

May 19, 2022

The May meeting of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) Policy Board will be held as follows:

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Thursday, May 26, 2022</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office (Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Ave., SW, Roanoke, VA</b>

## AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order ..... *Chair Martin*
2. Roll Call (including consideration of remote participation)..... *Chair Martin*
3. **Action Requested:** Approval of Consent Agenda Items ..... *Chair Martin*
  - A. Approval of Agenda
  - B. Action on the April 28, 2022 RVTPO Minutes, pp. 3 – 17
4. Remarks by the Chair .....*Chair Martin*
5. **Action Requested:** Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation .....*Bryan Hill*  
 Improvement Program – Roanoke County CORTRAN Service
  - A. Presentation on Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program –  
 Roanoke County CORTRAN Service, pp. 18 – 32
  - B. Public Hearing

**PUBLIC HEARING (Sign-Up Requested/3-Minute Limit Per Speaker)**

**Open Public Hearing – Comment Period – Close Public Hearing** .....*Chair Martin*

  - C. Consideration of Resolution Approving Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation  
 Improvement Program – Roanoke County CORTRAN Service, pp. 33
6. Draft Amendment #5 to the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan and..... *Bryan Hill*  
 Consideration of Additional Allocation of FY 2023-2024 Transportation Set-Aside  
 Funds, pp. 34 – 35

7. Other Business
8. Comment Period by RVTPO Policy Board Members and/or Public
9. Adjournment

**Public Input Policy**

“At the end of each Roanoke Valley TPO Policy Board meeting, the RVTPO Policy Board will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half hour in length and each speaker will be asked to sign up and be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak.”

**ADA Compliance**

The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization intends to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and confirms that the office located at 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA is ADA compliant. If you have a disability and wish to request assistance or a special accommodation, please inform Bryan Hill at 540-343-4417 or [bhill@rvarc.org](mailto:bhill@rvarc.org) no later than 48 hours in advance of the posted meeting.

## 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; Marshal 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2:29 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.







**Decca Knight,  
LPC, LPSC,  
NCC, CTP-C**



**Jordan Bell,  
Historian, Educator,  
Local Community  
Activist**



**Council Member  
Anita James Price**



**Cristina Finch  
Roanoke Valley  
Allegheny  
Regional Commission**



**Kevin Price  
Valley Metro**



**Chris Chittum  
City of Roanoke**



**Council Member  
Joe Cobb**



**Leslie Price  
Healthy Roanoke Valley**



**Megan Cronise  
Roanoke County**

# LRV: Class of 2022 Travel Battle

## Leadership Roanoke Valley: Class of 2022 Travel Battle

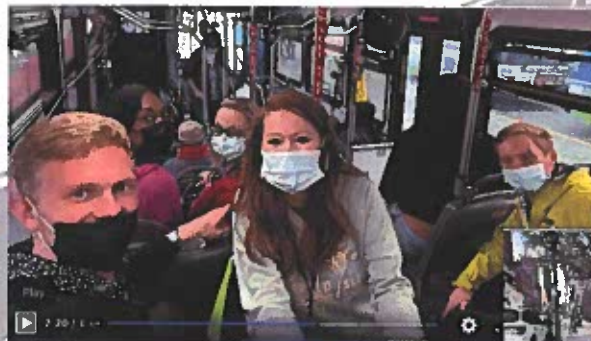
Each activity can only be tallied once.  
For selfies, at least one member of your team should appear in the photo. You get the same number of points, regardless of the amount of people in your selfie.

Photo Contest:	Questions:	Emergency:
Rhane (287) 975-6366	Rachel (540) 798-6278	Eric (447) 523-4000
Assign one person from your team - DON'T steal until the end!		

Download the Valley Metro app and provide feedback to your group - 300	Document what you see on your entire route (LRV or your observation ahead) - 300
Group photo at 3rd Street Station - 300	Get to know a passenger - 100
Selfie riding a Valley Metro bus - 100	Get to know a bus driver - 300
Selfie at a Valley Metro bus stop - 100	
Selfie at a Star Line Trolley stop - 100	Photo of Virginia Carter Wells - 300 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Photo of a Valley Metro bus shelter - 100 (It can be taken from a moving bus)	Picture of a Middle School - 100 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Selfie with one of our speakers - 300	Photo of Roanoke Health & Human Services Department - 100 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Photo of someone riding a bike - 100 (It can be taken from a moving bus)	Group photo in front of the Williamson Road Library - 100
Use a Leap scooter (send a picture) - 200	Visit the Williamson Road Library and get a brochure in a language other than English - 300
Use a BRND scooter (send a picture) - 200	
	Photo of Roanoke's or Kruger on Veterans - 300 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Group photo at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital - 300 (You will need to get off the bus/trolley)	Photo of the Dale Avenue Waterfall - 100 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Visit the Downtown Library and pick something or get a library card - 300	Photo of the Victorian Warehouse Building - 100 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Visit Blue Ridge Library and request information about their services - 100	Group photo at the Dale Avenue Community Market - 100
Photo of the Courthouse, Social Security Office, or the Squares Co-Op - 300	Visit Fallon Park Playground and take a video going down a slide - 300
Visit the SambaBora Library and learn about the archives from your librarian - 300	Photo of VA Medical Center - 300 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Take or make around the neighborhood, report back to the group - 300	Photo of Lincoln Park - 100 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Photo of the Clever Memorial Clinic - 300	Photo of a service Elementary - 300 (It can be taken from a moving bus)
Photo for selfies of/with the Build Smart initiative sign - 300	Group photo in front of American Branch Library - 100
Photo of the Coca-Cola Plant - 100	Visit Goodwill and learn about their training programs - 300

**GRAND TOTAL**



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/200plan)



**Roanoke Valley Transportation  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
Staffed by the  
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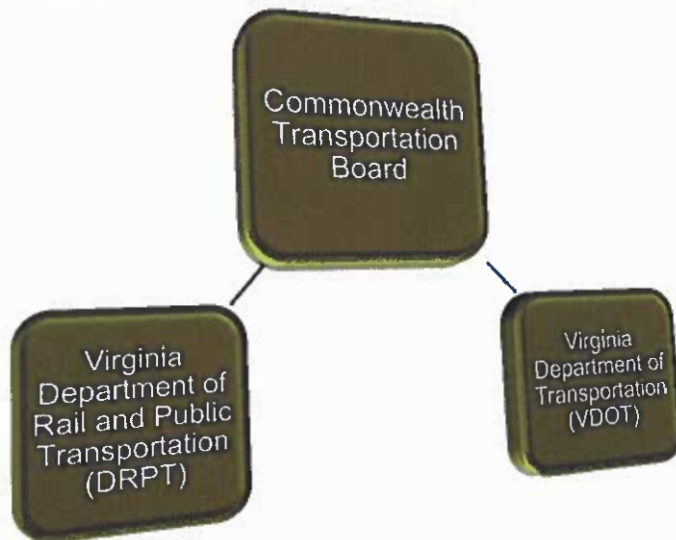
Update on  
Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program and  
Draft FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2

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Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program



- Released for public review and comment by the CTB on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 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>.

CTB - Public Hearing Consent Sheet

All responses are subject to public disclosure.

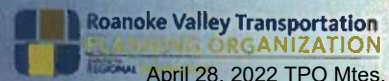
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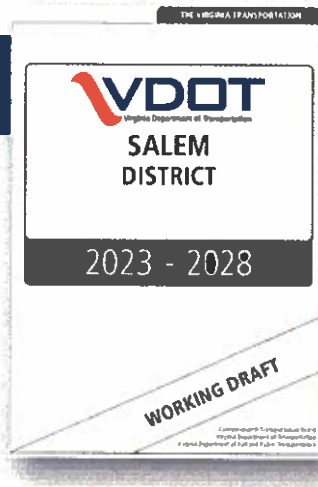
By (date optional):

Please provide your comments on rail, transit, transportation demand management, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects in the Draft Fiscal Year 2023-2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) to be approved by the CTB in June 2022.

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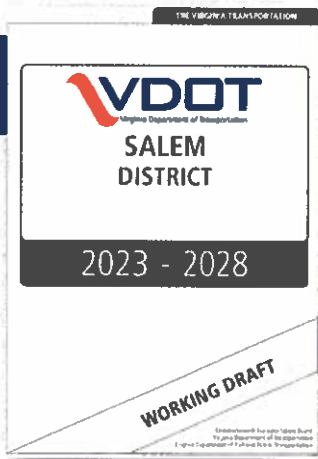


### New projects, studies, or services included.

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 <sup>th</sup> Street SE (Wise – Tazewell) Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk	\$3,297,000
Roanoke County	Glade Creek Greenway Vinyard 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



### Examples of Ongoing Projects

Locality	Project	Funding Source	Funded Amount
Botetourt County	U.S. 460/Laymantown Rd Intersection Improvement	SMART SCALE	\$7,623,000
City of Roanoke	Aviation Dr./Valley View Blvd. Pedestrian Improvements	SMART SCALE	\$7,178,000
Roanoke County	Rte. 460 Intersections – Carson Rd. to Huntridge Rd.	SMART SCALE	\$2,767,000
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.

# DRPT DRAFT FY23 SYIP

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



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

## 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)
Valley Metro	Valley Metro Transit Strategic Plan Development	\$225,000	\$24,480 (14% Local) \$112,500 (50% State) \$112,500 (50% Local)

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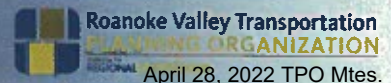
# DRPT DRAFT FY23 SYIP

## 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

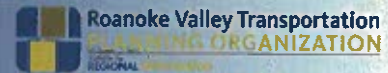
At a glance...

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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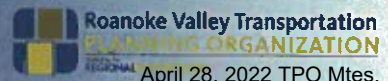


## Original Plan for Use of FTA 5310 Funds

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

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024
<b>STIP ID: RAD0001 Title: Operating Assistance Recipient: RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County</b>					
FTA 5310	84,000	66,000	115,316	115,316	FTA 5310 380,631
State	67,000		92,252	92,252	State 251,506
Local	17,000		11,063	11,063	Local 39,126
Revenues		12,000	12,000	12,000	Revenues 36,000
<b>Year Total:</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>230,631</b>	<b>230,631</b>	<b>Total Funds: 707,262</b>
Description: Adjustment 10/5/20: decrease FY21 funding \$62K (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).					
<b>STIP ID: RAD0002 Title: Paratransit Vehicles Recipient: RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County</b>					
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
<b>Year Total:</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>Total Funds: 580,000</b>
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).					
<b>STIP ID: LFS0001 Title: Paratransit Vehicles Recipient: Lutheran Family Services</b>					
FTA 5310	48,000				FTA 5310 48,000
State					State -
Local	12,000				Local 12,000
<b>Year Total:</b>	<b>60,000</b>				<b>Total Funds: 60,000</b>
Description: Adjustment 10/5/20: Increase FY21 funding \$15K (increase FTA 5310 \$12K, Local \$3K).					
<b>STIP ID: ROA0001 Title: Operating Assistance Recipient: County of Roanoke</b>					
FTA 5310		119,008			FTA 5310 119,008
State					State -
Local					Local -
<b>Year Total:</b>		<b>119,008</b>			<b>Total Funds: 119,008</b>
Description: Amendment 6/24/21: 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	\$112,000 (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 CORTRAN service. The Draft SYIP shows funding amounts under the 5310 Rural and Small Urban Programs.

Applicant	Project	Funded Amount (Proposed)	Match
Roanoke County (CORTRAN)	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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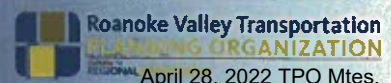
## FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2 Draft

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			46,000	48,000	48,000	State	142,000
Local			12,000	12,000	12,000	Local	36,000
<b>Year Total:</b>		-	288,000	300,000	300,000	<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>888,000</b>
Description:	Amendment: Add new project and add \$288K funding for FY22 (add FTA 5310 \$230K, State \$46K, 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 12<sup>th</sup> meeting; and the Policy Board will hold a public hearing on the amendment at their May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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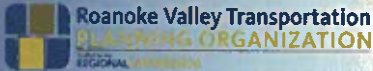




# FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2 Schedule

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 <sup>th</sup> TTC Meeting
End 15-Day Public Comment Period for TIP Amendment #2	Thursday, May 19
RVTPO Public Hearing and consideration of Draft TIP Amendment #2	May 26 <sup>th</sup> RVTPO Meeting

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**STAFF REPORT**

**May 26, 2022 RVTPO Meeting**

**SUBJ: Recommendation on FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2 (CORTRAN Capital Assistance)**

At the April 28<sup>th</sup> RVTPO meeting, staff informed the Policy Board of a request received from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to amend the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The request is to include Roanoke County's new request for FTA 5310 capital assistance funding to operate its CORTRAN service for seniors and people with disabilities next year. This project is recommended for inclusion in the DRPT FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

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

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024
<b>STIP ID: RAD0001 Title: Operating Assistance Recipient: RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County</b>					
FTA 5310	84,000	66,000	115,316	115,316	FTA 5310 <b>380,631</b>
State	67,000		92,252	92,252	State <b>251,505</b>
Local	17,000		11,063	11,063	Local <b>39,126</b>
Revenues		12,000	12,000	12,000	Revenues <b>36,000</b>
<b>Year Total:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>230,631</b>	<b>230,631 Total Funds: 707,262</b>
Description:	Adjustment 10/5/20: decrease FY21 funding \$62K (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).				
<b>STIP ID: RAD0002 Title: Paratransit Vehicles Recipient: RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County</b>					
FTA 5310	104,000	130,000	128,000	128,000	FTA 5310 <b>490,000</b>
State					State <b>-</b>
Local	26,000		32,000	32,000	Local <b>90,000</b>
<b>Year Total:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>160,000 Total Funds: 580,000</b>
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).				
<b>STIP ID: LFS0001 Title: Paratransit Vehicles Recipient: Lutheran Family Services</b>					
FTA 5310	48,000				FTA 5310 <b>48,000</b>
State					State <b>-</b>
Local	12,000				Local <b>12,000</b>
<b>Year Total:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- Total Funds: 60,000</b>
Description:	Adjustment 10/5/20: Increase FY21 funding \$15K (increase FTA 5310 \$12K, Local \$3K).				
<b>STIP ID: ROA0001 Title: Operating Assistance Recipient: County of Roanoke</b>					
FTA 5310		119,008			FTA 5310 <b>119,008</b>
State					State <b>-</b>
Local					Local <b>-</b>
<b>Year Total:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119,008</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- Total Funds: 119,008</b>
Description:	Amendment 6/24/21: Add new project and FTA 5310 funding \$119K for FY22.				

The table lists 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	\$112,000 (80% Federal) \$28,000 (20% Local)

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

The enCircle application for vehicles was not originally included for FY23 in the TIP, and the vehicles seeking replacement did not meet the DRPT criteria for replacement; thus, they were not recommended for funding by DRPT. The Local Office on Aging application was not recommended for funding because DRPT saw a duplication of portions of the County's CORTRAN service and had concerns about their budget. Although it is

shown in the TIP that operating funding was planned for RADAR in FY23, RADAR did not apply for these funds this fiscal year.

Although not originally planned for FY23 in the TIP, Roanoke County applied for \$613,338 in 5310 capital and operating funds for its CORTRAN service. The Draft SYIP shows funding amounts under the 5310 Large Urban and Rural Programs, due to CORTRAN's service to portions of Roanoke County which are in both the urban and rural portions of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region. The table below shows the proposed transit service projects.

Applicant	Project	Funded Amount (Proposed)	Match
Roanoke County (CORTRAN)	Purchased transportation (capital funding for vehicle leasing, drivers, maintenance, insurance, etc.) from external provider for one year.	\$288,000 (Large Urban)	\$230,400 (80% Federal) \$46,080 (16% State) \$11,520 (4% Local)
Roanoke County (CORTRAN)	Operating service in the rural portions of Roanoke County for one year.	\$250,000 (Rural)	\$200,000 (80% Federal) \$40,000 (16% State) \$10,000 (4% Local)

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

For this amendment, \$288,000 in *Large Urban* 5310 capital funding for purchased transportation relative to CORTRAN is only being considered as it is a new project not originally in the TIP.

With the current amendment and 5310 funding decisions made by DRPT, the following tables show administrative adjustments made to RADAR operating and capital funding, the changes in over category totals, and the proposed amendment.

**Note: it is understood that obligations for FY23 will be required in FY22 in order to be able to use the funds in FY23.**

		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024	
<b>ROANOKE VALLEY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION</b>							
STIP ID:	<b>RAD0001</b>	Title: Operating Assistance		Recipient: <b>RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County</b>			
FTA 5310		84,000	<del>66,000</del> 0	<del>115,316</del> 0	<del>115,316</del> 0	FTA 5310	<b>84,000</b>
State		67,000	0	<del>92,252</del> 0	<del>92,252</del> 0	State	<b>67,000</b>
Local		17,000	0	<del>11,063</del> 0	<del>11,063</del> 0	Local	<b>17,000</b>
Revenues			<del>12,000</del> 0	<del>12,000</del> 0	<del>12,000</del> 0	Revenues	-
<b>Year Total:</b>	-	<b>168,000</b>	<del><b>78,000</b></del> 0	<del><b>230,631</b></del> 0	<del><b>230,631</b></del> 0	<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>168,000</b>
Description:	Adjustment 10/5/20: decrease FY21 funding \$62K (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:	<b>RAD0002</b>	Title: Paratransit Vehicles		Recipient: <b>RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County</b>			
FTA 5310		104,000	130,000	128,000	128,000	FTA 5310	<b>490,000</b>
State						State	-
Local		26,000		32,000	32,000	Local	<b>90,000</b>
<b>Year Total:</b>	-	<b>130,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>580,000</b>
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:	<b>LFS0001</b>	Title: Paratransit Vehicles		Recipient: <b>Lutheran Family Services</b>			
FTA 5310		48,000				FTA 5310	<b>48,000</b>
State						State	-
Local		12,000				Local	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Year Total:</b>	-	<b>60,000</b>	-	-	-	<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>60,000</b>
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			119,008			FTA 5310	119,008
State						State	-
Local						Local	-
<b>Year Total:</b>	-	-	<b>119,008</b>	-	-	<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>119,008</b>
Description:	Amendment 6/24/21: Add new project and FTA 5310 funding \$119K for FY22.						
STIP ID:	ROA0002	Title: Capital Assistance	Recipient: County of Roanoke				
FTA 5310			230,000	240,000	240,000	FTA 5310	710,000
State			46,000	48,000	48,000	State	142,000
Local			12,000	12,000	12,000	Local	36,000
<b>Year Total:</b>	-	-	<b>288,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>Total Funds:</b>	<b>888,000</b>
Description:	Amendment 5/26/22: Add new project and add \$288K funding for FY22 (add FTA 5310 \$230K, State \$46K, Local \$12K) & \$300K funding for FY23 and FY24 (add FTA 5310 \$240K, State \$48K, Local \$12K).						

Greater Roanoke Transit Company		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024
FTA 5307		2,967,083	2,862,787	2,862,787	3,132,787	FTA 5307 11,825,444
FTA 5309		-	-	-	-	FTA 5309 -
FTA 5310		-	-	-	-	FTA 5310 -
FTA 5311		354,000	2,147,090	2,147,090	2,147,090	FTA 5311 6,795,270
FTA 5314		-	-	-	-	FTA 5314 -
FTA 5337		-	-	-	-	FTA 5337 -
FTA 5339		105,514	472,610	225,800	93,900	FTA 5339 897,824
FTA ADTAP		-	-	-	-	FTA ADTAP -
FTA DPF		-	-	-	-	FTA DPF -
FTA TIGER		-	-	-	-	FTA TIGER -
FBD		-	-	-	-	FBD -
Flexible STP		3,360,000	-	-	-	Flexible STP 3,360,000
STBG		400,000	3,128,702	1,639,419	-	STBG 5,168,122
FHWA TAP		-	-	-	-	FHWA TAP -
Other Federal		-	-	-	-	Other Federal -
State		10,976,952	5,910,587	4,099,691	3,220,536	State 24,207,766
Local		2,248,675	1,770,621	1,776,524	1,797,724	Local 7,593,544
Revenues		2,314,000	2,314,000	2,314,000	2,314,000	Revenues 9,256,000
<b>Totals</b>	-	<b>22,726,224</b>	<b>18,606,397</b>	<b>15,065,311</b>	<b>12,706,037</b>	<b>69,103,969</b>

RADAR - UHSTS, Inc. Roanoke County		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024
FTA 5307		-	-	-	-	FTA 5307 -
FTA 5309		-	-	-	-	FTA 5309 -
FTA 5310		188,000	<del>196,000</del> 130,000	<del>243,316</del> 128,000	<del>243,316</del> 128,000	FTA 5310 <del>188,000</del> 870,632
FTA 5311		-	-	-	-	FTA 5311 -
FTA 5314		-	-	-	-	FTA 5314 -
FTA 5337		-	-	-	-	FTA 5337 -
FTA 5339		-	-	-	-	FTA 5339 -
FTA ADTAP		-	-	-	-	FTA ADTAP -
FTA DPF		-	-	-	-	FTA DPF -
FTA TIGER		-	-	-	-	FTA TIGER -
FBD		-	-	-	-	FBD -
Flexible STP		-	-	-	-	Flexible STP -
STBG		-	-	-	-	STBG -
FHWA TAP		-	-	-	-	FHWA TAP -
Other Federal		-	-	-	-	Other Federal -
State		67,000	-	92,252 0	92,252 0	State <del>251,504</del> 67,000
Local		43,000	-	44,000 32,000	44,000 32,000	Local <del>131,000</del> 107,000
Revenues		-	42,000 0	42,000 0	42,000 0	Revenues <del>36,000 0</del> 36,000 0
<b>Totals</b>	-	<b>298,000</b>	<del>208,000</del> 130,000	<del>391,568</del> 160,000	<del>391,568</del> 160,000	<del>1,289,136</del> 748,000

Lutheran Family Services of Virginia		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024	
FTA 5307		-	-	-	-	FTA 5307	-
FTA 5309		-	-	-	-	FTA 5309	-
FTA 5310		48,000	-	-	-	FTA 5310	48,000
FTA 5311		-	-	-	-	FTA 5311	-
FTA 5314		-	-	-	-	FTA 5314	-
FTA 5337		-	-	-	-	FTA 5337	-
FTA 5339		-	-	-	-	FTA 5339	-
FTA ADTAP		-	-	-	-	FTA ADTAP	-
FTA DPF		-	-	-	-	FTA DPF	-
FTA TIGER		-	-	-	-	FTA TIGER	-
FBD		-	-	-	-	FBD	-
Flexible STP		-	-	-	-	Flexible STP	-
STBG		-	-	-	-	STBG	-
FHWA TAP		-	-	-	-	FHWA TAP	-
Other Federal		-	-	-	-	Other Federal	-
State		-	-	-	-	State	-
Local		12,000	-	-	-	Local	12,000
Revenues		-	-	-	-	Revenues	-
Totals	-	60,000	-	-	-		60,000

County of Roanoke		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024	
FTA 5307		-	-	-	-	FTA 5307	-
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FTA 5339		-	-	-	-	FTA 5339	-
FTA ADTAP		-	-	-	-	FTA ADTAP	-
FTA DPF		-	-	-	-	FTA DPF	-
FTA TIGER		-	-	-	-	FTA TIGER	-
FBD		-	-	-	-	FBD	-
Flexible STP		-	-	-	-	Flexible STP	-
STBG		-	-	-	-	STBG	-
FHWA TAP		-	-	-	-	FHWA TAP	-
Other Federal		-	-	-	-	Other Federal	-
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Local		-	0 12,000	0 12,000	0 12,000	Local	0 36,000
Revenues		-	-	-	-	Revenues	-
Totals	-	-	<del>119,008</del> 288,000	0 300,000	0 300,000		<del>119,008-</del> 888,000

Roanoke Valley TPO		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024	
FTA 5307		2,967,083	2,862,787	2,862,787	3,132,787	FTA 5307	11,825,444
FTA 5309		-	-	-	-	FTA 5309	-
FTA 5310		236,000	<del>315,008</del> 360,000	<del>243,316</del> 368,000	<del>243,316</del> 368,000	FTA 5310	<del>1,037,640</del> 1,332,000
FTA 5311		354,000	2,147,090	2,147,090	2,147,090	FTA 5311	6,795,270
FTA 5314		-	-	-	-	FTA 5314	-
FTA 5337		-	-	-	-	FTA 5337	-
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FTA TIGER		-	-	-	-	FTA TIGER	-
FBD		-	-	-	-	FBD	-
Flexible STP		3,360,000	-	-	-	Flexible STP	3,360,000
STBG		400,000	3,128,702	1,639,419	-	STBG	5,168,122
FHWA TAP		-	-	-	-	FHWA TAP	-
Other Federal		-	-	-	-	Other Federal	-
State		11,043,952	<del>5,910,587</del> 5,956,587	<del>4,191,943</del> 4,147,691	<del>3,312,738</del> 3,268,536	State	<del>24,459,220</del> 24,416,766
Local		2,303,675	<del>1,770,621</del> 1,782,621	<del>1,820,524</del> 1,864,524	<del>1,841,724</del> 1,841,724	Local	<del>7,736,544</del> 7,792,544
Revenues		2,314,000	<del>2,326,000</del> 2,314,000	<del>2,326,000</del> 2,314,000	<del>2,326,000</del> 2,314,000	Revenues	<del>9,292,000</del> 9,256,000
Totals	-	23,084,224	<del>48,933,405</del> 19,024,397	<del>45,456,879</del> 15,568,511	<del>43,097,555</del> 13,166,037		<del>70,572,064</del> 70,843,970

Beginning this year, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is requiring that DRPT report any changes to existing or new projects in the current fiscal year field (FY22). As DRPT applies to FTA for an annual grant, which when awarded also becomes obligated funding, the funds must be listed in the year in which they are obligated. As DRPT applied for funding and obligation authority from FTA during FY 2022, new funding for this project is reflected there instead of FY 2023. The amounts in FY 2023 and 2024 are planned (unfunded) allocations and obligations, based upon future-awarded FTA grant applications from DRPT.

The RVTPO apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (FFY23) FTA 5310 funding is \$316,565. There is a current carryover amount of \$35,992 from FFY22. Approved projects under the draft SYIP total \$342,400 in federal dollars (state/local match amounts are separate), which leaves a future federal carryover amount of \$10,157.

A 14-day public comment period occurred prior to the public hearing scheduled for the May 26 RVTPO meeting. Staff developed and administered an online survey. The survey, results and demographic analysis of the respondents follow this staff report. A resolution approving the amendment follows the survey information.

The TTC, at their May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, and staff, recommend approval of the proposed amendment.

**RVTPO Policy Board Action:** consideration of FY2021-2024 TIP Amendment #2 adding federal 5310 capital assistance funding for vehicles to operate Roanoke County's CORTRAN service.

# Public Engagement Efforts for Amendment #2 to the FY23-24 Transportation Improvement Program

May 9, 2022: blog post to landing page of the RVARC website



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### PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

MAY 09, 2022

The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPD) is accepting comments on the proposed Amendment #2 to its Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment seeks to add a new project of \$288,000 in federal funds for Roanoke County to operate its CORTRAN service for seniors and people with disabilities next year.

		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total FY 2021-2024
<b>STIP ID:</b>	<b>ROA0002</b>	<b>Title: Capital Assistance</b>		<b>Recipient: County of Roanoke</b>		
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 38,000
<b>Year Total:</b>			<b>288,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>Total Funds: 838,000</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<b>Amendment: Add new project and add \$288K funding for FY22 (add FTA 5310 \$230K, State \$48K, local \$12K) &amp; \$300K funding for FY23 &amp; FY24 (add FTA 5310 \$240K, State \$48K, local \$12K).</b>					

Comments will be accepted until May 19, 2022 and a hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on May 26, 2022 at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission offices at 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

We have developed a short survey to gather public input on the proposed amendment. The survey can be taken [here](#).

For more information on the draft amendment, contact Bryan Hill at (540) 343-4417 or by E-mail at [bhill@rvarc.org](mailto:bhill@rvarc.org).



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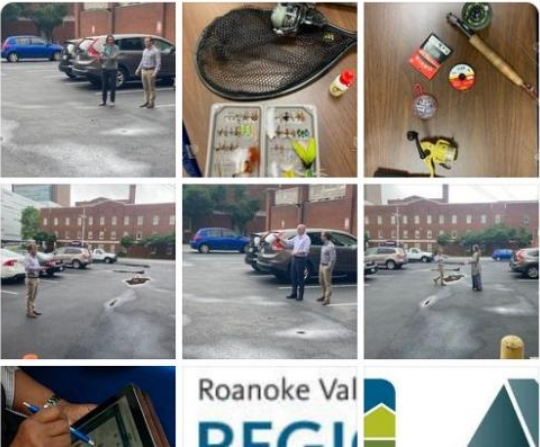
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May 9, 2022: first Facebook post advertising the amendment

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Please take this short survey on the proposed Amendment #2 to the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization's FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.



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May 18, 2022: second Facebook post advertising the amendment

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FY 2022	FY 2023
230,000	240
46,000	48
12,000	12
<b>288,000</b>	<b>300</b>

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May 18, 2022

Mr. Jeremy Holmes, Executive Director  
Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization  
P.O. Box 2569  
Roanoke, VA 24010

RE: Amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to include FTA Section 5310 funding for the Roanoke County CORTAN Program

Dear Jeremy,

Roanoke County would like to offer support for the amendment to the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include FTA Section 5310 funding to operate the CORTAN service.

We appreciate not only your assistance, but also the help of your staff, to facilitate the steps to add this new funding to the TIP to support CORTAN. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Doug Blount  
Assistant County Administrator

C: Chairman Phil C. North, Board of Supervisors  
David F. Radford, Board of Supervisors  
Megan Cronise, Assistant Director of Planning  
Paula Benke, CORTAN Program Coordinator

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**Proposed Amendment**

*If you need assistance completing this survey, please call Bryan Hill at (540) 343-4417, email [bhill@rvarc.org](mailto:bhill@rvarc.org), or visit 313 Luck Avenue, SW in Roanoke, VA 24016. This survey is available at [www.rvarc.org](http://www.rvarc.org).*

***This survey will be open until Thursday, May 19, 2022.  
 A public hearing on the proposed amendment will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 1:00pm at the RVTPO Policy Board Meeting, 313 Luck Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016.***

*The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) must provide public notice and opportunity to comment when amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers Fiscal Years 2021-2024. For local governments and agencies to accept federal transportation funds authorized by the Virginia Department of Transportation or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the RVTPO must add these projects to the TIP.*

**1. Do you agree with utilizing the estimated federal funds on this proposed transportation investment?**

	Yes	No
Roanoke County - adding a new project to operate its CORTRAN service for seniors and people with disabilities in the urbanized portions of the county next year (\$288,000).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**Other Comments**

**2. Do you have any other comments about this draft amendment to the Roanoke Valley's Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program?**

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**Demographic information**

*Optional. By providing demographic information, you help the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization determine whether public input is representative of the population of our region. Demographic information is separated from your responses to the previous questions.*

**3. What is your race/ethnicity? Please select all the apply.**

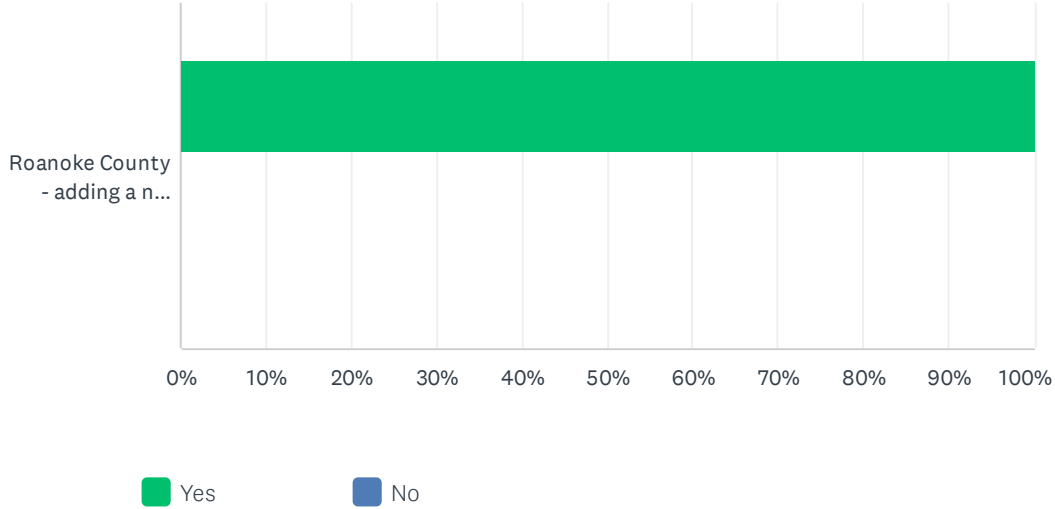
- White (non-Hispanic)
- Black or African American
- Hispanic (of any race)
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

*Other*

**4. What is your zip code?**

## Q1 Do you agree with utilizing the estimated federal funds on this proposed transportation investment?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0



	YES	NO	TOTAL
Roanoke County - adding a new project to operate its CORTTRAN service for seniors and people with disabilities in the urbanized portions of the county next year (\$288,000).	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1

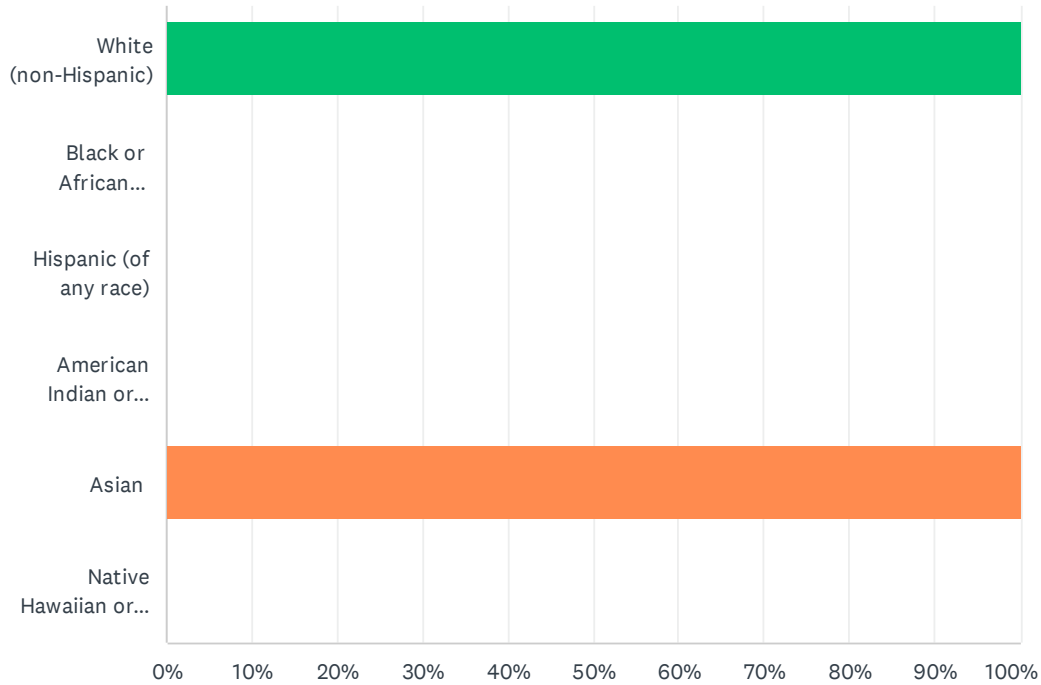
## Q2 Do you have any other comments about this draft amendment to the Roanoke Valley's Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program?

Answered: 0 Skipped: 1

#	RESPONSES	DATE
	There are no responses.	

### Q3 What is your race/ethnicity? Please select all the apply.

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
White (non-Hispanic)	100.00% 1
Black or African American	0.00% 0
Hispanic (of any race)	0.00% 0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00% 0
Asian	100.00% 1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 1	

#	OTHER	DATE
	There are no responses.	

## Q4 What is your zip code?

Answered: 1 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	24422	5/13/2022 9:49 AM



The 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Approving an Amendment to the RVTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Roanoke County CORTRAN Service**

**WHEREAS**, the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) approved the *FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* on June 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the inclusion of transportation projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a condition of federal participation in the funding of that project; and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP reflects Roanoke County's request for FTA 5310 Large Urban capital funding for a turnkey set of services to operate its CORTRAN service for seniors and people with disabilities. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation has recommended this project for inclusion in the Commonwealth Transportation Board's FY23-28 Rail and Public Transportation Six-Year Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the RVTPO's Public Participation Plan, public input has been sought in amending the RVTPO's TIP, feedback has been presented to the Policy Board, and a duly advertised public hearing was held; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board does hereby approve this amendment to the *FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* for the Roanoke County CORTRAN Service, as presented.

Billy W. Martin, Sr.  
Chair

**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

**Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**STAFF REPORT**

**May 26, 2022 RVTPO Meeting**

**SUBJ: Draft Amendment #5 to the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan and Consideration of Additional Allocation of FY 2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funds**

At the February 24, 2022 RVTPO Policy Board meeting, \$715,036 in Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) funding was allocated to two projects:

1. City of Roanoke - Williamson Road Pedestrian Improvements, \$460,000; and
2. Roanoke County – Glade Creek Greenway Vinyard Park West, \$255,036.

At the April 14 TTC meeting, staff informed Committee members of the availability of additional TA funds in the amount of \$163,105 (federal). Because there were no other applications for the Policy Board to fund during the FY23-24 round, these funds are available for budget adjustments on existing projects or saving for future project applications. Staff has received two requests from project sponsors with existing projects seeking these additional funds to address such budget adjustments.

Locality	Project	RVTP Project Cost Estimate	Updated Cost Estimate	Previous TPO TA Allocations	% Cost Estimate Increase	Additional Funding Request
Vinton	Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B	\$476,000	\$784,659	\$380,800	65%	\$162,000 (total) \$129,600 (federal) \$32,400 (local match)
Roanoke County	Roanoke River Greenway, Parkway Crossing	\$708,258	\$795,900	\$200,000	12%	\$87,642 (total) \$70,114 (federal) \$17,528 (local match)
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>						\$232,114 (federal)

Vinton’s adjustment projection is being based upon a VDOT estimate for \$784,659. As of April 28<sup>th</sup>, a permit from VA Marine Resources Commission has been obtained for the project. The permit will be valid through April 30, 2025 with an in-stream work restriction from March 15 through June 30. The town is hopeful of advertising as early as December 2022 but no later than Spring 2023 for the project. As of May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Norfolk Southern (NS) right-of-way agent has accepted the Town's offer on the use of the NS right-of-way for the overhead fall protection shelter and the greenway construction. A meeting with VDOT Salem District personnel and Town's consultant has been scheduled on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 90% design plans.

Roanoke County's engineering consultant has completed the 100% design plans and the bid documentation for the project and an environmental permit that expired is being updated. It is anticipated that the project will be advertised for construction in the fall of 2022.

The TTC, at its May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, and staff recommends 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)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$163,105 (federal)</b>

This scenario fully funds the Roanoke River Greenway project’s budget adjustment. 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.

The revised estimated costs for both projects constitute a major change in the project cost, which therefore triggers an amendment to the RVTPO’s Transportation Plan. The table below shows the current estimated project costs of the two subject projects and the left column refers its history of past amendments in the plan.

#	UPC	Jurisdiction	Project Title	Project Limits	Project Description	Est. Cost in Year of Expenditure
59 and A2-37	109611	Town of Vinton	Glade Creek Greenway, Phase 2B	Gearhart Park to Walnut Avenue	Paved 10’ wide greenway from Gearhart Park to Walnut Avenue.	\$476,000
A1-7 and A2-23 and A4-10	113356	Roanoke County	Roanoke River Greenway – Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing along Highland Road	Blue Ridge Parkway and Highland Road	Construction of 0.30 miles of Roanoke River Greenway underneath the Blue Ridge Parkway, connecting bicyclists and pedestrians safely to other funded sections of the Roanoke River Greenway.	\$708,258

The proposed amendment to the current transportation plan would confirm the Board’s agreement with pursuit of these projects given the increase in estimated costs. The TTC considered the draft amendment to the Plan at its May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, where it recommended approval.

This is a first reading of the proposed amendment, with no requested action this month. After the Board considers public input on the inclusion of the additional funding in the region’s transportation plan, the Board will consider programming the TA funding for the above projects at its June 23 meeting. The schedule for consideration of this Amendment #5 to the Plan is the following:

Action	Date/Meeting
RVTPO Policy Board first reading of Draft CLRMTP Amendment #5	May 26 RVTPO Meeting
Begin 14-Day public comment period for Draft CLRMTP Amendment #5	June 2
End 14-Day public comment period for Draft CLRMTP Amendment #5	June 15
RVTPO Public Hearing and consideration of Draft CLRMTP Amendment #5	June 23
RVTPO Policy Board takes action on additional TA funding requests	June 23

**RVTPO Policy Board Action:** None.