



Agenda

March 24, 2022

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for February
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for February](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
None
 - B. Regular Project Review
None
 - C. Environmental 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**

None
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [FY23 VDOT Rural Transportation Work Program & Resolution](#)
Presentation: Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director
Commission Action
 - B. [RIDE Solutions Program Overview & Resolution](#)
Presentation: Christy Straight, Director of Environmental Resources
Commission Discussion
 - C. [Business Continuity Team Update](#)
Presentation: Ashley Briggs, Director of Public Health & Holly Lesko, BCT Program Director
Commission Discussion
 - D. [Regional Economic Strategy Committee](#)
Commission Action
 - E. Next Commission Meeting: April 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: March 18, 2022
Re: February 2022 Financial Statements

The February 2022 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 FY21-22 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 24, 2021 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 February 2022 (67% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 59.42% and expenses are 64.23% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 68.22% and 73.74%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$741,070. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$401,277 (54%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
2/28/2022

Assets:

Operating Account	78,873
Certificate of Deposit	108,586
Accounts Receivable	741,070
Prepaid Item	2,935
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	30,274
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	73,384
Total Assets:	1,035,124

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	55,373
Accrued Annual Leave	87,809
Accrued Unemployment	27,665
Funds Held for Others	12,950
Expense Reimbursement	1,429
Total Liabilities:	185,226

Projects:
(Equity Accounts)

Net Projects	(198,996)
Current Year Unrestricted	132,620
Unrestricted Net Assets	801,987
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	101,507

Total Projects (Equity) 837,118

Total Liabilities and Projects 1,022,343

Net Difference to be Reconciled 12,780

Total Adjustments to Post* 12,780

Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment) 0

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

**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - February 2022**

FY21-22 Budget Adopted 6/24/2021		February 2022	YTD	Under/Over	(67% of FY) % Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
ARC	68,666	0	34,333	34,333	50.00%
ARC - New River Water Trail Expansion	20,340	12,665	12,665	7,675	62.27%
Local Assessment	236,249	0	236,249	0	100.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	89,971	0	67,478	22,493	75.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	63,570	(729)	35,424	28,147	55.72%
EDA	70,000	0	35,000	35,000	50.00%
EDA COVID19 CARES Act	202,500	0	99,686	102,814	49.23%
GO Virginia	125,000	0	76,448	48,552	61.16%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	70,000	15,000	55,000	15,000	78.57%
Workforce Pathways Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	0	25,000	0.00%
Workforce RSVP Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	100.00%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	25,000	12,500	25,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	0	0	18,750	(18,750)	0.00%
VDOT	58,000	0	39,313	18,687	67.78%
VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	70,000	0	0	70,000	0.00%
Floyd County	88,371	0	23,205	65,166	26.26%
Floyd Town	0	0	2,697	(2,697)	0.00%
Floyd Co EDA	0	0	92	(92)	0.00%
Giles County	20,960	0	4,124	16,836	19.68%
Narrows Town	16,513	0	4,290	12,223	25.98%
Montgomery County	41,650	4,000	19,751	21,899	47.42%
Blacksburg Town	14,000	1,167	9,333	4,667	66.67%
Christiansburg Town	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%
Pulaski County	5,000	851	6,721	(1,721)	134.43%
Pulaski Town	11,923	0	6,438	5,485	54.00%
Radford City	30,000	5,275	20,852	9,148	69.51%
Miscellaneous Income	0	35	2,124	(2,124)	0.00%
Virginia's First RIFA	13,000	1,083	11,037	1,963	84.90%
NRV MPO	30,000	0	10,806	19,194	36.02%
Pembroke	0	7,000	7,000	(7,000)	0.00%
CDBG COVID19	338,000	0	142,098	195,902	42.04%
Dept of Environmental Quality	11,580	2,055	5,538	6,042	47.82%
VDEM	19,465	0	0	19,465	0.00%
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	12,500	43,750	49,478	(36,978)	395.82%
VHDA	50,000	0	20,000	30,000	40.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	2,000	0	3,500	(1,500)	175.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	14,000	0	10,500	3,500	75.00%
Calfee Community Center	1,200	0	2,529	(1,329)	210.77%
New River Health District	5,000	0	(384)	5,384	-7.68%
Friends of SWVA	19,000	0	5,458	13,542	28.72%
Taylor Hollow Construction	7,500	0	7,500	0	100.00%
VOF SWVA Natives Campaign Project Match	0	0	3,544	(3,544)	0.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	0	0	2,310	(2,310)	0.00%
Local Match (unprogrammed ARC)	7,500	0	0	7,500	0.00%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	1,946	(1,946)	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	1,923,458	104,652	1,142,833	780,625	59.42%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,152,949	106,858	786,536	366,413	68.22%
Fringe Benefits	282,918	28,748	208,626	74,292	73.74%
Travel	34,650	1,223	14,059	20,591	40.57%
Office Space	76,175	5,727	54,733	21,442	71.85%
Communications	19,911	1,590	20,558	(647)	103.25%
Office Supplies	65,781	2,519	44,274	21,507	67.31%
Postage	2,025	19	1,114	911	55.03%
Printing	5,100	0	5,260	(160)	103.13%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	2,000	53	733	1,267	36.65%
Outreach/Media Adv	2,600	2,053	5,691	(3,091)	218.88%
Equipment Rent/Copier	4,219	223	2,011	2,208	47.65%
Fleet Vehicles	38,024	361	1,024	37,000	2.69%
Dues/Publications	17,384	119	17,266	118	99.32%
Training/Staff Development	14,115	550	6,231	7,884	44.14%
Insurance	4,682	322	2,796	1,886	59.72%
Meeting Costs	10,950	682	11,748	(798)	107.29%
Contractual Services	167,294	5,169	39,984	127,310	23.90%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	4,540	0	9,166	(4,626)	201.88%
Miscellaneous/Fees	4,700	423	3,689	1,011	78.49%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	(50)	0	0	0.00%
Unassigned Expenses	13,441	0	0	0	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	1,923,458	156,589	1,235,498	674,519	64.23%
NRVRC Balance	0	(51,937)	(92,665)		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - February 2022**

				(67% of FY)
	NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues	February 2022	YTD	Under/Over % Budget
Workforce Development Area	3,580,889	124,120	953,549	2,627,340 26.63%
Sub Total Revenues	3,580,889	124,120	953,549	2,627,340
Expenses				
Salaries	475,083	49,113	366,494	108,589 77.14%
Fringe Benefits	142,525	12,636	93,226	49,299 65.41%
Travel	20,000	2,225	11,934	8,066 59.67%
Office Space	36,000	4,641	25,059	10,941 69.61%
Communications	12,000	923	13,717	(1,717) 114.31%
Office Supplies	26,000	1,226	33,607	(7,607) 129.26%
Postage	250	0	51	199 20.51%
Printing	1,000	46	536	464 53.65%
Outreach/Media Adv	44,800	75	4,831	39,969 10.78%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	78	784	916 46.11%
Dues/Publications	4,700	484	1,437	3,263 30.57%
Training/Staff Development	7,000	236	1,798	5,202 25.69%
Insurance	3,000	0	1,793	1,207 59.77%
Meeting Costs	5,000	511	6,246	(1,246) 124.93%
Contractual Services	2,700,725	51,925	381,863	2,318,862 14.14%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	10,200	0	8,040	2,160 78.82%
Miscellaneous/Fees	90,906	0	931	89,975 1.32%
Workforce Grants Admin	0	0	1,200	(1,200) 0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	3,580,889	124,120	953,549	2,627,340 26.63%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0	

		February 2022	YTD	
Total Agency R&E				
Anticipated Revenue	5,504,347	228,772	2,096,382	38.09%
Anticipated Expense	5,504,347	280,709	2,189,047	39.77%
Balance	0	(51,937)	(92,665)	



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Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- Next steps with the broadband project involve receiving final network designs from GigaBeam and All Points Broadband. This will allow NRVRC to start the environmental review portion of the project. The project timeline is being updated to reflect the re-design time and environmental. Each county/ISP will be handling external communications on the project.
- The Regional Economic Strategy (RES) committee is being updated and the 2022 list is included in the board packet for review.

Transportation:

- The annual rural transportation work program is in the packet for Commission review/adoption. Key items include park and ride lot assessments, transportation project prioritizations for Pulaski and Floyd counties, along with recurring annual activities such as the trail counter program and hosting the Commonwealth Transportation Board representative.
- The VA Passenger Rail Authority held two public meetings in late February/early March on the NRV Passenger Rail station project. Between the two meetings, close to 200 participated. The meeting recordings, presentation and Survey 1 summary can be found at the link below.
<https://transformingrailva.com/projects/new-river-valley-station/>

Natural Resources:

- The Commission is preparing an application to ARC for implementing expansion of the New River Water Trail. Grant match commitments from local governments and partners are being solidified currently.
- The Commission is co-hosting a workshop on karst with the VA Dept of Conservation and Recreation on May 3rd and 4th. The first day will be classroom style 9:00 to 4:00 at the Pulaski County Innovation Center with the second day being a field trip to visit a karst/cave site 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:00 to 4:00. Registration is at this [link](#).
- The New River Symposium is taking place April 10&11 at the New River Gorge National Park. Our region will be well represented by participants and presenters. More info can be found at this [link](#)

Regional:

- The annual Livability in Action Regional Exchange took place on 3/17 with impressive projects highlighted during the lightning round. The overarching theme of the event was introducing diversity, equity and inclusion from the lens of organizational leaders across the region. The Community Foundation welcome and panel discussion at the end did a great job on this important topic.
- In March, the Commission hosted the monthly local government managers luncheon and invited chief law enforcement officers to attend and discuss recent incidents of violent crime in the region. Law enforcement provided insight which will be shared at the next Mayors and Chairs regional meeting, date to be determined.

Commission:

- In March and April we will be saying good-bye to three Commission employees. Ashley Briggs and Melanie Morris will be leaving the Business Continuity Team. Holly Lesko will continue to serve the program and changing roles to become the Program Director. Kristie Warrack will be leaving our Data Systems Manager (GIS) position in early April. We are currently recruiting for her replacement. The position is posted on our website among several other locations.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Commission Board Members
From: Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director
Date: March 24, 2022
Re: FY23 Transportation Planning Work Program

The Virginia Department of Transportation allocates State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning 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.

The FY23 Regional Commission Rural Transportation Work Program will have a total project budget of \$72,500. Key program deliverables will include:

- Regional Park & Ride Lot – Existing Use & Conditions Assessment
- Regional Bike, Ped, Paddle Plan – County, City, Town Chapter Updates
- Southern Pulaski County Secondary Roads Study
- Floyd County Secondary Roads Needs Assessment
- Coordinating and hosting the Multi-Regions Bike/Ped Social
- Coordinating local meetings with Salem District Commonwealth Transportation Board Representative
- Trail Counter Program – purchasing new counters

The NRV Planning Directors contributed program area needs in the Winter of 2021. Due to the anticipated scale of known projects, a Rural Transportation Technical Advisory Committee consultation was not conducted to develop the FY23 program. If you have questions about the work program, please contact me at esharp@nrvc.org or call (540) 639-9313.

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FY23 Transportation Planning Work Program

March 24, 2022

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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-2023 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-2023 the Commission proposes to utilize 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 cover the administrative and general costs associated with the project.

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.

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

Regional Transportation Planning Program Administration Budget:

SPR Funds	(80%)	\$4,000.00
RC Funds	(20%)	\$1,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities:		\$5,000.00

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) **(\$2,500) Regional Transportation Leadership** - The purpose of this work element is to facilitate regional participation and consensus building on transportation-related issues through a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated planning process.

Task 1: Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

Products: The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is the foundation of the Commission's transportation planning program. TAC is composed of administrators and professional staff from local governments and institutions/agencies within the New River Valley Regional Commission service area. TAC serves as an advisory body to the Commission on transportation issues.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Provide staff assistance for meetings (Spring and Summer)
- Prepare meeting agendas and presentation materials
- Coordinate a multi-regions alternative transportation social (Summer)
- Maintain a website to post relevant transportation related information
- Review and provide input for regional and statewide planning efforts

Task 2: Regional Transit Coordinating Council

Products: The council meets to discuss public transportation in the region and serves as a coordinating entity to support local governments, partnering stakeholders, and service providers. The council is comprised of all the region's public transportation partners and provides a strong multi-jurisdiction/multi-system forum for transit.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Provide staff assistance for an annual meeting (Fall)
- Co-Chair Roundtable discussion with MPO Staff
- Prepare meeting agendas and presentation materials
- Discuss existing transit services and TDPs
- Identify potential common interests
- Develop strategies and recommendations
- Identify funding sources

- (b) **(\$45,000) 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 phot documentation
- Complete data collection form(s) provided by VDOT
- Create a technical report (online and hardcopy)

Task 2: Regional Bike, Ped, Paddle Plan Update

Products: Update the 2011 Bikeway, Walkway, Blueway Plan.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Collect remaining GIS shapefile data from local partners
- Facilitate 1-on-1 meetings with each community to update content
- Create a new publication quality plan (online and hardcopy)
- Obtain resolutions from participating local governments

Task 3: Southern Pulaski County Secondary Roads Study

Products: Partner with VDOT and staff at Pulaski County to identify safety improvements and segment deficiencies, south of Claytor Lake/New River.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Data collection and analysis
- Site visits and photo documentation
- Create a publication quality report (available electronically)
- Present findings to District and Residency staff

Task 4: NRV Cycling Guide & Trail Counter Program

Products: Maintain supporting program websites.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Update cycling routes, route descriptions, cue sheets, and 3D mapping
- Purchase new trail counting equipment
- Install trail counters, retrieve data, and prepare trail usage reports

(c) (\$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

(d) (\$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):

- Participate in VTrans webinars and SMART Scale regional meetings.
- Participate in meetings with VDOT staff regarding Title VI and Environmental Justice compliance.
- Participate in the Fall Transportation meeting and provide display to serve as outreach to the region's citizens.
- Assure any projects completed include FHWA's 2021 Planning Emphasis Areas dated December 30, 2021.
- Participate in the Fall Transportation Meeting held in your region and provide a display to serve as outreach to the region's citizens. (virtual or in person)
- Participate in any additional outreach meetings that may arise and provide/review data as requested by VDOT throughout the fiscal year.
- Participate with the MPOs and VDOT on meeting performance measure goals.
- Provide VDOT's Transportation Mobility and Planning Division – Central Office and DRPT with an annual Ride Solutions reports and updated TDM Plans when submitted to DRPT.
- Help identify high-growth areas (UDAs, future growth areas). VDOT will continue developing arterial management plans, which take into consideration future growth. Our first priority though will be to develop recommendations to address current safety and congestion issues.
- Assist in the development of project pipeline studies (recommendation development, public involvement).

- Update Commission webpage with current transportation studies and other pertinent transportation related information.

New River Valley Regional Projects Budget:

SPR Funds	(80%)	\$54,000.00
RC Funds	(20%)	\$13,500.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities:		\$67,500.00

**Budget Summary
FY 2023 Work Program**

Tasks	VDOT (SPR) 80%	RC (Match) 20%	Total 100%
<u>Program Administration</u>			
a) Financial management, reporting, & general program costs	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$5,000
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	<i>\$4,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<u>Program Activities</u>			
a) Regional Transportation Leadership	\$2,000	\$500	\$2,500
b) Regional Technical Assistance	\$36,000	\$9,000	\$45,000
c) Project Implementation, Grant-Writing, Professional Dev.	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
d) Statewide Projects and Core Program Requirements	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	<i>\$54,000</i>	<i>\$13,500</i>	<i>\$67,500</i>
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities	\$58,000	\$14,500	\$72,500

[reserved for resolution]

***New River Valley
Regional Commission***

March 24, 2022

Resolution of support for FY 2023 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 2023 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 2022-2023 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Regional Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2023 Transportation Planning Work Program - Rural Planning Organization Staff Budget.

Adopted this 24th day of March 2022

Michael Maslaney, Chair



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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Commission Board Members
From: Christy Straight, Director of Environmental Resources
Date: March 18, 2022
Re: FY23 RIDE Solutions Grant Application Resolution

RIDE Solutions NRV serves the region with transportation demand management services for commuters and employers and is part of a larger brand serving central and southwest Virginia. Partners in this brand include the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Central Virginia PDC, and West Piedmont PDC. We offer services to anyone traveling in our region, including information and support for cycling and walking, carpool/vanpool ridematching, transit, guaranteed ride home, and telework assistance.

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) provides operating funding to commuter assistance programs across Virginia. The agency provides funding at an 80% match of project costs, with local investment at 20% of costs, through the Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating Assistance. The goal of the CAP Operating Assistance grant program is to mitigate traffic congestion through the elimination of single occupant vehicle (SOV) auto trips by shifting SOV trips to carpool, vanpool and transit.

The Commission is proposing a \$105,400 budget for FY23, of which \$21,080.00 is local funding provided by the Commission and \$84,320 by DRPT.. The budget primarily funds staff time and outreach efforts, principally with employers, where we can have the most impact:

- 10% of commuters in the NRV carpool, but 80% are driving alone. The program works best when drivers AND riders participate.
- There are over 950 members registered in the NRV – one-third of whom live and work in the NRV.
- The annual growth rate since 2007 is 4.5%. Most growth occurs during events encouraging commuters to try a commute alternative.
- Over 120 employers are represented in the database over a wide range of industries and business sizes. Matching commuters through their work site improves caprooling matching and expands the commuting pool.

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

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Regional Commission***

March 24, 2022

***Resolution of support for FY 2023 RIDE Solutions NRV CAP Grant Application to
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WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission is eligible to receive Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) funds through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2023 RIDE Solutions NRV program represents the interests of commuters and employers in the New River Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission has reviewed the RIDE Solutions Scope of Work and agrees with the projected work elements for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Regional Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2023 RIDE Solutions NRV CAP grant application.

Adopted this 24th day of March 2022

Michael Maslaney, Chair



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Commissioners

From: Ashley Briggs, Director of Public Health

Date: March 18, 2022

Re: New River Valley Business Continuity Team Update

At the March Commission meeting there will be an update presentation on the Business Continuity Team by Ashley Briggs, Director of Public Health. The New River Valley Business Continuity Team (BCT) was assembled to assist businesses directly impacted by an individual testing positive for COVID-19 at their place of business, but quickly expanded to assist NRV employers and employees navigate the ever-changing landscape of the pandemic.

The Business Continuity Team staff started in late August of 2020 and the program hit the ground running. While there was a BCT update was given in August, our work has strongly continued to support the NRV through both the Delta and Omicron waves as well as into the endemic phase in the region. The BCT has been busy working to assist businesses, local government and schools navigate the COVID-19 environment from guidance shifts and vaccination efforts.

A brief update:

- Public schools have continued to offer in-person instruction and the BCT supporting them by coordinating weekly call with school district administration across 19 counties from Montgomery to Lee County. As masking guidance changed, the BCT provided N95 mask fit testing and conducted in-school vaccination clinics for staff and students.
- The BCT continues vaccination efforts by visiting businesses in-person to offer education and onsite vaccination clinics for COVID-19 as well as the flu.
- In FY2021, the BCT served 480 unique businesses impacting over 57,000 jobs. This included coordinating the full vaccination of approximately 30,000 employees. During FY22, we have continued vaccination efforts by bringing 32 vaccine clinics into businesses and providing outreach education to both employers and employees. So far in FY22, the BCT has served 132 unique businesses impacting almost 13,000 jobs.

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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Joy Rumley, Director of Economic Development

Date: March 18, 2022

Re: 2022-23 Regional Economic Strategy Committee Members - Update

Each year the New River Valley Regional Commission reviews and updates the region's Regional Economic Strategy (RES). The purpose of the RES is to continue federal and local partnerships to address economic development in the region. The RES also serves to document the planning efforts to identify economic development needs in the region, which is required for grant applications to the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Appalachian Regional Commission, and various other state and regional grant-making agencies. The Commission members were given an update on the progress of the RES at the November 2021 meeting.

The Commission's designation by the EDA as an Economic Development District (EDD) includes a requirement to engage a committee of regional representatives from public and private sector organizations and businesses in the development of the strategy document. The committee reviews content, strategies and assists in developing updates to the document.

Because there has been some turnover in appointments that were made in January 2021, the proposed RES Committee list for the 2022-23 update cycle is also attached for your review. Staff is seeking Commissioner approval of the committee names that will provide their expertise on regional economic development issues.

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**New River Valley Regional Commission
Regional Economic Strategy Committee 2022**

Name	Organization	Focus Area
Ann Cassell	Blacksburg Partnership, Inc.	Small Business, Economic Development
Diane Gray	New River Community College	Higher Education
Bob Beckman	Montgomery County citizen	Local business/Innovation
Kim Repass	City of Radford	Economic Development
Cora Gnegy	Giles County	Tourism/Economic Development
Marty Holliday	Mount Rogers New River Workforce Development Board/ Floyd County EDA	Workforce Development
Andrew Warren	Town of Christiansburg	Local Government
Amanda Forrester	Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center	Small Business
Katie Boswell	OnwardNRV	Economic Development
Susan Kidd	Town of Narrows	Local Government
Chris Lawrence	Town of Blacksburg	Local Government
Ernie Maddy	Virginia Community Capital	Finance
Elli Travis	Virginia Tech	Higher Education; Economic Development
Peggy White	Pulaski County	Tourism
Erin Burcham	VergeVA	Technology, Economic Development
Angela Joyce	Radford University	Higher Education