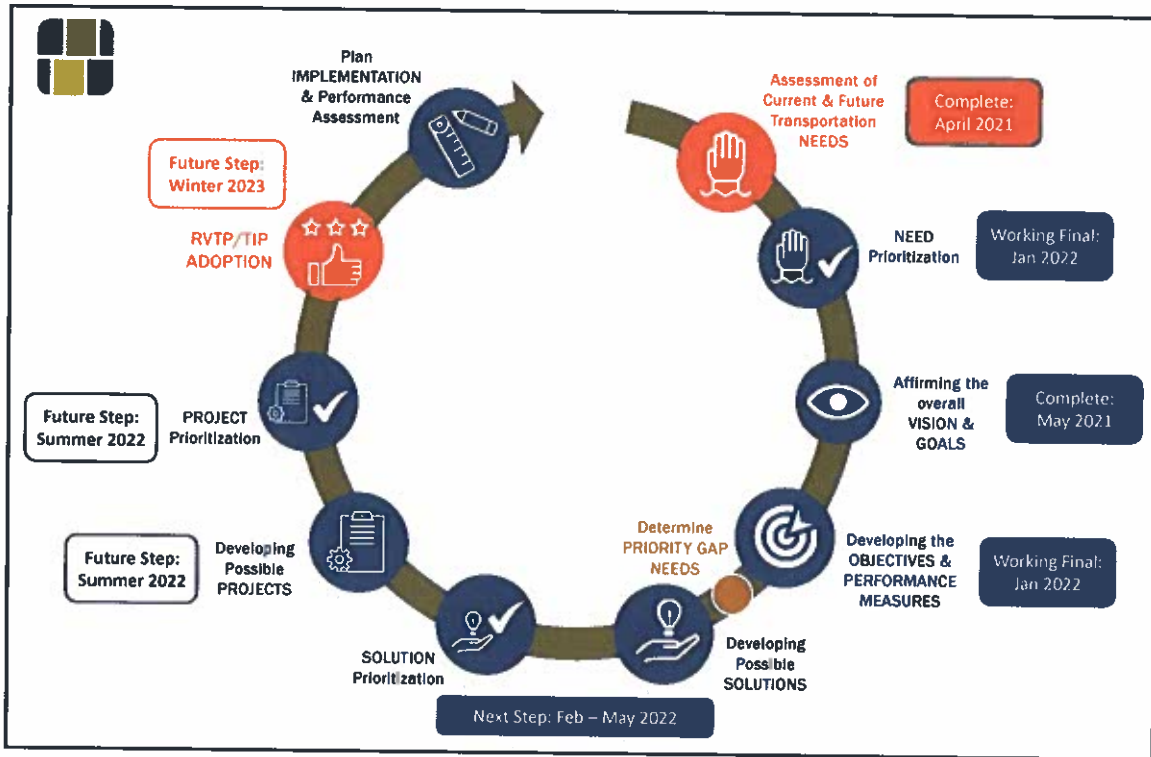


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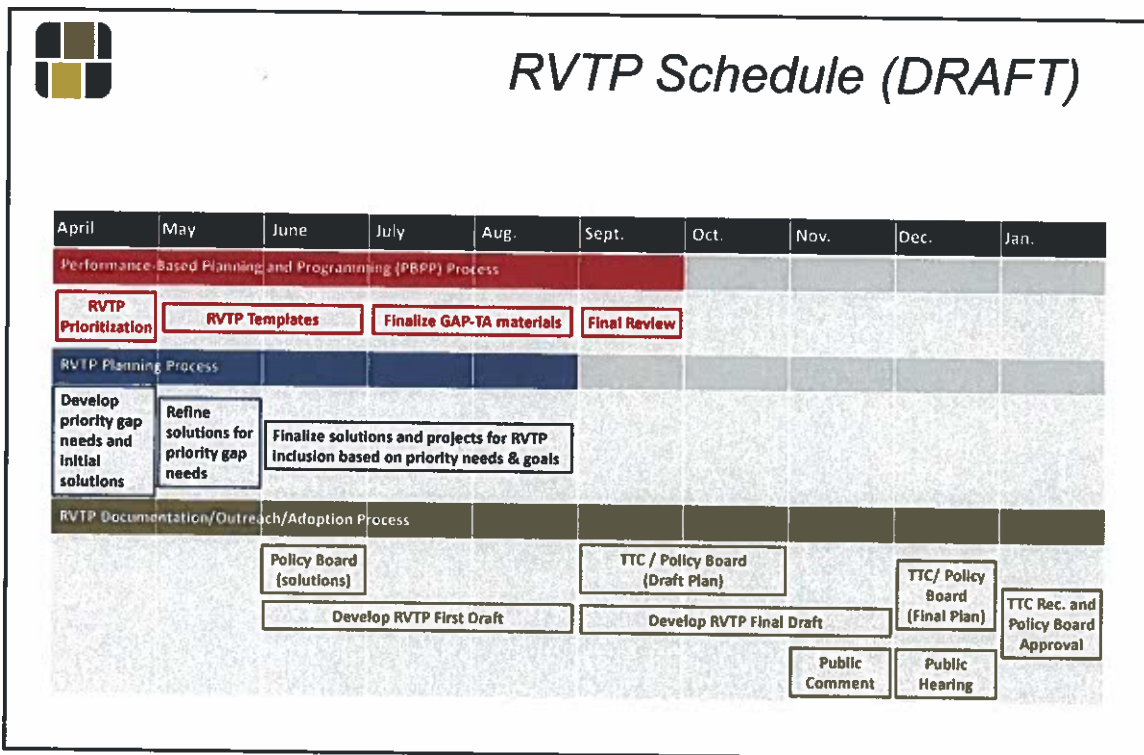
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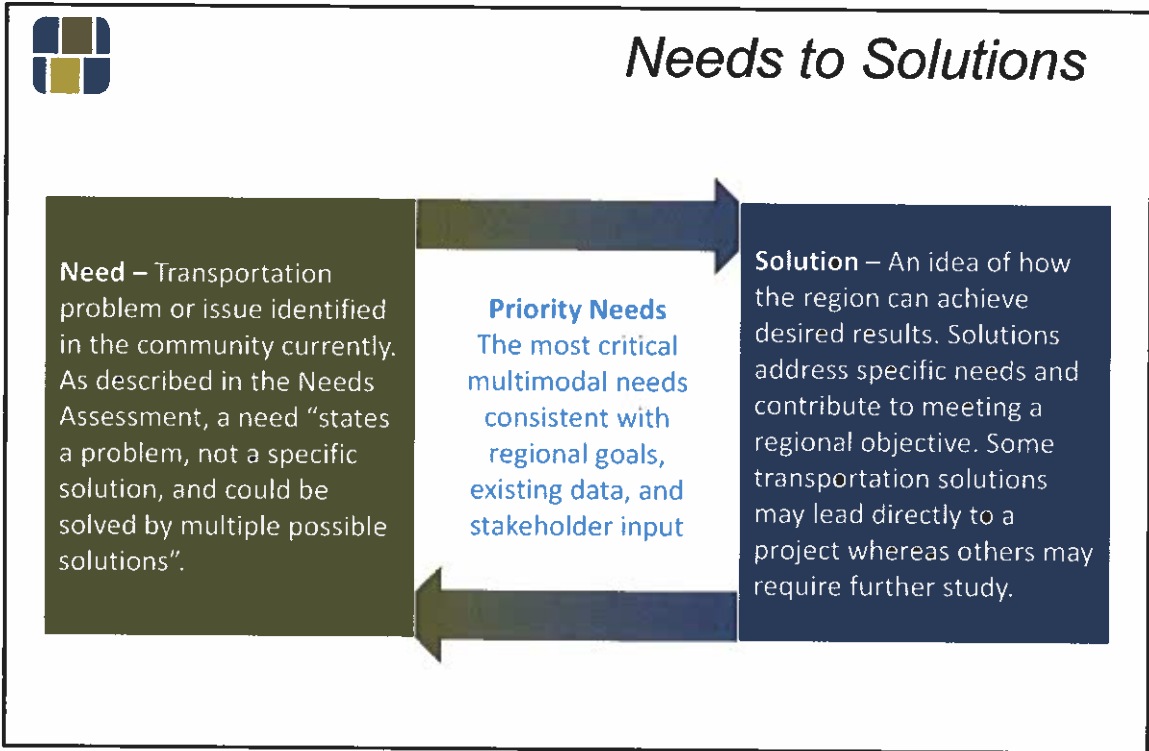
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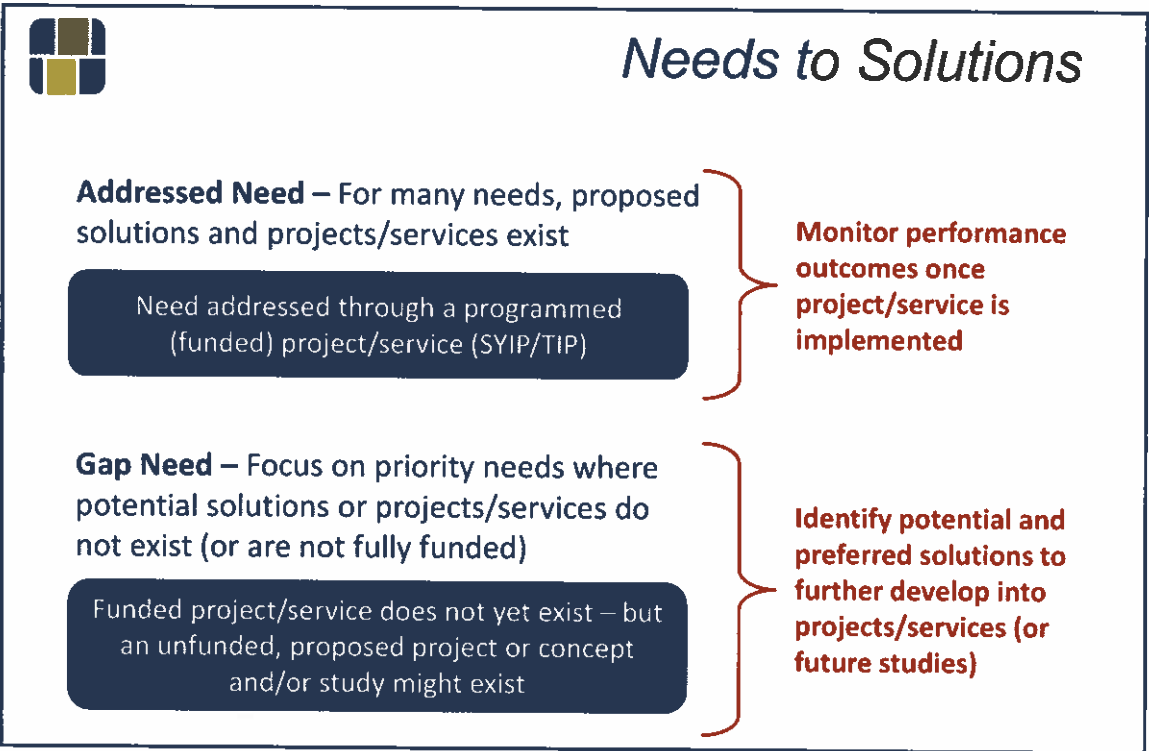
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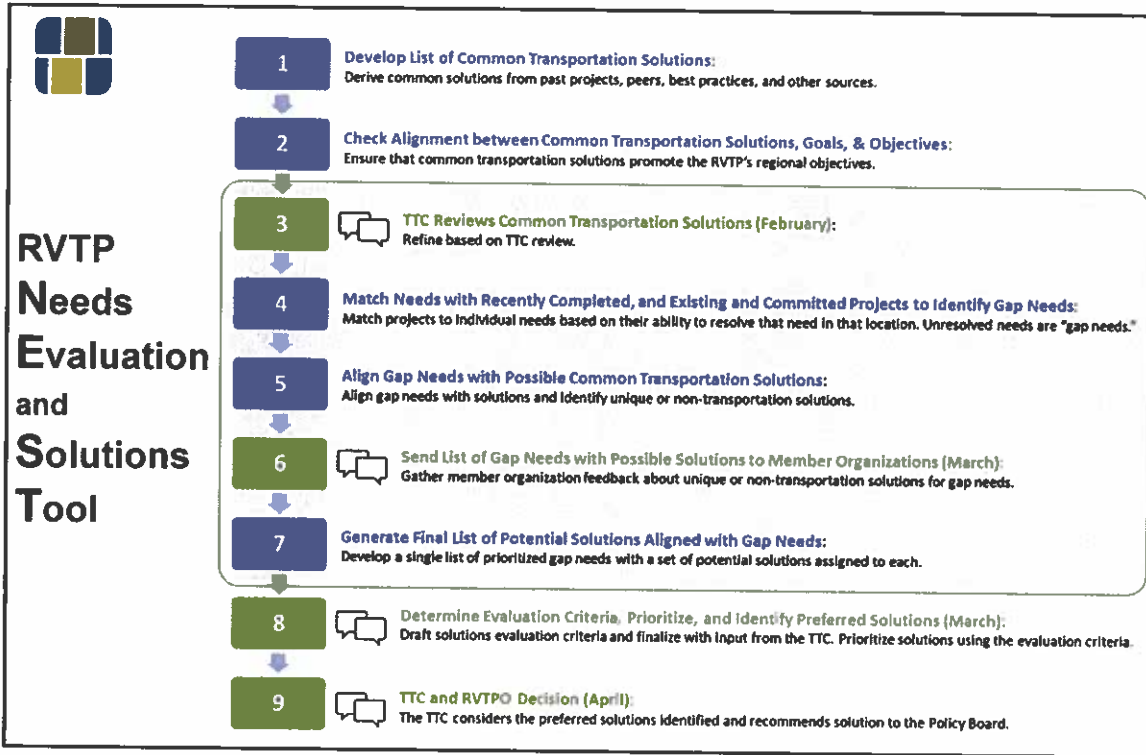
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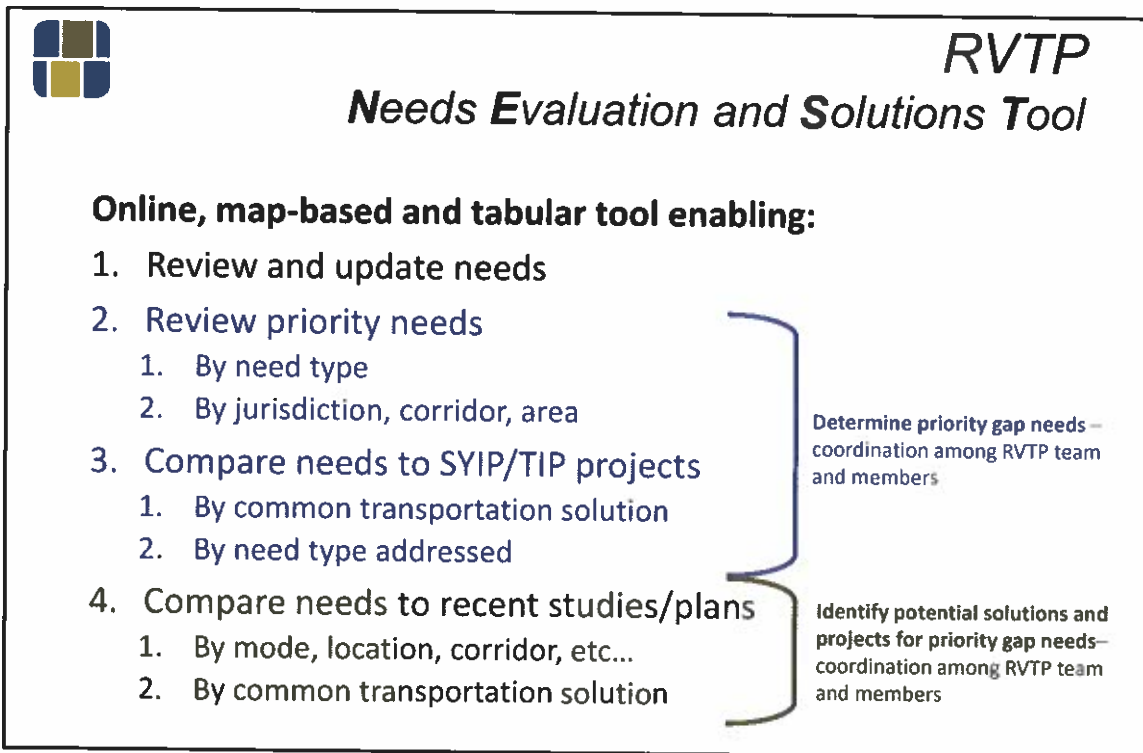
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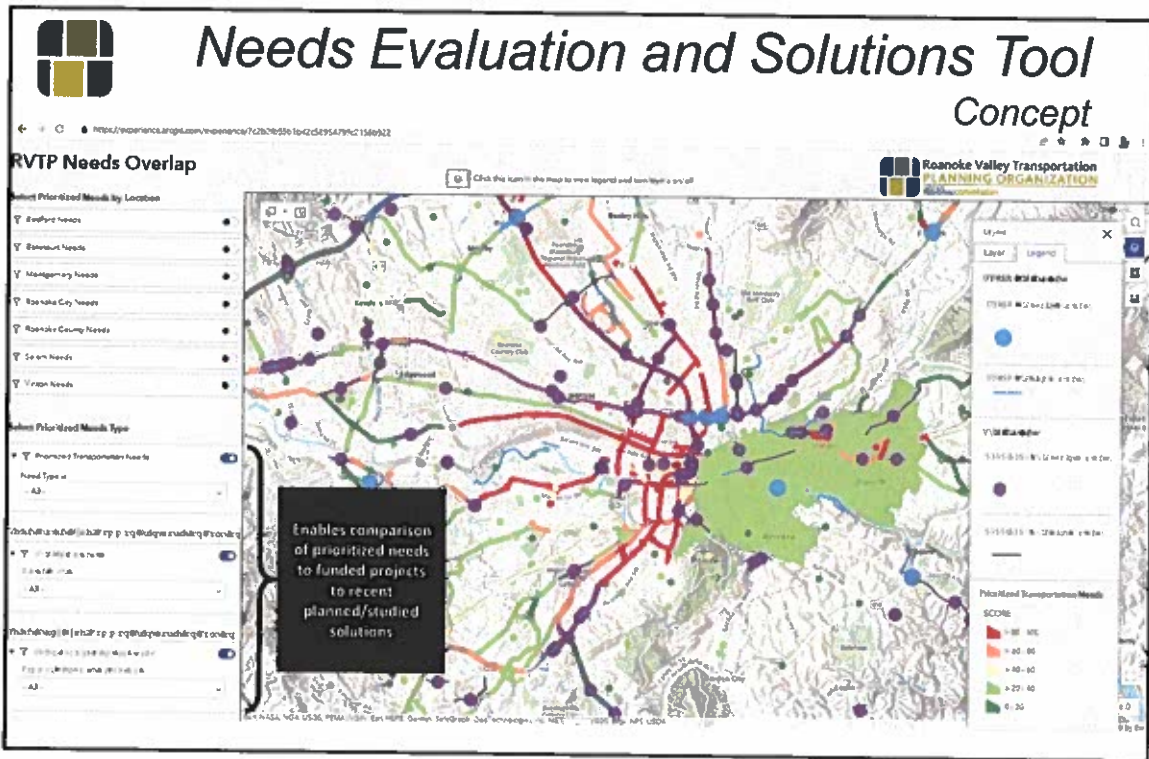
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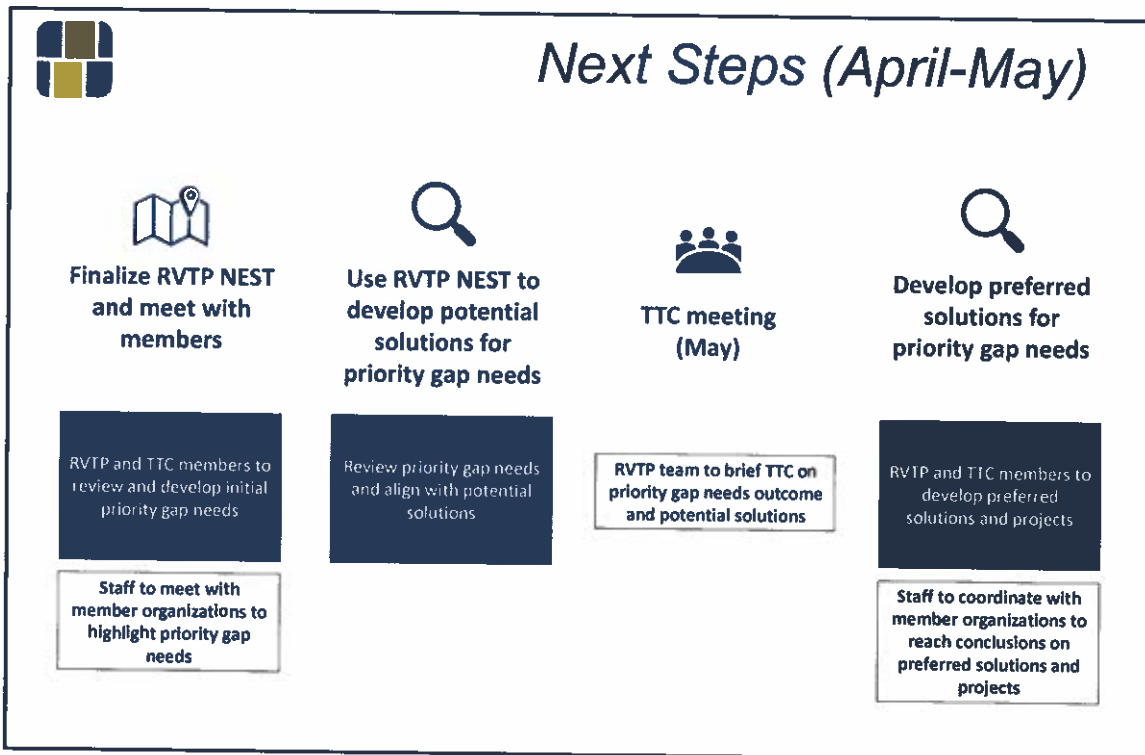
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