

RICHMOND REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
June 14, 2018

Members and Alternates (A) Present

Nolen Blackwood (A) City of Richmond
Timothy M. Davey Chesterfield County
Steve A. Elswick Chesterfield County
Gloria Freye..... Chesterfield County
Jen Giovannitti Powhatan County
Mike C. Gray City of Richmond
Leslie Haley..... Chesterfield County
James M. Holland..... Chesterfield County
Dorothy Jaeckle, Chair Chesterfield County
Angela Kelly-Wiecek Hanover County
Kim Larson..... City of Richmond
Susan Lascolette Goochland County
John Moyer..... New Kent County
Cynthia Newbille, Vice Chair City of Richmond
Larry Nordvig Powhatan County
W. Canova Peterson Hanover County
George Spagna, Secretary Town of Ashland
Frank Thornton..... Henrico County

Others Present

Heather Barrar Chesterfield County
Jevan Burton.....Richmond Association of Realtors/Partnership for Housing Affordability
Justin Doyle James River Association
Eric Gregory RRPDC Legal Counsel
Brian Grubin..... Hefty, Wiley and Gore
Lisa Kyle Office of Congressman Brat
Janit Llewellyn Chesterfield County
John Martin.....Southeastern Institute of Research
Molly McBean..... Van Go
Shawn Ralston..... James River Association
Bill Street..... James River Association
Jill Swinger..... Warren Whitney
Joanne Wieworka Chesterfield County

Staff Present

Martha Shickle Executive Director
Barb Nelson..... Deputy Executive Director
Julie Fry..... Executive Assistant

Barbara Jacocks	Director of Planning
Katherine Busser	RRPDC Consultant
Ashley Hall	Manager, Capital Region Collaborative
Jin Lee	Senior Planner
Jackie Stewart.....	Strategic Relations Officer
Sarah Stewart.....	Senior Planner
Brenda Stone-Cannaday	HR Coordinator

Call to Order

Chairwoman Jaeckle called the regularly scheduled June 14, 2018 RRPDC meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the RRPDC Board Room. She then led members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Certification by Commission Executive Director of Meeting Quorum

Ms. Shickle, RRPDC Executive Director, reported that a quorum of members was not present at this time. Chairwoman Jaeckle indicated she would like to take up items on the agenda that did not require action until a quorum is reached.

B. Request for Additions or Changes to the Order of Business

Chairwoman Jaeckle asked if there were any requests to change the agenda or order of business. As there were no requests to make any changes to the agenda, Chairwoman Jaeckle indicated the agenda would stand as presented.

C. Open Public Comment Period

Chairwoman Jaeckle opened the public comment period, noting that if anyone wished to address the members, to please stand and provide his or her name, locality of residence, and if appropriate the name of any organization being represented. Chairwoman Jaeckle asked that any speaker please limit comments to three minutes, and organizations should limit their comments to five minutes.

As there were no requests from the public to address members of the Board, Chairwoman Jaeckle closed the public comment period.

D. Chair’s Report

Chairwoman Jaeckle said she did not have a report this month.

E. Executive Director's Report (Tab 1)

Ms. Shickle reported that she'd like to provide updates on a few items. Ms. Shickle said she wanted to let members know that Jackie Stewart, who has been with RRPDC since 1995, has provided notice that she plans to retire effective June 30, 2018. Ms. Shickle said she'd like to acknowledge Ms. Stewart's time with RRPDC and her work on behalf of the agency in the region. Ms. Shickle said she's sure Ms. Stewart will remain active throughout the community in her interest areas. Members thanked Ms. Stewart for her service with a round of applause. Chairwoman Jaeckle said Ms. Stewart was the face of the RRPDC for many years around the region and will be missed. She wished Ms. Stewart well going forward.

Ms. Shickle said that in April, the Executive Committee discussed with staff the possibility of taking on a subtenant in the office. An ongoing topic of conversation over the past few years has been the way RRPDC utilizes the space that it currently occupies.

As of June 6, Homeward has become a subtenant. Homeward is a local nonprofit with about 12 staff members. Ms. Shickle said she'd like to thank all RRPDC staff members for their hard work over the last few weeks to make everything ready for Homeward to be able to move into the space. Homeward has taken roughly the space from the Board Room down to the end of the hallway. This is a great opportunity to partner with an organization that operates in a way similar to RRPDC and to offset some of the rent amount that the agency pays each month.

The relocation of staff offices is offering an opportunity for them to cluster together which is, in turn, helping to promote information sharing on programs and more collaboration among staff members.

Chairman Jaeckle said this opportunity was discussed during the Executive Committee meeting, and she also wanted to thank staff for working together to make the sublease possible in such a short amount of time.

Ms. Shickle thanked members for their attendance, noting that the agenda is very full this morning, and staff will move through the agenda as quickly as possible. She noted that the enclosed Staff Report in the agenda packet provides updates on several programmatic areas. Today's agenda will take a closer look at the Natural Resources and Environmental Program, how this work connects to the James River, and how it ties in with the Collaborative and its James River Action Team. Ms. Shickle noted that a presentation will be made on the Regional Rivers Plan, and staff would like guidance from members following the presentation on how to move forward to support the plan.

Chairwoman Jaeckle noted that a quorum was now in attendance and action items on the agenda will be considered.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. April 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes (Tab 2)**
- B. January and February 2018 Financial Reports (Tab 3)**
- C. 2040 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (Tab 4)**

Chairwoman Jaeckle said if there is no request to remove any of the items from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion, she will ask for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Spagna so moved and the motion was seconded by Mr. Nordvig. The motion carried unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RRPDC's Future Ad Hoc Committee (Tab 5)

Chairwoman Jaeckle asked Mr. Davey to introduce this topic for discussion.

Mr. Davey said that as part of Chairwoman Jaeckle's legacy as Chair of the RRPDC, a strategic plan will now be available to help orient new members to the role of RRPDC in the region and how the agency contributes to the member jurisdictions. Mr. Davey thanked members of the RRPDC's Future Ad Hoc Committee for their work over the past months to develop the plan.

Mr. Davey said detailed information on the strategic plan was presented to members during the April meeting, and some local jurisdictions asked for additional time to review and consider the information provided. Ms. Shickle was invited to provide the presentation to some of the local governing bodies over the past month.

Mr. Davey said he'd like to review just a few of the slides presented to the local jurisdictions. Following the presentation, he said members of the Ad Hoc Committee will ask members to approve the strategic plan.

Mr. Davey noted that the strategic plan is trying to align all of the RRPDC's initiatives with regional priorities and focus areas. He said this offers a tool for staff to use to determine if project opportunities are aligned with the focus areas.

A timeline review was offered to show members what the Ad Hoc Committee has worked on over the past month, including information on local governing body meetings, discussions with the regional CAO/Managers, engagement with local marketing partners, and development of the RRPDC budget. Ms. Shickle has also communicated with jurisdictions that did not request a presentation to ensure they did not have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Davey reviewed next steps to be undertaken by staff. If the Commission endorses the plan this morning, staff will move into Phase 3 – Build the Plan. Mr. Davey said the

interaction with partners and stakeholders over the last month to receive additional feedback has given staff the information needed to begin to move ahead.

Mr. Davey said if there are no other questions or issues members would like to discuss, he'd ask for a motion to approve the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Lascolette asked if Ms. Shickle could share some of the feedback she received during her presentations to the governing bodies. Ms. Shickle said all of the localities indicated they appreciated the time taken to meet with them. She said the information presented was primarily a review of what some members had heard previously. The localities appreciated that the information was put into a form that allowed the elected officials who do not sit on the RRPDC Board an opportunity to learn about and understand the plan. She said the interactions in the localities provided an indication of the commitment RRPDC staff has to work with member jurisdictions on initiatives that will benefit the entire region. Ms. Shickle said that Mr. Davey also attended the meetings, and she asked if he had any additional input.

Mr. Davey said he'd like to thank Mr. Shickle for the time she invested in making sure the plan was presented in such a way that it was well received in each of the localities she visited. He said they affirmed that the localities are the RRPDC's customers, and staff wants to hear from them regularly. The plan provides a tool that can be used by the localities as well to ensure work being completed by RRPDC will benefit the region.

Chairwoman Jaeckle said she appreciated the time Mr. Davey invested in the effort.

Ms. Kelly-Wiecek said she'd also like to thank Ms. Busser for her work in facilitating the work of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Kelly-Wiecek made a motion that the Strategic Plan be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newbille. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of FY19 Officers

Chairwoman Jaeckle asked the Nominating Committee (Ms. Kelly-Wiecek and Ms. Lascolette) to give their report.

Ms. Kelly-Wiecek said she and Ms. Lascolette consulted with several of their colleagues to develop the proposed slate of officers to serve in FY19. She said each of the members being nominated has agreed to serve in their new roles. The slate being proposed is as follows:

Chair: Ms. Newbille, City of Richmond
Vice Chair: Mr. Nelson, Henrico County

Treasurer: Dr. Spagna, Town of Ashland

Chairwoman Jaeckle noted that Mr. Nelson sent his apologies for not being in attendance this morning; he made a commitment to his daughter to attend her fifth grade graduation.

Ms. Kelly-Wiecek said as a result of conversations conducted by Ms. Lascolette with New Kent County, it is believed that New Kent County will be able to return to the jurisdictional rotation to serve as an officer in the position of Secretary. The County asked for some additional time to confirm this with their Board of Supervisors. As a result, Ms. Kelly-Wiecek and Ms. Lascolette are asking that a nomination and election for the position of Secretary be postponed until such time as New Kent County can appoint a new member to serve on the RRPDC Executive Committee and full Board.

Chairwoman Jaeckle asked if there was a motion to elect the slate of FY19 officers for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer as recommended by the Nominating Committee and Executive Committee. Ms. Larson so moved and the motion was seconded by Ms. Haley. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

New officers will be sworn into office during the July 12 meeting.

B. RRPSC FY19 Budget and Work Program (Tab 6)

Chairwoman Jaeckle asked Ms. Shickle to provide this presentation to members.

Ms. Shickle noted that the budget and work program are included in the agenda packet under Tab 6. She said she'll be glad to answer any questions as she reviews the budget and work program.

The first budget sheet in the packet is the current fiscal year's budget, with revenues on the first page and expenses on the second page. Ms. Shickle indicated that staff is working to create a format that will be more user friendly for Board members. Beginning in the new fiscal year, staff will be creating dashboard reports to better align amounts with corresponding accounts.

Ms. Shickle said the overall outlook for the FY19 budget is good. There is an increase in revenue over FY18 (\$2.8 million; FY19 \$2.9 million). There is a modest reduction in expenses for FY19 (\$2.8 million; FY18 \$2.9 million). The reductions are a result of two factors – position vacancies, which will be restructured in the coming fiscal year, and reduction in rent as a result of the new sublease arrangement.

Ms. Shickle said some technology related capital needs will be able to be addressed in the coming fiscal year. She said some of the expenses may be pushed into the current fiscal year as a result of the anticipated surplus.

Ms. Shickle said this will also allow a comprehensive staff compensation analysis to be completed with those results brought back to the Board later this year.

Ms. Shickle said the budget format will be improved over the coming months as staff continues to move through the transition resulting from the loss of the agency's Finance Director.

Ms. Shickle began her review of the proposed FY19 Work Program by noting a section has been added in the front of the work program to set the tone and guiding principals for the coming year as shown on page 2. In the first and second quarters, staff will focus on programming financial resources into the core programmatic areas – transportation, emergency management, and environmental. The agency will also focus on meeting regulatory and statutory requirements, which will including recommendations that resulted from the Federal Highway Administration's certification review of the RRTPO.

The agency will also focus on meeting and fulfilling existing regional commitments such as work with the Capital Region Collaborative and other coalitions addressing affordable housing, homelessness, early childhood education, and aging. Staff will continue to promote awareness of regional successes through Championing Regional Collaboration and training through a Planning Commissioners Forum and similar programs. Localities will be asked to assess each initiative to ensure it meets their needs as well as those of the region.

In the third and fourth quarters, staff will focus on building an implementation strategy for the strategic planning process. Ms. Shickle said time will be needed to address initiatives already underway before taking on any new projects. New projects may be addressed during the mid-year budget review.

Mr. Thornton asked where public awareness is addressed in the budget. Ms. Shickle said at this time, there is no line item in the RRPDC budget that addresses public awareness. In the RRTPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), there is a limited amount of funding for this effort. Moving forward, Ms. Shickle said in the mid-year budget review, information will be provided on how funding is allocated to each programmatic area. In the new strategic plan, there will be a focus area to address public outreach and communications.

Mr. Thornton said public outreach is an important area that needs to be addressed more vigorously than it has been previously. Ms. Shickle thanked Mr. Thornton for his feedback and indicated this area will be included going forward.

Mr. Holland said he'd also like to emphasize the importance of communication with stakeholders and the localities. He said on page 6 of the work program, there is reference to strategic communications and training. He said the launch of the new website in 2019 will help in public outreach.

Ms. Shickle said this feedback will be included in future documents.

Chairwoman Jaeckle asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Nordvig asked if the federal and state revenue streams were considered stable. Ms. Shickle said the budget includes funding for transportation through the federal government. She said she does not think this particular funding program is at risk. She feels there are other budget areas higher on the list for congressional review than those for transportation. She said even if there is a change in how MPOs are designated, she does not believe RRPDC/RRTPPO would be affected.

The other funding sources, for emergency management and environmental, are less stable. The emergency management program is now being subsidized through member dues. There is an opportunity through partnerships with private entities for an additional funding source for the emergency management program that may reduce the need for member dues.

Staff has been creative in looking for new funding sources with regard to the environment/natural resources program. Ms. Shickle said given the fact that many of the region's communities are coastal communities, she believes more opportunities for funding can be identified.

Ms. Shickle said based on her time with another PDC, she said only about 40 percent of that PDC's funding was secure from year to year. RRPDC's funding is about 80 percent secure. She said member dues have been able to fill gaps in programmatic areas as needs arise.

Mr. Nordvig said he's glad to hear that the agency is looking for other funding opportunities. Ms. Shickle said staff took members' direction from last year to look for other more diverse sources of funding seriously. She said she does not believe staff should take on new projects just because there is funding attached. The strategic plan will allow staff to focus on projects that meet the needs of the localities. Ms. Shickle reported that a grant opportunity was turned down last month because the localities did not feel it would be beneficial.

Mr. Nordvig said a lot of work was put into developing a strategic plan and it will be important to ensure funding is available to implement that plan.

Ms. Giovannitti said on page 6, under Community Development, Comprehensive Economic Development (CEDS) Planning section, there is reference to GO Virginia and SMART Scale. She asked if the agency had capacity to include being part of the Opportunity Zone Program or tracking information on that effort. She noted that the Thomas Jefferson PDC has reached out to the Federal Reserve for assistance in knowing how to continue to encourage investment in their region. Ms. Giovannitti said she felt there should be some work to track census tracts to see where investments have been made and brought into areas or the source of investment funds being brought in to the areas.

Ms. Shickle said staff is aware of the submission for the Opportunity Zone Program, but guidelines are not yet available. She said staff is monitoring this program. Ms. Shickle said the CEDS is the document regarded as the regional plan to meet state requirements.

When the last CEDS plan was updated, the newer programs did not exist. She said this is an opportunity to assess staff capacity to see how far RRPDC can go with this initiative.

Ms. Giovannitti noted that the Thomas Jefferson PDC is planning a program around Opportunity Zones later in the summer and she suggested RRPDC staff should attend.

Ms. Shickle said staff has received updates from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and she thanked Ms. Giovannitti for the reminder.

As no other questions or concerns were raised, Chairwoman Jaeckle asked if there was a motion to approve the FY19 budget and work program as presented. Mr. Davey so moved and the motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Jaeckle noted that Ms. Busser is now in attendance, and she wanted to acknowledge Ms. Busser's help in developing the agency's strategic plan. Members joined in that acknowledgement with a round of applause.

Chairwoman Jaeckle said she'd also like to introduce and welcome Mr. Nolen Blackwood, who is the Alternate Voting Member for the City of Richmond. He replaces Emily Thomason.

C. Work Program Spotlight: Regional Rivers Plan

Ms. Shickle said Sarah Stewart will provide information on the agency's Environmental Program and how the agency can better leverage the Environmental Technical Advisory Committee (EnvTAC).

Ms. Stewart provided information on past work completed by the agency in cooperation with the nine member jurisdictions. Some of the projects have included rivers public access, stormwater and water quality, infrastructure planning, and resource mapping.

Ms. Stewart said the EnvTAC is a foundational element of the RRPDC's Environmental Program and has been in existence for about two decades. Members represent each of the nine member localities and meet on a quarterly basis. Ms. Stewart said the meetings are forums to discuss policies, programs, and regulations as well as coordination among the localities, state agencies, and regional stakeholders. Ms. Stewart said the EnvTAC meetings are also an opportunity for training.

In addition to supporting the agency's Environmental Program, EnvTAC also works to support the RRTPO. The agency would like for the committee to become even more integrated into other programs such as the CEDS and hazard mitigation. EnvTAC functions as a feedback loop for work program development, project development, idea discussion and deliberation, and product deliverance.

Ms. Stewart also provided information on two of the projects that fall under the Resilient Rivers Program – Economics of Natural Resource Conservation in the Lower Chickahominy River Watershed and Below the Falls of the James River.

Ms. Stewart said she'd like to introduce Bill Street, CEO of the James River Association (JRA), who will provide an overview of the Regional Rivers Plan.

Mr. Street thanked members for the opportunity to make this presentation.

Mr. Street said that JRA is very pleased that the James River is included as one of the key priorities for the Capital Region Collaborative. He noted that it is unique to see a river included as a key element for a priorities/indicators program.

Information was provided on the State of the James Report, which is available for community access via the website www.stateofthejames.org.

Mr. Street noted that of the top attractions in the region, the James River Park System (JRPS) received the greatest number of visitors during 2017.

The economic impact of the JRPS on the region can be seen in tourism dollars (\$33.5 million) as well as increased property values. A VCU study also showed that if the JRPS did not exist, there would be a decrease in business revenue of 32.7 percent.

The Capital Region Collaborative's James River Action Team has set as its aspiration: Through regional collaboration, make the region's rivers a centerpiece of entertainment, recreation, and commerce. The Action Team has developed the following goals to achieve their aspiration:

- development of public access network
- coordination of education, promotion, and celebration events
- river preservation and business development

Mr. Street noted that the Action Team is represented by all of the region's jurisdictions and key stakeholders.

The Regional Rivers Plan was developed in 2016 by the Action Team with support from the RRPDC, Timmons/3North, and various funders. The plan focuses on the following:

- fulfills the James River Region Plan strategy, one of the four strategies presented to the Capital Region Collaborative in 2013
- visions for recreation, economic development, and tourism on the rivers of the Richmond region
- regional and local recommendations

The scope of the plan includes the following:

- Richmond Regional and Crater PDCs geographic areas
- 14 local governments
- inclusion of four rivers: James, Appomattox, Chickahominy, Pamunkey

Mr. Street provided additional information on the following regional recommendations:

1. urban riverfront development
2. business development
3. regional network of public access sites
4. regional network of campgrounds and campsites
5. Appomattox River Trail

The Plan prioritized the recommendations by objectively evaluating recreation, economic development, and social equity. A subjective evaluation was made of natural/cultural resources, business catalyst, feasibility, and regional significance.

Mr. Nordvig asked if consideration had been given to extending trails into Powhatan County, especially given the recent opening of the new state park in Powhatan County. Mr. Street said JRA has seen increased interest in expansion of trails. He noted the Heritage Trail and the Captain John Smith Trail do encompass portions of Powhatan County. He said there is interest in generating more awareness of those trails. Mr. Street indicated there is also interest in a westward expansion of the Capital Trail.

Mr. Moyer asked for clarification on public access at bridge crossings. Mr. Street said there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) that states whenever work or maintenance is being completed on a bridge, consideration is given to see if the location is appropriate for a river access point to be added.

Ms. Lascolette asked if the access sites are approved by the locality. Mr. Street said all of the recommendations included in the Regional Rivers Plan are either local plans or have been adopted by the locality. For plans that are being developed by private businesses, localities have been made aware of these as well.

Ms. Lascolette said she was concerned that VDOT and DCR are installing access points without input from the localities. Mr. Street said that is not the case.

Mr. Street continued his presentation by reviewing a series of projects included in the Plan and the status of those projects. He also reviewed how the projects are being tracked.

Strategies for the James River include the following:

- increased celebration and events
- centralized information
- consistent signage

- regional plan

Mr. Street said the James River Action Team is seeking support for the Regional Rivers Plan to propel implementation across the region through the following:

- endorsement of the Regional Rivers Plan via Board resolutions from the RRPDC and the Crater PDC
- endorsements from each local government via council and board resolutions
- citizen support

Ms. Larson asked how river safety is being promoted and if there are vendors or businesses available along the rivers to rent personal floatation devices or to advise citizens of safety regulations. Mr. Street said there is a website, www.jamesriverwatch.org, that provides up to date information on river conditions related to swimming and boating. This site also includes the regulations related to river use. He noted that signage at access points can help.

Chairwoman Jaeckle said, in the interest of time, she would like the presentation to be sent to members so discussions can be held in the localities prior to endorsement of the Regional Rivers Plan. Once the localities have reviewed the information, members can come back to take action as a regional body. She thanked Mr. Street for his presentation.

D. Special Presentation: Future of Transportation in RVA (Tab 7)

Chairman Jaeckle said she saw this presentation about a year ago and was shocked at the information it provides. On the recommendation of Mr. Elswick, arrangements were made to have the presentation given to the entire RRPDC Board. Chairman Jaeckle introduced John Martin, CEO and Managing Partner of the Southeastern Institute of Research (SIR).

Mr. Martin thanked members for inviting him to attend today’s meeting to share the presentation’s information. He said SIR has completed a lot of research for various transportation agencies and companies. Mr. Martin said SIR has also begun working with cities to help them reframe their visions of growth.

SIR has developed a list of *10 Traits of Winning Cities of Tomorrow*. Mr. Martin provided detailed information on each of the following traits:

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| 1. hyper-connected | 6. big tent |
| 2. millennial magnet | 7. shared story |
| 3. education village | 8. positive buzz |
| 4. dynamic workforce | 9. livable spaces |
| 5. beyond borders | 10. affordable spaces |

Mr. Martin noted that the preferred living space is trending toward “activity centers” where people can live within 15 minutes of home, work, retail, and entertainment. Trends are also indicating the increased use of autonomous vehicles to connect activity centers.

Mr. Martin noted that research is showing that localities will continue to need to keep up with the demand of roadway systems. There will be a need to support the growing importance of inclusive economic growth and the need to attract and retain younger workers.

The transit of tomorrow shows that transit technology will evolve, but what will not change is the need to serve corridors and activity centers through efficient, dependable, and affordable mobility options. Research shows that on average, other regions spend about \$99 million on transit. The Richmond region spends about \$48 million. This indicates the need for a dedicated source of transit funding.

Mr. Martin provided information on each of the following points to create a vibrant, regional, multimodal transportation system:

1. continuously improve existing transit services and build a region-wide appreciation for what the system delivers (its impact)
2. visually package a very easy-to-understand conceptual vision
3. organize a region-wide coalition of support, comprising businesses, organizations, and government entities
4. have all official local transportation planning organizations review, refine, and endorse a single long-range plan
5. run a “grasstops” education and information communications campaign
6. structurally prepare for the preferred dedicated funding approach
7. run a grassroots information and education campaign to support the dedicated funding option

Mr. Martin said the launch of the Bus Rapid Transit – Pulse – is a good beginning to transform the region’s transit. SIR is recommending the following actions be taken through a partnership between RRPDC, Richmond Metropolitan Transit Authority, ChamberRVA, and the Greater Richmond Transit Company:

1. create a simple, broad vision map and narrative on why change is needed
2. arrive at a shared view of the pathway forward and related time line
3. start to educate everyone

Ms. Kelly-Wiecek noted that Hanover County does not have the density to support a transit system. She said more work will need to be done to consider the smaller localities and how to show potential benefits a regional transit system can bring to the area.

Mr. Moyer added that some rural communities don’t want buses. People moved to these rural areas to get away from that type of service.

Ms. Kelly-Wiecek said attention should also be given to those who should no longer be driving, to show benefits of using alternative transit methods.

Chairwoman Jaeckle said it's easy to see that change is coming just because of the ride share trends. She said she's still convinced that people will continue to own vehicles, but this may be in the form of self-driving vehicles.

Mr. Moyer said there should be incentives to encourage everyone to use transit, such as through employer subsidies or other incentives.

Mr. Martin said all of the top employers in Seattle provide transit checks to their employees as part of benefits packages.

Mr. Holland thanked Mr. Martin for the presentation. He noted that Denver has passed referendums to support transit initiatives, including their airport.

Ms. Lascolette said that rural areas will not participate in a regional tax because rural residents will not use the system.

Chairwoman Jaeckle said the Richmond region will need to develop some type of alternate plans to prevent the same type of congestion that commuters in Northern Virginia experience. She thanked Mr. Martin for his time and work in this area.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was identified to be brought before the Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Jaeckle thanked members for their additional time this morning. As there was no other business to bring before the Board, on motion duly made and seconded, Chairwoman Jaeckle adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Martha Shickle
Executive Director

Dorothy Jaeckle
Chair