



Agenda
April 23, 2026

6:00 p.m. — Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for March
- B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for March](#)

III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
None
- B. Regular Project Review
None

IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

VI. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)

VII. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. [New River Valley Home Builders Association Housing Data Report](#)
NRV Home Builders Representative
Commission Discussion
- B. [FY26 VDOT Rural Transportation Work Program](#)
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Commission Action
- C. Next Meeting: May 28th 6:00pm

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website www.nrvrc.org

The New River Valley Regional Commission provides area wide planning for the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; encourages and assists local governments in planning for their future; provides a means of coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to resolve area problems; provides a forum for review of mutual concerns; and implements services upon request of member local governments.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director
Date: April 15, 2026
Re: March 2026 Financial Statements

The March 2026 Agencywide Revenue and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual year-to-date receipts and expenses to the FY25-26 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 26, 2025 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid and projects, added and modified throughout the year, along with the high volume of Workforce program activities, impact the adopted budget. To provide clarity, Commission and Workforce Development Board activities are separated on the agencywide report.

As of month-end March 2026 (75% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 117% and expenses are 119% of adopted budget. The revenues and expenses exceed the budget due to transactions associated with Contractual Services for the broadband projects. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 75% and 85%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$552,227. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$268,611 (49%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days, and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$463,697) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
3/31/2026

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Operating Account	71,483	184,883
First Bank & Trust -Montgomery/Bland Broadband	1,999,410	1,859,090
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,699,881	1,273,127
First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,038,472	1,041,143
First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	556,613	558,045
First Bank & Trust - Money Market	320,616	321,440
US Bank - Bond Proceeds	13,948	13,948
Accounts Receivable	803,963	552,227
Utility Deposits	2,945	2,945
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	10,602	0
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	98,925	109,563
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
Total Assets:	<u>8,662,985</u>	<u>7,962,537</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	264,531	147,235
Accrued Annual Leave	127,961	127,961
Accrued Unemployment	39,754	39,914
Expense Reimbursement	1,916	3,324
Funds Held for Others	8,000	8,000
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,473,955	1,329,139
Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,647,986	1,217,748
Funds on Hand - VMRI Craig-Botetourt	462,723	462,723
Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	556,613	558,045
Loan Payable	1,885,000	1,885,000
Bond Premium	158,815	158,815
Total Liabilities:	<u>6,627,253</u>	<u>5,937,904</u>
<u>Projects:</u> (Equity Accounts)		
Net Projects	(460,336)	(463,697)
Current Year Unrestricted	212,709	202,416
Office Building Project	1,270,222	1,272,893
Unrestricted Net Assets	905,336	905,336
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	108,839	108,839
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>2,036,770</u>	<u>2,025,787</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>8,664,023</u>	<u>7,963,691</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>(1,038)</u>	<u>(1,153)</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	1,038	1,153
Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*YTD adjustment to Accrued Leave. Final adjustment posted to general ledger at fiscal year end closeout.

**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - March 2026**

FY25-26 Budget		March 2026	YTD	Under/Over	(75% of FY) % Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	92,660	0	51,248	41,412	55.31%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	40,500	0	30,056	10,444	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	455,389	0	0	455,389	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	42,500	0	48,305	(5,805)	0.00%
ARC Inspire Ecosystem Recovery	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	244,023	0	244,023	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	153,159	(0)	133,706	19,454	87.30%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	0	86,228	28,743	75.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	11,354,803	852,730	14,640,499	(3,285,697)	128.94%
DHCD VATI 2022 VMRI	0	0	357,518	(357,518)	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	52,500	(6,545)	76,837	(24,337)	146.36%
DHCD Giles Co Disaster Recovery	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	80,340	23,380	58,332	22,008	72.61%
EDA	70,000	17,500	52,500	17,500	75.00%
EDA Tech Hub	159,195	1,540	198,303	(39,108)	124.57%
EDA Helene NRV Recovery Team	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Go Virginia Scale Up	85,497	0	6,859	78,638	8.02%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	18,750	56,250	18,750	75.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	11,250	0	11,250	0	100.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	10,000	0	10,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Agent	45,000	17,500	40,000	5,000	88.89%
VDOT	27,600	8,183	25,485	2,115	92.34%
Floyd County	51,541	3,287	29,795	21,746	57.81%
Floyd Town	80,000	1,430	3,045	76,955	3.81%
Giles County	19,250	2,388	4,099	15,151	21.29%
Giles County Broadband	35,000	2,719	13,064	21,936	37.32%
Narrows Town	15,000	5,351	10,529	4,471	70.19%
Pearisburg Town	12,550	5,175	5,175	7,375	41.23%
Rich Creek Town	4,500	0	2,012	2,488	44.71%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	663,225	144,816	2,514,813	(1,851,588)	379.18%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	39,180	436,338	283,662	60.60%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	13,500	4,500	75.00%
Christiansburg Town	18,597	0	4,725	13,872	25.41%
Pulaski County VATI	481,973	430,238	430,238	51,735	89.27%
Pulaski Town	32,500	0	14,500	18,000	44.62%
Dublin Town	40,000	6,027	21,370	18,630	53.42%
Wytheville Town	10,000	3,874	8,503	1,497	85.03%
Radford City	0	4,334	6,009	(6,009)	0.00%
MM Interest	5,000	825	8,186	(3,186)	163.71%
Interest Income	65,000	10,652	117,018	(52,018)	180.03%
Misc. Income Meeting Registration	0	0	6,152	(6,152)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,300	11,700	4,380	72.76%
NRV MPO	154,819	3,382	54,832	99,988	35.42%
Dept of Environmental Quality	78,006	5,237	21,269	56,738	27.27%
VHDA	999,306	4,614	19,146	980,161	1.92%
Citizens ARC Fiber Deployment	22,500	0	4,511	17,989	20.05%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	3,600	7,200	(200)	102.86%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	3,900	15,600	(600)	104.00%
GigaBeam Networks, LLC	60,000	5,000	45,000	15,000	75.00%
APB Partners Pulaski, LLC	30,000	2,500	22,500	7,500	75.00%
VAPDC	5,000	0	5,000	0	100.00%
Pemtel	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	38,000	6,167	31,611	6,389	83.19%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	23,444	42,569	33,931	55.65%
New River Conservancy	30,000	8,968	12,225	17,775	40.75%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	35	744	656	53.14%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	289.92	(289.92)	0.00%
	17,115,135	1,662,981	20,070,666	(2,955,531)	117.27%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,601,612	133,009	1,200,504	401,108	74.96%
Fringe Benefits	468,239	42,248	395,992	72,247	84.57%
Travel	63,505	3,237	11,911	51,594	18.76%
Office Space	109,000	5,875	52,283	56,717	47.97%
Utilities	0	1,583	14,658	(14,658)	0.00%
Communications	21,350	1,676	17,557	3,793	82.23%
Office Supplies	66,931	1,520	47,522	19,409	71.00%
Postage	1,300	11	965	335	74.23%
Printing	8,000	0	7,750	250	96.88%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	82	985	415	70.33%
Outreach/Media Adv	26,571	240	9,522	17,049	35.84%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	2,011	989	67.02%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	439	1,504	96	93.99%
Dues/Publications	19,995	911	20,679	(684)	103.42%
Training/Staff Development	77,250	0	56,956	20,294	73.73%
Insurance	6,500	1,593	6,400	100	98.46%
Meeting Costs	24,120	1,485	20,557	3,563	85.23%
Capital Outlay	65,000	0	0	65,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	14,271,394	1,437,684	18,295,448	(4,024,054)	128.20%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	16,225	0	25,354	(9,129)	156.27%
Miscellaneous/Fees	108,999	186	3,573	105,426	3.28%
Reimbursed Expense	0	(3,840)	(3,329)	3,329	0.00%
Bond Interest Expense	153,144	45,803	93,144	60,000	60.82%
	17,115,135	1,673,964	20,281,947	(3,166,812)	118.50%
	0	(10,983)	(211,281)		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - March 2026**

(75% of FY)

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues	March 2026	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget	
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	145,950	1,409,993	2,884,444	32.83%
		145,950	1,409,993	2,884,444	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	65,025	565,565	201,055	73.77%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	18,627	178,282	97,701	64.60%
Travel	45,000	3,202	23,149	21,851	51.44%
Office Space	26,000	0	0	26,000	0.00%
Communications	16,000	0	0	16,000	0.00%
Office Supplies	34,000	3,572.44	23,372.83	10,627	68.74%
Postage	250	0	0	250	0.00%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	0	5,500	0.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	0	0	88,000	0.00%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	0	0	1,700	0.00%
Dues/Publications	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	0	0	12,000	0.00%
Insurance	5,000	0	4,511	489	90.22%
Meeting Costs	61,000	0	0	61,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	8,600	26,600	2,872,194	0.92%
Contractual: Training & SS	0	20,149	307,416	(307,416)	0.00%
Contractual: Literacy NRV	0	0	20,619	(20,619)	0.00%
Contractual: MRRAEP	0	37	4,919	(4,919)	0.00%
Contractual: NRCA	0	4,873	8,592	(8,592)	0.00%
Contractual: RACE1	0	59	16,361	(16,361)	0.00%
Contractual: Habitat for Humanity	0	0	75,000	(75,000)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	0	12,200	0.00%
Business Services	0	0	19,942	(19,942)	0.00%
Sector Partnership Activities	0	0	4,988	(4,988)	0.00%
Professional Development	0	0	2,287	(2,287)	0.00%
Outreach	0	2,427	20,633	(20,633)	0.00%
Outreach Activities	0	0	9,356	(9,356)	0.00%
Virginia Tech	0	11,678	11,678	(11,678)	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Administrative Functions	0	0	5,218	(5,218)	0.00%
Occupancy	0	3,973	33,116	(33,116)	0.00%
Communications	0	2,574	19,707	(19,707)	0.00%
Copier Usage	0	195	2,002	(2,002)	0.00%
Meeting Expenses	0	958	5,332	(5,332)	0.00%
Dues/Publications	0	0	205	(205)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: VA Assoc of Workforce Directors	0	0	1,306	(1,306)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: Other	0	0	947	(947)	0.00%
Platforms	0	0	18,891	(18,891)	0.00%
	4,294,437	145,950	1,409,993	2,884,444	32.83%
	0	0	0		

March 2026 YTD

21,409,572 1,808,930 21,480,659 100.33%

21,409,572 1,819,913 21,691,940 101.32%

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Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The AM2 Tech Hub statewide competitive GO Virginia grant was approved by the state board in late March. A contract is anticipated in the coming weeks which will enable project kick-off. The application to the US Economic Development Administration was submitted on March 3rd.
- The Regional Commission submitted a separate GO Virginia grant this month for expansion of the GO TEC program in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools and the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville. It was initially in the statewide competitive proposal and upon review it was requested to be resubmitted at a later date. It was reviewed by the Region 2 Regional Council this week and forwarded to the state board with a recommendation to approve.
- Opportunity Zones legislation passed in Congress and the program is being reshaped in 2026. New census tracts have been determined as eligible from the previous program and there are nine in the region. More information will be coming soon regarding the process to identify preferred tracts because not all eligible tracts will be included in the program.
- Following up from the successful educational events on data centers hosted by Onward NRV, here is a link to keynote remarks delivered by Chris Lloyd with McGuireWoods Consulting. ([Video link](#))

Broadband:

- The large broadband projects, Pulaski County and Montgomery/Bland counties, are scheduled to be complete by June 30th. Both projects are closely examining project schedules to determine whether extension requests will be needed. The projects must be complete by December 30, 2026 since ARPA funding is involved.

Transportation:

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority submitted a request for Congressionally Directed Spending to support construction costs for the project. Congressman Griffith selected the project to move forward for funding. This does not guarantee funding and decisions are likely to be made this summer. Staff also working on an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to assist with construction costs that is due April 30th.
- The Valley to Valley trail connection project is hosting public input meetings next week. April 22nd Christiansburg Library 5:00-7:00; 4/23 Radford Library 11:00-1:00; Pulaski County Library 5:00-7:00; 4/28 Blacksburg Library 11:00-1:00.

Housing:

- The Regional Commission will be following up on match requests for \$5,000 to local partners for grant funds from Virginia Housing. These were distributed to the four counties, the city, and three largest towns. Higher education partnership is also anticipated.

Natural Resources:

- The first round of Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund projects are under review by the VA Dept of Housing and Community Development. We anticipate receiving notification in the next week regarding funding for property owners.

Regional:

- Thank you to the Community Foundation of the NRV for being a terrific co-host of the annual NRV Livability Information Exchange in March. Registration exceeded 200, lightning round presenters did excellent as always and we were honored to have Dr. Tamarah Holmes, the new director for the VA Dept of Housing and Community Development, to provide closing remarks.
- The annual local government Planning Commissioner Training event is scheduled for the evening of 4/22 at the Montgomery County Government Center. Two training sessions will be offered: the first session will test Commissioners' knowledge in a fun game of PLAN-eopardy! and the second session will showcase guest speakers from Botetourt County as they share the story of bringing a data center to the county. Each year this training event is facilitated by the Regional Commission in collaboration with local planning staff around the region. Here is a [4-minute video link](#) that highlights last year's training.

Commission:

- Congratulations to Leo Priddy for being accepted into the Virginia Rural Leadership Institute presented by the Virginia Rural Center! The program kicks-off this month and you can read the news release [here](#).
- The office construction project is progressing well. Water and sewer hook ups have been made for the expansion and the foundation for the new meeting space was recently installed. There is a new sign out front with the logos of Kesler Contracting, Colley Architects and the Regional Commission.
- I was recently nominated to join the GO Virginia Region 2 Regional Council and the board affirmed the nomination at its meeting this week.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: April 17, 2026

Re: New River Valley Home Builders Association Housing Data Report

Steve Semones, chair of the NRVHBA Government Affairs committee, and Ian Friend, President of the NRVHBA, will share current data and on-the-ground perspectives of the industry, drawing from recent permit trends, cost analysis, and project case studies to outline how rising land and material costs, layered pre-construction expenses, regulatory requirements, and inflation are converging to limit new supply and drive prices beyond what many households can afford. They will also highlight practical tools and policy approaches that local and regional partners can consider as we work together to expand housing availability across the NRV.

The New River Valley Home Builders Association (NRVHBA) is the professional trade organization for our region's residential construction industry, serving builders, subcontractors, suppliers, and related professionals across the New River Valley and beyond. Our mission is to serve the building community by advocating for the construction industry, educating and supporting our members, and giving back to the community. We host community events like the NRV Home Expo and Touch-a-Truck NRV, along with networking and educational events for our members.

A focus of the organization over the last few years has been workforce development and career awareness for the skilled trades. In recent years, our scholarship program has grown, and we have started the Constructing Careers Grant program, which disburses funds to our regions' K-12 schools through an application process. The grants fund classroom projects that raise the awareness of careers in the industry and give kids introductions to the skills they would use on the job site. Since the program's inception, we have given over \$20,000 in funding to our region's schools.

To learn more about the NRVHBA, please visit www.nrvhba.com.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Commission Board Members
From: Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director
Date: April 23, 2026
Re: FY26 Transportation Planning Work Program

The Virginia Department of Transportation allocates State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. SPR funds are appropriated under 23 US Code 307 (c), requiring an 80% federal and 20% local match. Since 2009, the program has aimed to support every corner of the New River Valley. A summary of impacts is included on page 2 of this memo.

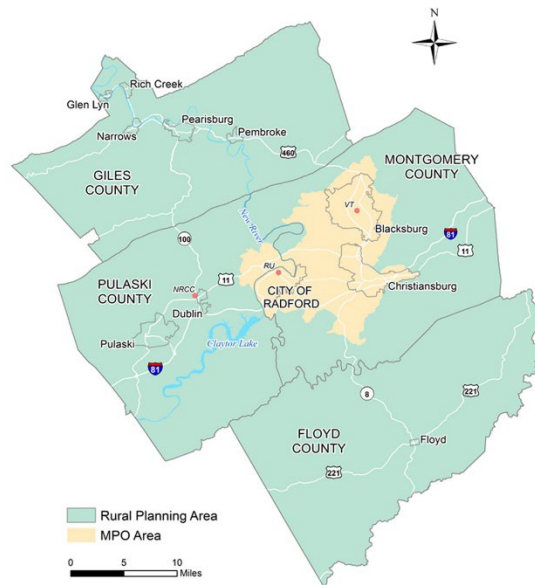


The FY27 Rural Transportation Work Program will have a total project budget of \$72,500. The anticipated number of technical assistance projects remains high, and made possible through collaboration with the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Commission and MPO are

combining resources to evaluate improvements to alternative transportation systems in both the urban and rural areas of the region. FY27 key program deliverables will include:

- Regional Park & Ride Lot – Conditions Assessment
- Employment Mobility Study Update
- Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study Updates (BT + RT + PAT)
- Regional Transit Study Update
- Salem District CTB Representative Meetings

If you have questions about the anticipated work program, please contact me at esharp@nrvc.org or call (540) 639-9313.



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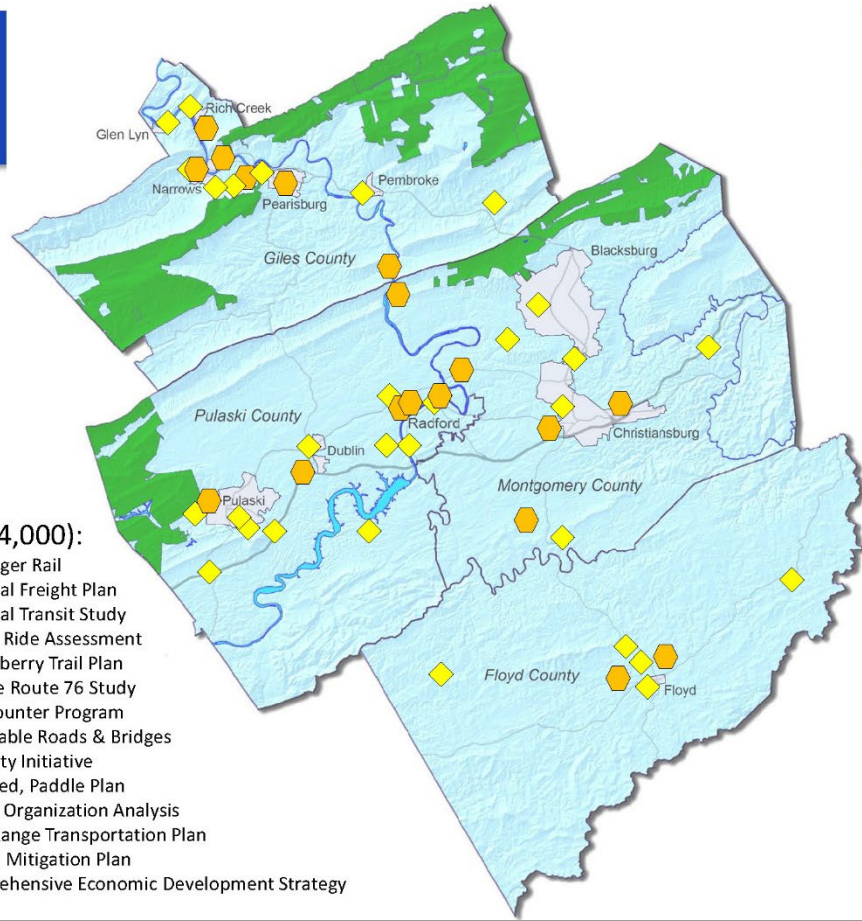
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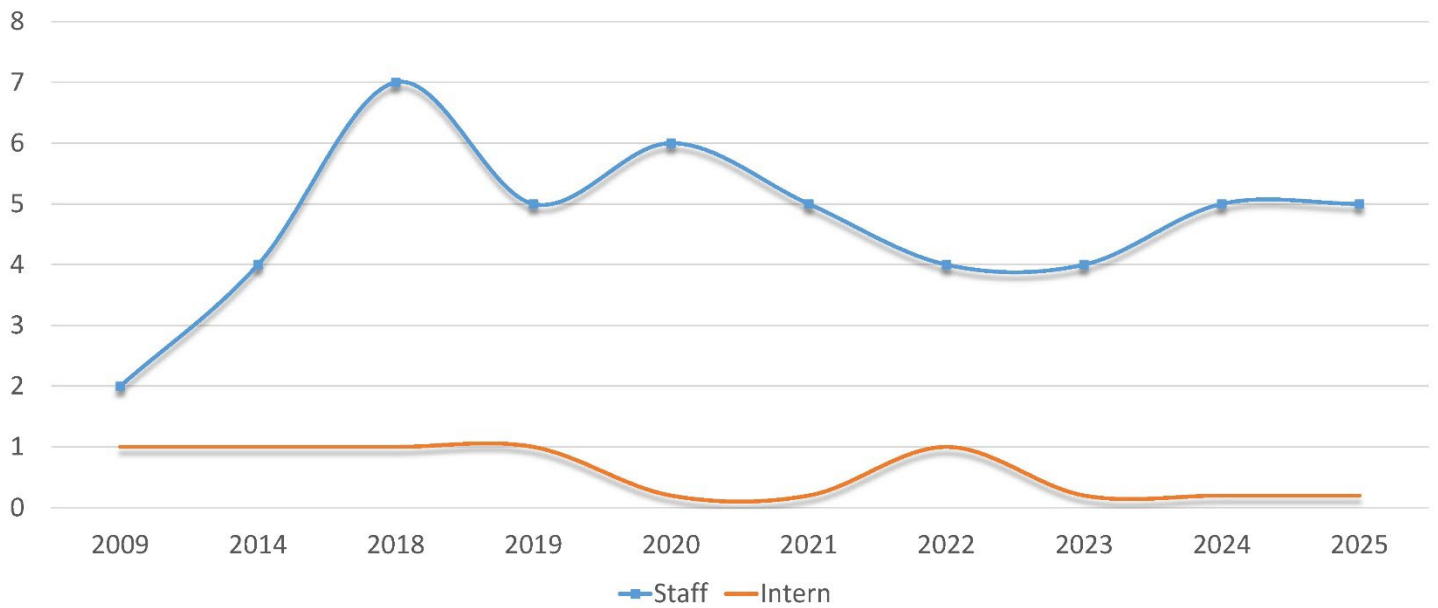
18 years @ \$14,500

- ◆ **Grants (\$19,766,344):**
 - Pulaski County SMART Scale Intersection (\$13,137,150)
 - New River Water Trail Boat Access Facilities (\$1,500,000)
 - Downtown Radford River and Rail Trail (\$700,000)
 - ARC/VDOT Floyd Industrial Access (\$1,000,000)
 - ARC Passenger Rail A/E Planning (\$252,500)
 - IPROC Passenger Rail (\$350,000)
 - Christiansburg Highway-Rail Crossing (\$1,131,000)
 - Auburn + Belview SRTS (\$500,000)
 - Rich Creek Downtown Enhancement (\$128,781)
 - Floyd Enhancement (\$176,000)

- ◆ **Local + Regional Technical Assistance (\$1,044,000):**
 - Downtown East Main Radford
 - SMART Scale Applications/Readiness
 - Pulaski Lake Area Study
 - Pembroke River Road Analysis
 - Old Hensley Road Study
 - Rich Creek Downtown Projects
 - RT + PAT Bus Stop Safety & Accessibility Study
 - Route 99 Retail Feasibility Study
 - Route 11/460 Corridor Study
 - AT Community Brochures/Kiosks
 - Transportation Conceptual Plans
 - Blacksburg Bicycle Master Plan
 - Comprehensive Plans
 - Transit Development Plans (BT, RT, PAT)
 - Passenger Rail
 - Regional Freight Plan
 - Regional Transit Study
 - Park & Ride Assessment
 - Huckleberry Trail Plan
 - US Bike Route 76 Study
 - Trail Counter Program
 - Vulnerable Roads & Bridges
 - Livability Initiative
 - Bike, Ped, Paddle Plan
 - Transit Organization Analysis
 - Long-Range Transportation Plan
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy



This program supports multiple staff each year!



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FY27 Transportation Planning Work Program

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Introduction

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Rural Transportation Planning (RTP) Program was created to aid the State in fulfilling the requirements of the State Planning Process to address the transportation needs of non-metropolitan areas. Funds appropriated under 23 U.S.C. 505 (SPR funds) are used in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia for transportation planning as required by Section 135, Title 23, U.S. Code. These Federal funds provide 80 percent funding and require a 20 percent local match.

In FY-2027, each planning district commission / regional commission that has rural area will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program. The corresponding planning district commission / regional commission will provide a local match of \$14,500 to conduct rural transportation planning activities. This resource may be supplemented with additional planning funds. The arrangement of all such funds involves the development of a scope of work, approval and other coordination in the Transportation & Mobility Planning Division's (TMPD) administrative work programs.

The scope of work shall include specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work may also include activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that may be of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 505, State Planning and Research.

Use of these funds by the New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) is identified in and guided by an annual scope of work, also referred to as a work program. The work program details the transportation planning activities to be carried out by the NRVRC under the Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program in the upcoming fiscal year.

Local government staff and the Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representatives participate in the development of the work program, which must be approved/endorsed by the Commission. For FY-2027 the Commission proposes utilizing the SPR funds to undertake activities in the two general areas: Program Administration and Program Activities.

Program Administration

Objective and Background: The purpose of this work element is to provide oversight of regional transportation planning and programming efforts and facilitate regional participation and consensus building on transportation related issues through a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated planning process.

Work Elements: This includes the financial management and quarterly reporting, office supplies, meeting materials, and other general program costs. Activities include:

- Provide fiscal accountability of State Planning and Research (SPR) fund expenditures through regular quarterly reporting to VDOT.
- Provide adequate and appropriate public notice of meetings.
- Maintain contact with a regional network of local government officials, region-wide agencies and organizations, neighboring PDCs, VDOT representatives, and other applicable federal, state and local agencies concerning transportation issues.
- Completion and submission of necessary agreements and contracts, invoices, progress reports, correspondence, and grant applications in support of the work program.
- Conduct and attend meetings, training and conferences.
- Preparing Urban or Rural Transportation Planning Work Program, scope of work, manage program funds, provide outreach and data.
- Maintaining Title VI and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and ensuring environmental justice, nondiscrimination, and equity, including consultation with appropriate groups, committees, and community representatives through the application of the approved Title VI and Public Involvement Plan.

Products: Quarterly financial reporting, mailings/notices, and preparation of quarterly activity reports.

Regional Transportation Planning Program Administration Budget:

SPR Funds	(80%)	\$4,800.00
RC Funds	(20%)	\$1,200.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities:		\$6,000.00

Program Activities

Objective and Background: Address regional transportation issues identified by the Transportation Committees and the Regional Commission. Individual projects and work elements are described below:

Work Elements:

- (a) **(\$46,500) Regional Technical Assistance** - Activities typically include assistance in the areas of: highway safety/congestion, bicycle/pedestrian improvements, access management, public transportation, freight movement, hazard mitigation, infrastructure evaluations, stormwater management, recreation, or transportation as it relates to other elements such as: housing, economic development, and energy.

Task 1: Regional Park & Ride Lot – Existing Use & Conditions Assessment

Products: NRV Park and Ride Lot Study.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Perform site visits and collect photo documentation
- Complete data collection form(s) provided by VDOT
- Create technical report(s) as needed or requested by VDOT

Task 2: Regional Transit, Bus Stop and Accessibility Study Updates

Products: Partner with NRVMPPO to update the Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Studies for Blacksburg Transit, Radford Transit, and Pulaski Area Transit. Originally developed in 2015-2017, the primary purpose of the studies was to develop a capital improvement prioritization tool and arrive at a high-priority list of public/private projects. Each study provides detailed scoring and conceptual planning improvements for each of the highest scoring bus stop locations. This work is anticipated to be completed over an 18-24 month timeline.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Coordinate a field visit to document the existing conditions of each bus stop
- Apply data-driven prioritization criteria and identify preliminary site ranking Develop and launch community engagement strategy
- Develop detailed recommendations for the top ten “high priority” locations.
- Draft Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study

Task 3: Employment Mobility Study and Public Mobility Guide Update

Products: Originally developed in 2009, the Employment Mobility Study was prepared through funding under the Multimodal Planning Grant, administered by VDOT. The purpose of the study was to develop a vision for rural transportation within the NRV. The Commission will collaborate with the NRVMPPO to analyze commuter patterns and barriers to transportation. With the assistance of a knowledgeable stakeholder group, the team will explore transportation solutions through community engagement and learning about best management practices nationwide. This work is anticipated to be completed over a 24 month timeline.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Develop a community engagement strategy
- Develop a knowledgeable stakeholder group to lead the planning process
- Invite industry practitioners to share unique approaches to transportation solutions
- Launch initial community engagement initiatives

(b) (\$10,000) Project Implementation, Grant-Writing Assistance & Professional Development

Products: Assist local applicants to prepare transportation related grant funding applications. Additional assistance will be offered depending on staff availability.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Schedule a meeting with CTB representative(s) prior to grant deadlines
- Develop supporting docs for up to three transportation grant applications
- Submit Commission projects through the SMART Portal
- Attend Conferences/Professional Development

(c) (\$10,000) Statewide Projects and Core Program Requirements

Products: The purpose of this work element is to provide assistance to the Virginia Department of Transportation for statewide planning on behalf of the New River Valley. Furthermore, provide local technical assistance required to fulfill statewide planning and policy efforts.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Complete any unfinished tasks from FY-26 Rural Work Program.
- Participate in VTrans webinars and SMART SCALE Regional Meetings.
- Maintain Title VI and Environmental Justice compliance.
- Participate in the Fall Transportation Meeting.

- Participate in any additional outreach meetings that may arise and provide /review data as requested by VDOT throughout the fiscal year.
- Participate with the VDOT and MPOs on meeting performance measure goals.
- Assist in the development of project pipeline studies.
- Park & Ride Lot Use Counts and Conditions Assessment - Conduct manual usage counts and conditions assessment at rural P&R lots using TMPD's P&R manual count methodology. VDOT will prioritize lot count locations, provide data collection forms, and basic count training as necessary.
- Active Transportation Facilities Tracking – Provide assistance in tracking and documenting active transportation facilities and/or accommodations (bicycle facilities, sidewalks, signed routes, trails, etc.) completed in FY 2027 (between July 1st, 20256, and June 30th, 20267) in the PDC study area for inclusion in the respective statewide facilities inventories. TMPD will coordinate with PDC staff on facilities tracking specifics.
- Planned Active Transportation Projects Tracking – Provide assistance in tracking and documenting planned active transportation facilities that are funded for construction beyond FY 2027 (including sidewalks, bike lanes, shared use paths, crosswalk improvements, and pedestrian bridges) to include in the active transportation projects feature service. Particular focus on local CIP projects that do not have a UPC in the VDOT SYIP. TMPD will coordinate with PDC staff on facilities tracking specifics.
- Key freight generators and contacts identification – Provide assistance with updating the VDOT Freight Generators inventory for SMART SCALE support and local planning. VDOT will provide a regional map of freight-generating facilities. That map will have an attribute table with contact fields to fill out. VDOT will host virtual meetings to provide training and address questions.
- Provide VDOT’s Transportation Mobility and Planning Division – Central Office with updated Travel Demand Management Plans when submitted to DRPT (if applicable).

New River Valley Regional Projects Budget:

SPR Funds	(80%)	\$53,200.00
RC Funds	(20%)	\$13,300.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities:		\$66,500.00

**Budget Summary
FY 2027 Work Program**

Tasks	VDOT (SPR) 80%	RC (Match) 20%	Total 100%
<u>Program Administration</u>			
a) Financial management, reporting, & general program costs	\$4,800	\$1,200	\$6,000
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	<i>\$4,800</i>	<i>\$1,200</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<u>Program Activities</u>			
a) Regional Technical Assistance	\$37,200	\$9,300	\$46,500
b) Project Implementation, Grant-Writing, Professional Dev.	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
c) Statewide Projects and Core Program Requirements	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	<i>\$53,200</i>	<i>\$13,300</i>	<i>\$66,500</i>
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities	\$58,000	\$14,500	\$72,500

***New River Valley
Regional Commission***

April 23, 2026

Resolution of support for FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission is eligible to receive State Planning and Research (SPR) funds through the Virginia Department of Transportation's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program represents the interests of the New River Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission has reviewed the Transportation Planning Work Program and agrees with the projected work elements for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Regional Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work Program - Rural Planning Organization Staff Budget.

Adopted this 23rd day of April 2026

Hil Johnson, Chair