



Planning District Commission

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Town of
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Counties of
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Chesterfield
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Hanover
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New Kent
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City of
Richmond

Executive Director
Robert A. Crum, Jr.

AGENDA

RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**Thursday, March 5, 2015
9:30 a.m.**

***** NOTE MEETING LOCATION *****

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Parham Road Campus
1651 East Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23228
Workforce Development & Conference Center
(see attached map)**

CALL TO ORDER 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER(S)

MEETING QUORUM (Certification by TPO Secretary)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME

Gary L. Rhodes, Ed.D., President
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

RICHMOND REGION SECOND ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION FORUM

Roundtable discussion by Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC), GRTC Transit System (GRTC) and Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA) board members and Chief Executive Officers on transportation challenges and opportunities in the Richmond Region.

Format for roundtable discussion:

- Welcome and Introductions

- Brief overview of your agency and input on transportation challenges and opportunities (10 minutes each):
 - CRAC
 - GRTC
 - RMTA
 - TPO

Last year's list and progress since last year's forum included as background (attached following agenda).

- Opportunities for CRAC, GRTC, RMTA and TPO to collaborate on regional transportation issues.
 - Staff to prepare summary list of items identified from today's roundtable discussion and present its report for TPO Executive Committee review and consideration.



Attachments (Agenda or Enclosure / Tab #)

I. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Approval of TPO Agenda –**
(Lysy/5 minutes) —

Consideration/action on requests for additions or changes including revisions to the order of business, and TPO action to approve agenda.

TPO ACTION REQUESTED

- B. Open Public Comment Period –**
(Alvarez/10 minutes) —

During open public comment period, each speaker is allowed up to three minutes to address the TPO. Speakers are requested to give their name, address, and if appropriate, organization that they represent.

- C. Consent Action Items –**
(Lysy/5 minutes) **Enclosures**

1. Minutes of the January 29, 2015 TPO Meeting –
(Enclosure / Tab 1)

**2. RSTP Funds Reallocation/Transfer to Sadler Road
Widening and Reconstruction; Henrico County –**
(Enclosure / Tab 2)

TPO ACTION REQUESTED

D. TPO Chairman's Report –
(Alvarez/5 minutes) –

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

A. RRPDC Transportation Director's Report –
(Lysy/5 minutes) –

- 1. Introduction of New Staff –**
Christopher M. Wichman, RRPDC Senior Planner
- 2. Other Business –**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Upcoming TPO Policy Board Meetings –
(Alvarez/5 minutes) *Agenda Tab 1*

- 1. Report on Upcoming TPO Agenda Items Recommended by Staff –**
See attached list and tentative schedule.
- 2. Suggestions by TPO Executive Committee –**
- 3. Suggestions by TPO Policy Board –**
TPO information/discussion item.

B. Next Meeting –
(Alvarez/2 minutes) –

Scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the RRPDC Board Room.

C. Other Business –
(Alvarez/5 minutes) –

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Targeted for 11:00 a.m.

Item for your information enclosed:

- 1. HB 2 Stakeholder Outreach; January 2015, TPO Technical Committee Comments/Input (Enclosure / Tab 3)**

Richmond Region Transportation Forum
February 6, 2014
Greater Richmond Convention Center

Potential Items for Follow-Up Discussion

On February 6, 2014, the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) hosted the Richmond Region's first transportation forum with Board members and staff representatives from the Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC), GRTC Transit System, and Richmond Metropolitan Authority (RMA).

The following issues and opportunities were identified during this roundtable as potential areas for follow-up discussion by the MPO, GRTC, RMA and CRAC Boards.

- The Regional Transportation Forum should be an annual event where MPO, RMA, GRTC, and CRAC Board members exchange information on transportation issues, challenges, and opportunities.
- A regional bus tour should be organized for the Richmond Region to visit and discuss regional transportation projects, needs, and opportunities. GRTC would be willing to help with transportation for this tour.
- Background information should be collected on the use of a Transportation District concept which is provided for in Virginia State Code. This approach is used in other areas of the Commonwealth, and the Richmond Region should determine whether it has applications in our Region.
- The feasibility of developing light rail service from Downtown Richmond to Richmond International Airport should be evaluated as a long-term goal. As an interim measure, bus service connections from Downtown Richmond (perhaps Main Street Station) to the Airport could be discussed.
- More efficient approaches for providing specialized transportation services such as CARE, Access Chesterfield, and C-Van should be evaluated
- Representatives of the Region's school districts should collaborate with GRTC to learn if there is value in the Region's school systems converting to CNG buses.
- An analysis of GRTC bus routes will be completed in the next year to look at the efficiency of each route and recommend needed changes.
- Finding a dedicated funding source to support public transit service is an important issue that must be addressed.

- Most people in the Region don't really know what the MPO's role is – the name Metropolitan Planning Organization is not intuitive or descriptive of the MPO's mission and work activities.
- Identification of a location for a permanent downtown transfer center continues to be an important issue for GRTC.
- RMA may explore the possibility of utilizing federal and state bond funds in the future (i.e. GARVEE and TIFIA bonds) to help RMA address its aging infrastructure and help alleviate the need to potentially raise tolls in the future.
- There are opportunities for subcommittees to be formed to study and make recommendations about some of the issues identified during the regional transportation forum.

Notable Accomplishments and Advances in Regional Transportation

The following highlights significant recent advances in regional transportation projects, programs, and institutional changes.

1. Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit Project –
 - GRTC project funded with \$24.9 million in federal TIGER grant funds, plus \$24.9 million in state and local match funds (total project funding of \$49.8 million).
 - 7.6 mile project from Willow Lawn to Rockets Landing (running along Broad, 14th and Main Streets).
 - Planning underway by GRTC to evaluate location of fixed routes to complement/support BRT route service.
 - City of Richmond work group established to plan supporting land uses along BRT route.
 - Future extensions of BRT route to be considered as part of the TPO's upcoming year 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update.
2. GRTC Temporary Bus Transfer Plaza –
 - Located on 9th Street between E. Marshall and East Leigh; total of 13 bus bays.
 - Can accommodate 90 buses per day and serves projected 8,000 riders per day.
 - Plaza established/in service in April 2014.
 - GRTC still working to find a permanent site for a transfer center.
3. Authority for GRTC Route and Schedule Adjustments –
 - Ordinance requiring City Council approval of all route and schedule changes eliminated in 2014.
 - Allows GRTC to plan and implement route and schedule changes in a more timely manner.
4. Virginia Capital Trail –
 - 52-mile shared use path for pedestrians and bicyclists from Williamsburg to downtown Richmond; estimated substantial completion is September 2015.
 - Connection routes and trail heads currently being planned (e.g., Dorey Park in Henrico, Lott Cary Road and Route 155 in Charles City, Courthouse to Courthouse Connector on Route 155 in New Kent).
5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) –
 - Previously referenced as Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The MTP serves as the blueprint for the region's multimodal transportation network.
 - Projects must either be shown in or consistent with the MTP in order to be eligible for federal-aid highway and transit funds.

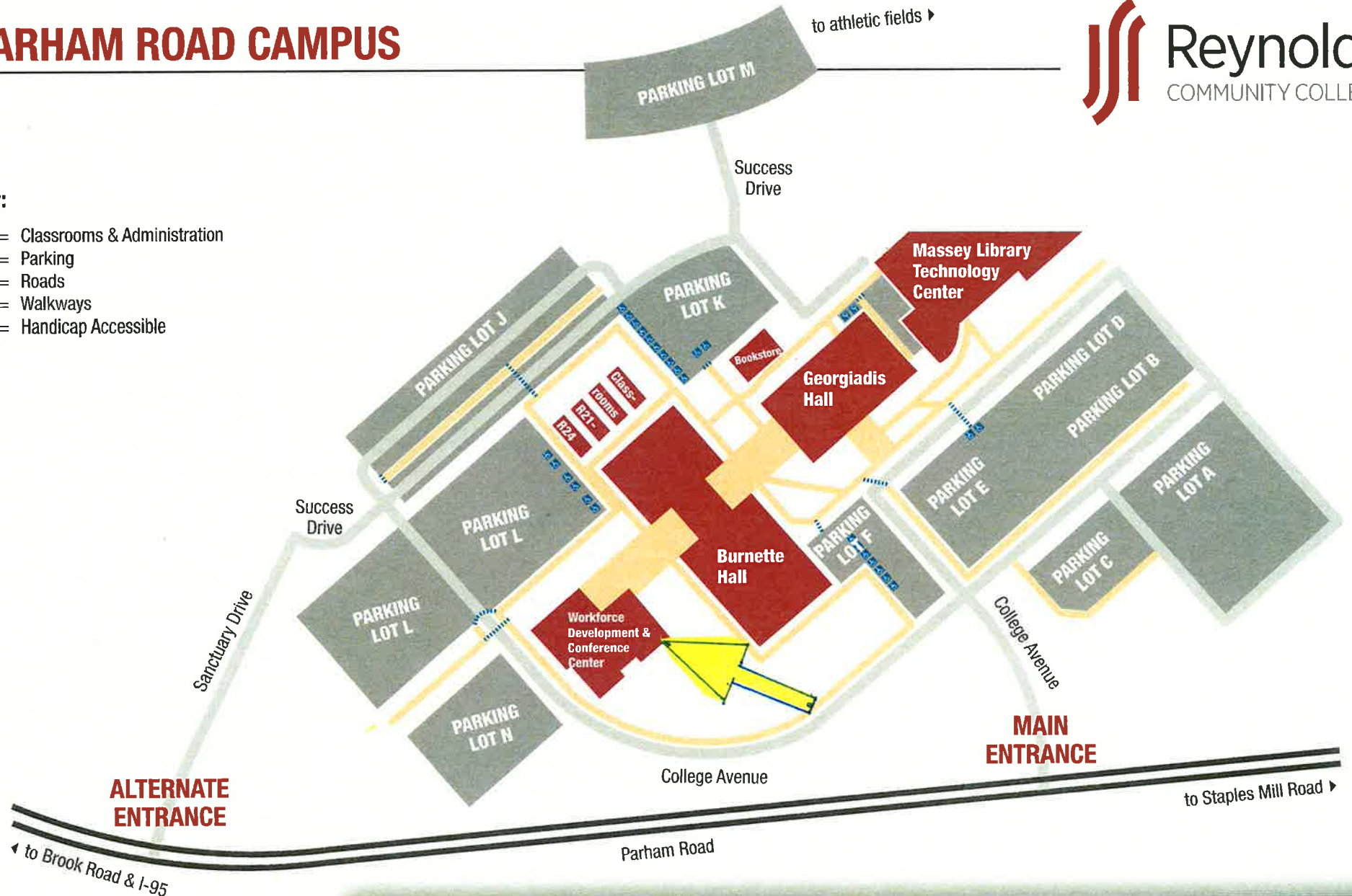
- 2012 base year data and year 2040 forecasts nearing completion (to be submitted for action at April 2 TPO meeting).
 - TPO board approved at the January 29, 2015 TPO meeting the 2040 MTP and Congestion Management Process (CMP) work scope and schedule, and established MTP/CMP Advisory Committee.
 - Year 2040 MTP/CMP update due by July 2016.
6. Scenario Planning Workshop –
- Hosted by RRPDC/TPO staff and conducted by FHWA, FTA, and Volpe Transportation Center.
 - Provided background and case studies on scenario planning process. Tampa Bay/Hillsborough County MPO and Pittsburgh MPO served as peer regions providing detailed review of their experiences and lessons learned.
 - Participation by local government and regional agency staffs, VDOT and DRPT staffs, and staffs from other Virginia MPOs.
7. Regional Travel Demand Model (RTDM) –
- Staff on-call consultant selection process currently underway that will provide support for staff use and application of the new RTDM (provided by VDOT).
 - New RTDM will allow staff to develop forecasts projecting future traffic patterns and conditions along highway and transit networks.
 - First time that staff will be able to conduct alternatives analysis for proposed highway and transit improvements; abbreviated use anticipated for the upcoming year 2040 MTP Update.
 - On-call consultant assistance anticipated to be available by summer 2015 (2040 MTP Update due July 2016).
8. Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board Reorganization –
- Bylaws amended in October 2014 to comply with federal requirements limiting local government representation on MPO/TPO board to local elected officials.
 - Bylaws amendments also established use of weighted voting for local government TPO members.
 - Bylaws amendment also changed name of TPO from Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).
9. Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA) –
- Reorganized by General Assembly to reduce number of board members from the City of Richmond, and to increase Chesterfield County and Henrico County board representation.
 - Name changed from Richmond Metropolitan Authority (RMA) to Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA).

PARHAM ROAD CAMPUS



Key:

- = Classrooms & Administration
- = Parking
- = Roads
- = Walkways
- = Handicap Accessible



Workforce Development & Conference Center

CCWA.....	Rm 103
Human Resources.....	Rm 121
Financial Operations.....	Rm 202
Advancement.....	Rm 204
Office of the President.....	Rm 210

Burnette Hall

Cafeteria (Main Level)	
Campus Police.....	Rm 100
School of Business.....	Rm 112
ODU.....	Rm 162
School of Mathematics, Science & Engineering.....	Rm 177
School of Health & Social Services.....	Rm 220

Georgiadis Hall

The Gallery (Lower Level).....	Rm 101
Success Center.....	Rm 201
Student Accommodations.....	Rm 203
Business Office.....	Rm 204
Student Life.....	Rm 206
Testing Center.....	Rm 210
Student Affairs.....	Rm 350
Admissions & Records.....	Rm 351
Financial Aid.....	Rm 362

Massey Library Technology Center

Library.....	Rm 103
Lipman Auditorium.....	Rm 108
Academic Computing Center.....	Rm 137

Upcoming RRTPO Board Meetings Agenda Items

The following presents staff's updated list and schedule of topics/items for upcoming meetings of the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) during the remainder of FY 2015 and early FY 2016 (i.e., February to August 2015).

1. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update –
 - MTP/CMP Update Work Scope and Schedule – Approved at January 29 meeting
 - Establish MTP/CMP Update Advisory Committee – Established at January 29 meeting
 - 2040 MTP/CMP Update Socioeconomic Data and Forecasts Technical Report – April 2
 - Richmond Regional Socioeconomic Data Analysis Report – Early FY 2016
2. MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update –
 - Corrective action identified in the 2013 Federal Certification Review
 - Staff to prepare initial draft PPP Update document and review with the TPO's Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Initial draft PPP Update Review and Recommendation – March 19 (CTAC) and March 17 (TAC)
 - Initial/revised draft PPP Update submitted for TPO review and authorization to distribute for 45-day public review period – April 2 or May 7
 - Final draft PPP Update submitted for TPO review and action – August 6.
3. RideFinders FY 2016 to FY 2018 Work Program and Budget Annual Update –
 - Submission of draft work program and budget, and presentation by RideFinders – April 2.
 - TPO review and action on RideFinders three year budget and work program now required as part of the TPO's annual baseline allocation of CMAQ funds for support of RideFinders air quality improvement programs.
 - TPO action to be requested as part of TAC's report on recommended allocation of CMAQ funds (scheduled for April 2).
4. FY 16 – FY 21 RSTP and CMAQ Project Review, Selection and Funds Allocation –
 - RRTPO action to approve projects and allocations – April 2
5. FY 16 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Project Review, Selection and Funds Allocation –
 - RRTPO action to approve projects and allocations – May 7

6. FY 16 Unified Work Program (UWP) –
 - RRTPO action to approve annual UWP (work program and budget) for the upcoming fiscal year – May 7
7. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310/Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program –
 - Concern expressed at January 29 TPO meeting over low utilization of available FTA Section 5310 grant program funds, and possibility that some FTA Section 5310 funds would lapse.
 - Requested this item be added to the March or April TPO meeting agenda for review of the Section 5310 program and discussion of ways to encourage GRTC and human service agencies and organizations to apply for and use these funds.
 - Staff report on the current status of applications and available funds to be discussed at the March 5 TPO Executive Committee meeting with consideration then given for scheduling this item on a future TPO meeting agenda.
8. Status of MPO Regional Transportation Priority Projects and Other Projects of Interest –
 - Reports by state and regional agencies (i.e., VDOT, DRPT, GRTC, RMTA, CRAC) and local governments on status of priority and other projects.
 - Tentative list of projects includes the following:
 - Broad Street/Main Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
 - Main Street Station
 - Downtown Richmond Bus Transfer Center
 - Southeast High Speed Rail (SEHSR) Corridor: Washington to Richmond
 - SEHSR Corridor: Richmond to Raleigh
 - SEHSR Corridor: Richmond to Hampton Roads (i.e., includes both the Richmond to Newport News and the Richmond to Norfolk routes)
 - I-64 East/Peninsula widening: Richmond to Hampton Roads
 - I-95/Lewistown Road interchange improvements: Hanover
 - I-295/Meadowville Road interchange improvements: Chesterfield
 - I-95/I-64 overlap improvements: Richmond
 - Route 10 (I-95 to I-295) widening: Chesterfield
 - Route 288/Route 360 interchange study/project: Chesterfield
 - Route 360 widening: Hanover
 - Route 623/Route 250 Arterial Management Plan: Goochland
 - Huguenot Road (Route 147) and River Road intersection improvements; Henrico (new to list, 2/23/15; see attached public hearing notice)
 - Forest Hill Avenue widening: Richmond
 - Jahnke Road widening: Richmond
 - Parham/Patterson urban intersection improvements: Henrico
 - Virginia Capital Trail: Richmond, Henrico and Charles City
 - Floyd Ave. Bike Boulevard: Richmond
 - Reports to be scheduled when convenient for the RRTPO agenda and when state and regional agency and local government staffs are available.

2/16/15 RTD



**Intersection Improvements at
Huguenot Road (Route 147) and River Road
Henrico County**

Public Hearing

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

University of Richmond

Jepson Alumni Center, Rosenbaum Room 119
101 College Road, Richmond, VA 23229

Come see preliminary plans to improve the intersection of Huguenot Road (Route 147) and River Road (Route 650) in Henrico County. There will be short duration one lane closures non peak hours during the construction of this project.

Learn about the planned construction of sidewalks along Huguenot Road, intersection pedestrian crosswalks, signal modifications and a pedestrian/bicycle path from Gambles Mill Road.

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act documentation at VDOT's Richmond District Office located at 2430 Pine Forest Drive in Colonial Heights, 23834-9002, 804-524-6000, 1-800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the hearing or submit them no later than **March 28, 2015** to Sid Pawar, project manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 2430 Pine Forest Drive, Colonial Heights, VA 23834-9002 or Sid.Pawar@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Huguenot Road Intersection Improvements" in the subject line.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you have questions or concerns about your civil rights in regards to this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed above.

** In the event of inclement weather on March 18, this meeting will be held March 23 at the same time and location above.*

State Project: U000-127-865, P101, R201, C501
Federal Project: CM-5A27(281)