

MINUTES

The June meeting of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

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)

Jeremy Holmes, Secretary to the RVTPO, called the roll and stated a quorum is present.

TPO VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Clinton	Botetourt County
Billy Martin, <i>Chair</i>	Botetourt County
Phil North, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Roanoke County
Renee Turk	City of Salem
Mike Stovall	Town of Vinton
Daniel Sonenklar (<i>alt. for Daniel Wagner</i>)	Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Anthony Ford (<i>alt. for Ken King</i>)	Virginia Dept. of Transportation – Salem District

TPO VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Mickey Johnson	Bedford County
Steve Fijalkowski	Montgomery County
David Radford	Roanoke County
Joseph Cobb	City of Roanoke
Stephanie Moon Reynolds	City of Roanoke
Bill Jones	City of Salem
Keith Liles	Town of Vinton
Mike Stewart	Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport
Kevin Price	Greater Roanoke Transit Company (Valley Metro)
Ken King	Virginia Dept. of Transportation – Salem District
Daniel Wagner	Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

TPO NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Caywood	Roanoke County
Cody Sexton	Town of Vinton
Lee Osborne	Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Others Present: Megan Cronise, Roanoke County; Michael Gray (via zoom), Virginia Department of Transportation; Dwayne D'Ardenne, City of Roanoke; Mark Jamison, City of Roanoke; Frank Maguire, Greenway Commission.

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

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

Chair Martin reported that Michael Gray, alternate for the Virginia Department of Transportation, has requested to participate remotely in today's meeting of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization under the RVTPO's Policy for Electronic Meeting Participation, allowing for remote participation for illness, and a physical quorum is present.

Unanimous Consent Request: by Chair Martin to approve the remote participation request by Michal Gray.

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

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier:

- A. June 23, 2022 RVTPO Meeting Agenda
- B. May 26, 2022 RVTPO Minutes

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

RVTPO Policy Board Action: Motion carried unanimously.

4. REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

- Chair Martin reported that the Federal Highway Administration is currently hosting a number of virtual roundtables on issues surrounding truck parking on I-81. The opening roundtable held yesterday was well represented by planners and DOT staff members from states along the I-81 corridor and beyond. A strong voice in the conversation was Andy Alden, from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. Along with FHWA's work in this area, the Appalachian Regional Commission is also preparing to undertake a truck parking study via its Network Appalachia freight-focused stakeholder group. As the post-pandemic economy continues to struggle under supply chain concerns, and more of the public's shopping habits are focused on online shopping, the issues of freight management, logistics, and safety will become more critical along the I-81 corridor. Chair Martin encouraged members to participate in FHWA's remaining virtual roundtables. He asked members that are interested in participating in upcoming planning or study efforts to contact the TPO staff or the TPO Secretary for more information.
- Chair Martin thanked TPO and TTC members for their commitment, dedication, and hard work.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AMENDMENT #5 TO THE VISION 2040: ROANOKE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A. Presentation on Amendment #5 to the Vision 2040: Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan

Mr. Holmes noted that Ms. Finch is unable to attend today’s meeting therefore Mr. Hill and himself would present Ms. Finch’s items.

Mr. Hill reported that a draft amendment to the Vision 2040: Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan (RVTP) was prepared to reflect cost estimate updates for two projects since the plan was last adopted in September 2021.

Project # and Amendment History	Locality	Project	RVTP Current Project Cost Estimate	Updated Cost Estimate	% Cost Estimate Increase
59 and A2-37	Vinton	Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B	\$476,000	\$784,659	65%
A1-7 and A2-23 and A4-10	Roanoke County	Roanoke River Greenway, Parkway Crossing	\$708,258	\$795,900	12%

Glade Creek Greenway Phase II, since its original inclusion in the Plan in 2017 at \$597,026, has since been split into two projects – Phase 2A (\$683,000) and Phase 2B (now estimated at \$784,659).

Roanoke River Greenway, Parkway Crossing was originally included in the Plan in 2018 at \$366,606. It has been amended twice and currently has an estimated cost of \$795,900.

The draft amendment was shared with the Policy Board at the May 2022 meeting after which it was released for public comment. A summary of the public comments and draft amendment #5 were distributed with the agenda packet.

B. Public Hearing

Chair Martin opened the public hearing at 1:16 p.m. No public input was received. Chair Martin closed the public hearing at 1:17 p.m.

C. Consideration of Resolution Approving Amendment #5 to the Vision 2040: Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan

Motion: by Mike Stovall to approve the presented resolution, approving amendment #5 to the Vision 2040: Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Phil North.

RVTPO Policy Board Action: Motion carried unanimously.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FY 2023-2024 TRANSPORTATION SET-ASIDE FUNDS

Mr. Bryan Hill noted that staff informed the Policy Board members of the availability of additional federal TA funds in the amount of \$163,105 at their May 26th meeting. The TTC and staff recommended the following funding scenario for consideration:

Locality	Project	Staff Recommended TA Funding Scenario
Vinton	Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B	\$116,239 (total) \$92,991 (federal) \$23,248 (local match)
Roanoke County	Roanoke River Greenway, Parkway Crossing	\$87,642 (total) \$70,114 (federal) \$17,528 (local match)
	TOTAL	\$163,105 (federal)

The scenario fully funds the Roanoke River Greenway project’s budget adjustment request of \$70,114 and allocates \$92,991 to the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B project. Given the current progress of both requests, staff believes that the Roanoke River Greenway, Parkway Crossing project is closer to advertisement, hence the recommendation to fully fund the requested adjustment.

Mr. Hill reported that the revised estimated costs for both projects constitute a major change in the project cost, which therefore triggered an amendment to the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan. A resolution approving the additional allocation was distributed with the agenda packet.

Motion: by Phil North to approve the presented resolution, approving the additional allocation of FY 2023 -2024 Transportation Set-Aside Funds. The motion was seconded by Mike Stovall.

RVTPO Policy Board Action: Motion carried unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF ROANOKE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Secretary Holmes reported that staff continues to work with the OIPI funded Michael Baker consultant team to create RVTPO’s new performance-based planning and programming process which will wrap up this summer. In working with the Cambridge Systematics consultants, staff is moving ahead with a couple rounds of individual stakeholder meetings with the localities and modal agencies to identify how the most pressing transportation needs in our region may be addressed. Mr. Holmes noted that a link to the Needs Evaluation and Solutions Tool was shared with the members in the meeting email and encouraged members to spend some time exploring it. It includes a lot of information including a comparison of

needs and funded investments. Staff continues to work towards a goal of providing a first draft of the updated plan for Board review in the Fall.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

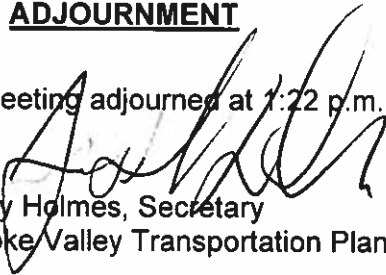
No other business was discussed.

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

No other comments were made.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.



Jeremy Holmes, Secretary
Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization