



MINUTES

The October meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee was held on Thursday, October 12, 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 1:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL (including consideration of remote participation)

Interim Secretary Bryan Hill 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
Renee Powers (<i>alt. for Wayne Leftwich</i>)	City of Roanoke
Dwayne D'Ardenne (<i>arrived after roll call</i>)	City of Roanoke
Crystal Williams	City of Salem
Josh Pratt	City of Salem
Cody Sexton, <i>Chair</i>	Town of Vinton
Anita McMillan	Town of Vinton
William Long	Greater Roanoke Transit Company
Frank Maguire, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission
Kyle Kotchou	Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport
Michael Gray	Virginia Dept. of Transp. - Salem District
Daniel Wagner (<i>via zoom</i>)	Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transp.

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Brea Hopkins	County of Montgomery
Nathan Sanford	Unified Human Serv. Transp. System

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Stephanie Mathena	Franklin County
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Others Present: Nathan Grim, Roanoke County; Mitch Huber, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and Patrice Strachan, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

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

RVARC Staff Present: Bryan Hill, Alison Stinnette, Jonathan Stanton, Tori Williams, Jeremy Holmes, and Virginia Mullen.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following consent agenda items were distributed earlier:

- A. October 12, 2023 TTC Meeting Agenda
- B. Action on the August 10, 2023 TTC Minutes

Motion: by Jonathan McCoy to approve consent agenda items (A) and (B), as presented; seconded by Anita McMillan.

TTC Action: Motion carried unanimously.

4. CHAIR REMARKS

- Chair Sexton welcomed Mr. Tori Williams, Regional Commission's new Director of Transportation.

5. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT SCOPE CHANGE FOR ELIZABETH GREENWAY

Mr. Josh Pratt presented the proposed Elizabeth Greenway project scope change (the proposed alignment and maps illustrating the change were previously distributed with the agenda packet, pages 10 through 13).

Motion: by Frank Maguire to recommend to the RVTP Policy Board the approval of the Elizabeth Greenway project scope changes, as presented; seconded by Megan Cronise.

TTC Action: Motion carried unanimously.

6. REMOVAL OF THE FFY 2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AS A COMPONENT OF THE 2045 ROANOKE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Hill explained that the Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan (RVTP) was adopted by the RVTP Policy Board on January 26, 2023. Subsequently, on April 27, 2023 the Policy Board adopted the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as a component of the 2045 Roanoke Valley Transportation Plan (RVTP). The combining of the two federally required products of Metropolitan Planning Organization was previously proposed by staff in an attempt to provide more transparency and cost monitoring for grouped projects in the TIP without creating additional administrative work and/or delays to projects.

At the beginning of June, following adoption of the FY24-29 Six-Year Improvement Program, staff performed a routine administrative update of projects. Due to the new structure of the RVTP, all projects which are grouped in the TIP are required to be administratively adjusted any time the project cost changes. As a result, staff performed 60 administrative adjustments to projects in the RVTP, that it previously would not have to. Under the requirements of the TIP, which are set at the federal and state levels, VDOT maintains project groupings and the

grouped projects therein. The MPO has no purview to amend or adjust these. This inconsistency between requirements of a now unified document, that is clearly intended to be two, became overly apparent upon this first administrative review. Staff research further and concluded that no other MPO in the country has a unified Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP, a.k.a. RVTP) and TIP. The basic disconnect of having a unified document, is that the intent and functionality of the RVTP and TIP are different and should therefore be separate. Staff, through consultation with VDOT Salem District planning and programming staff, have modified the FFY 2024 – 2027 TIP and 2024 RVTP to reflect a reversion to two standalone documents. Additionally, staff modified language in the RVTP to indicate that if a project in the TIP is grouped, it will be administratively modified in the RVTP for cost increases that are within the established sliding scale that triggers an amendment. The revised documents will be posted on the website following the October 26th RVTP Policy Board meeting, where staff will seek recognition of the action.

7. SMART SCALE PERFORMANCE AND POLICY ANALYSIS PRESENTATION

Mr. Hill presented SMART SCALE Round 5 Analysis (the PowerPoint presentation is included with the Minutes).

Vice Chair Maguire commented that the TPO will meet after the October 17th CTB meeting and asked if it would be too late adopting a resolution with recommendations to the CTB at the October TPO meeting. Mr. Holmes replied that it is anticipated that the TPO comments will be submitted to the CTB prior to their October 17th meeting, the resolution will follow to formalize the recommendations. Mr. Dwayne D'Ardenne asked staff to share the TPO recommendations with the TTC members.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

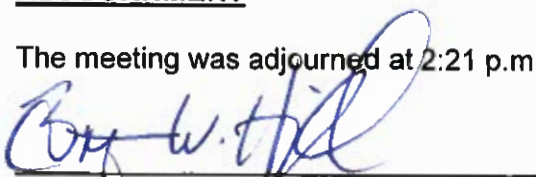
No other business was discussed.

9. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS AND / OR CITIZENS

No comments were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.



Bryan W. Hill, AICP, CZA

Interim Secretary, Transportation Technical Committee

SMART SCALE Round 5 Analysis

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Round 5 Agency Success Rate

Locality/Organization	Applied	Funded	Success Rate	Total funds
Botetourt County	4	0	0%	
City of Roanoke	3	2	66%	\$38,819,271
Roanoke County	4	0	0%	
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission	2	1	50%	\$25,670,186
Roanoke Valley TPO	4	2	50%	\$10,569,419
City of Salem	2	0	0%	
Town of Vinton	1	1	100%	\$17,153,515
Valley Metro (GRTC)	0	0		
Totals	20	6	30%	\$90,212,391

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Round 5 Funded Projects

Project	Organization Applied	Locality/ Organization	Score	Total funds
STARS 460/Orange Ave – Plantation Rd. Improvements	City of Roanoke	City of Roanoke	14.24	\$8,533,761
Route 419/Electric Rd. Pedestrian Signal Improvements	RVTPO	Roanoke County	9.09	\$3,944,955
I-581/U.S. 460/U.S. 11 Improvements	RVARC	City of Roanoke	5.59	\$25,670,186
Roundabout at Hardy Rd. (Rte. 24/634) and Bypass Rd. (Rte. 24)	Town of Vinton	Town of Vinton	5.46	\$17,153,515
Route 419/Electric Road Safety Impr., Stoneybrook-Grandin Rd. Ext.	RVTPO	City of Roanoke, Roanoke County	5.44	\$6,624,464
STARS 460/Orange Ave – 11 th Street to 24 th Street Improvements*	City of Roanoke	City of Roanoke	2.87	\$28,285,510
Totals				\$90,212,391

* Denotes STBG/CRP Leverage

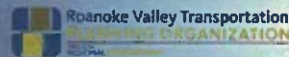
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Next Steps

- Commonwealth Transportation Board completing year long review of SMART SCALE process.
 - Recommendations will be considered at the October CTB meeting, including:
 - Reduction in application cap from 2 to 4
 - Elimination of Step 2
 - Revision of definition of High Priority Projects
 - Conversion of land use to a multiplier
 - Revision of Economic Development scoring methodology
- RVTPO provided response to CTB representative
 - Stakeholder discussions are on-going
- RVTPO may consider formal resolution to CTB prior to policy adoption
- RVTPO staff will evaluate new scoring methodology and potential impact on region after adoption

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