

FY27 CA-MPO Peer Benchmarking Effort

Tech Report 1: Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Profiles

Introduction

A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is a federally required regional transportation planning organization established in urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000. MPOs bring together local governments, state transportation agencies, public transportation providers, and federal partners to cooperatively plan future transportation investments.

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO) is conducting this benchmarking effort in FY27 to better understand how peer MPOs organize and carry out their planning responsibilities. The purpose of this effort is to identify opportunities to strengthen our own processes, collaboration, transparency, efficiency, and regional decision-making. This effort is not intended to recommend immediate policy changes, but rather to provide information regarding how other Virginia MPOs conduct transportation planning activities.

For comparative purposes, multiple MPOs in Virginia have identified universities that participate through their Policy Board, Technical Committee, or other MPO advisory bodies. University participation takes several forms, from voting to technical representation or other stakeholder advice. These arrangements recognize universities' roles as major employers, travel generators, landowners, and transportation partners in the regions where they are located.

Table 1. MPOs with University Participants

MPO/TPO	University Partner(s)	Participation
Charlottesville-Albemarle	University of Virginia	Technical Committee: Voting Policy Board: Non-Voting
Central Virginia	Liberty University	Technical Committee: Voting Policy Board: Non-Voting
Harrisonburg-Rockingham	James Madison University	Technical Committee: Non-Voting Policy Board: Non-Voting
New River Valley	Virginia Tech Radford University	Technical Committee: Voting Policy Board: Non-Voting
Richmond Regional	Virginia Commonwealth University	Representation on the Community Transportation Advisory Committee and LRTP Advisory Work Group
Winchester-Frederick	Shenandoah University	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Voting
Hampton Roads	Old Dominion University William and Mary Virginia Wesleyan	Representation on the Regional Transit Advisory Panel and Community Advisory Committee

CA-MPO's coordination among multiple transit providers is also shared by several other Virginia MPOs, including New River Valley, Fredericksburg Area, Bristol, Hampton Roads, Roanoke Valley, and the National Capital Region.

Table 2. MPOs with Multiple Transit Providers

MPO/TPO	Providers or Systems
Charlottesville–Albemarle	Charlottesville Area Transit, Jaunt, UVA Transit, BRITE
New River Valley	Blacksburg Transit, Radford Transit, Pulaski Area Transit
Fredericksburg	Fredericksburg Regional Transit, OmniRide/PRTC, Virginia Railway Express
Bristol	Bristol TN Transit, Bristol VA Transit, Mountain Lynx Transit, NET Trans
Hampton Roads	Hampton Roads Transit, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority, Suffolk Transit
Roanoke Valley	Valley Metro, RADAR
National Capital Region	WMATA, Virginia Railway Express, Fairfax Connector, Arlington Transit, Loudoun County Transit, OmniRide/PRTC, Alexandria DASH, and Maryland operators

At least three MPOs have documented policy or technical participation arrangements for jurisdictions entirely outside of their metropolitan planning area (MPA): Fredericksburg, Central Virginia, and Roanoke Valley. These arrangements allow MPOs to consider other commuting patterns and regional transportation coordination opportunities beyond their formal planning boundaries. Advisory participation of neighboring jurisdictions in this manner does confer the same authority as membership, and it also does not automatically constitute expanding the MPA itself.

Harrisonburg–Rockingham and New River Valley are the strongest overall peers for CA-MPO. They both serve smaller metropolitan regions and include major university participation. New River Valley is also relevant for coordination among multiple transit providers. Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro and Winchester-Frederick could serve as additional governance comparisons due to their more compact planning areas. Larger MPOs remain useful sources of individual practices for regional coordination, project prioritization, and public engagement, but are less comparable to CA-MPO's overall scale and responsibilities.

Federal and State Regional Planning Context

Virginia has 15 MPOs representing urbanized areas throughout the Commonwealth. Three operate across state lines with multi-state agreements: Bristol MPO (TN/VA), Kingsport MPO (TN/VA), and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (DC/MD/VA).

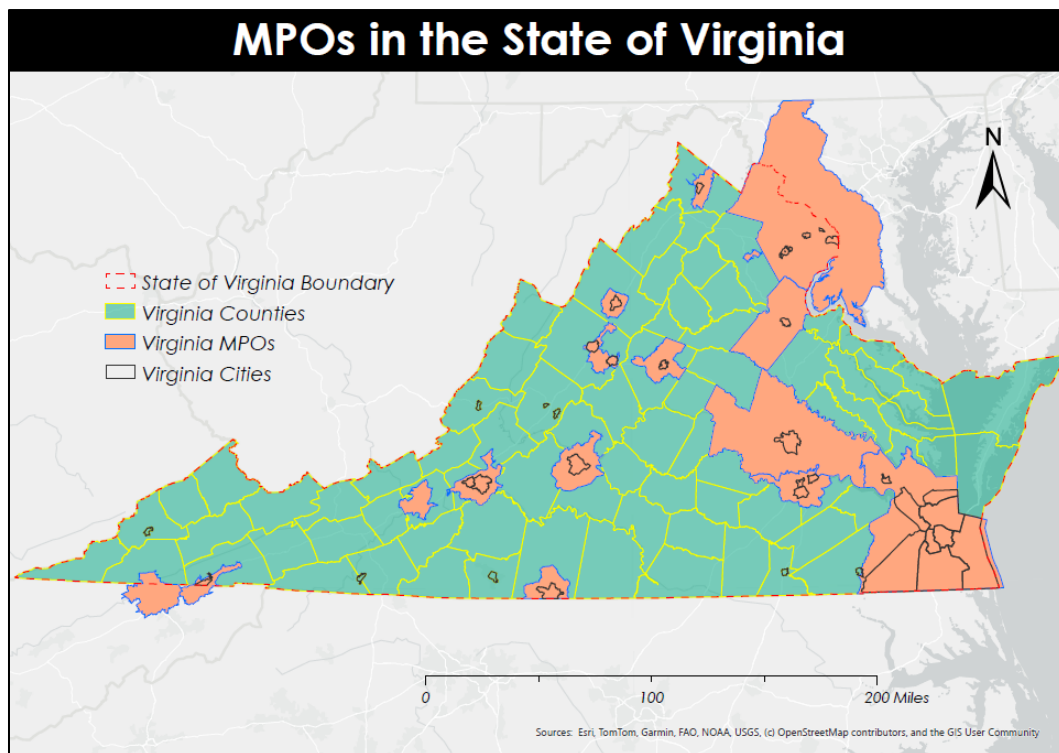


Figure 1. MPOs in the State of Virginia

While each MPO fulfills federal planning requirements, they vary considerably in population served, governance structure, committee organization, staffing, and planning processes. Federal requirements for MPOs are identified in [23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C — Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming](#).

Metropolitan Planning Areas

A metropolitan planning area (MPA) defines the geographic area covered by an MPO's metropolitan transportation planning process. It establishes the regional planning footprint for considering transportation needs and investments across local government boundaries. In accordance with federal regulations, the boundary is established by agreement between the MPO and the Governor. At a minimum, it must include the existing Census-defined urbanized area and contiguous territory expected to become urbanized within the metropolitan transportation plan's 20-year forecast period. The boundary therefore considers both existing development and anticipated growth. Federal rules permit a larger footprint, including an entire metropolitan statistical area (MSA) or combined statistical area.

In coordination with the state and public transportation operators, the MPO must review its boundary following each decennial Census and adjust when necessary to meet federal requirements. A review does not automatically require an expansion. Neighboring MPAs cannot overlap, and shared Census urban areas require written coordination agreements (relevant for RRTPO/Tri-Cities and TPB/FAMPO).

The MPA is distinguished from other relevant geographies:

- **Census Urban Area:** the developed urban footprint that provides the population basis used for MPO and transportation management area (TMA) designations
- **Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA):** an Office of Management and Budget statistical geography composed of counties and equivalent jurisdictions linked to an urban core through commuting relationships.

All three measures differ, and any reference to MPO populations throughout the benchmarking effort are based on MPO populations identified in the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) [Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) Database](#).

Transportation Management Areas

A Transportation Management Area (TMA) is an urbanized area with population over 200,000, as defined by the Census Bureau and designated by the Secretary of Transportation. Federal statute directs the Secretary to identify each urbanized area above the threshold as a TMA. TMA designation typically occurs following each decennial census, but additional areas can also be designated as a TMA if the Governor and the MPO request it. Following the 2020 Census, FHWA and FTA identified 192 TMAs nationally.

A TMA is a designation of an urbanized area, not an organization. When an MPO or TPO planning area includes a TMA, the MPO takes on additional responsibilities and a stronger role in funding decisions. In Virginia, the following areas are designated TMAs: Virginia Beach/Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, and the Washington-Arlington urbanized area. These TMAs are located in the following MPO/TPO planning areas: Hampton Roads TPO, Richmond Regional TPO, Tri-Cities Area MPO, Roanoke Valley TPO, and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

Under federal regulations, TMA-serving MPOs have additional responsibilities that include:

- Maintaining a **congestion management process** that monitors multimodal system performance, evaluates congestion-reduction strategies, and informs the long range transportation plan (LRTP) and transportation improvement program (TIP)
- Undergo a joint Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) **certification review** at least every four years, which may result in findings and corrective action
- **Dedicated regional allocations** and greater **project-selection authority** for certain federal transportation programs, particularly Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Transportation Alternatives, and Carbon Reduction Funds

Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas

Another designation that could also impact MPO responsibilities is if its MPA covers a designated nonattainment or maintenance area. A nonattainment area fails to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, or particulate matter. Maintenance areas are former nonattainment areas that are now in compliance.

Under federal regulations, MPOs that cover nonattainment or maintenance areas have additional transportation conformity responsibilities, including:

- Demonstrating that the LRTP and TIP are consistent with the state's air quality plan
- Coordinating with air quality agencies
- Obtaining FHWA/FTA conformity determinations
- Updating the LRTP every four years rather than five

MPOs that cover nonattainment or maintenance areas are also eligible for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding, which provides federal funding for projects that improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) partially allocates CMAQ funding, then sub-allocated the remainder to MPOs located in areas of nonattainment or maintenance. In Virginia, these include National Capital Region TPB, Hampton Roads TPO, Richmond Regional TPO, Fredericksburg Area MPO, and Tri-Cities MPO. The MPO is responsible for assessing projects for air quality benefit, ranking them, and selecting them for funding.

Virginia MPO Profiles

Bristol Metropolitan Planning Organization (TN/VA)

Designation Year: 1982

Host Organization: City of Bristol, TN

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 142 square miles and includes five jurisdictions total: the City of Bristol, TN; the City of Bristol, VA; the Town of Abingdon, VA; and adjacent unincorporated areas within Sullivan County, TN, and Washington County, VA.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 82,512

The Bristol MPO has two standing committees: the Executive Board and the Technical Committee. The Executive Committee meets every other month and the Technical Committee meets on an as-needed basis.

Executive Board Membership

Voting: Governor, TN (1) Governor, VA (1), Mayor, City of Bristol, TN (1), Mayor, City of Bristol, VA (1), Mayor, Town of Abingdon, VA (1), Mayor, Sullivan County, TN (1), Chair, Board of Supervisors, Washington County, VA (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA TN Division(1), FHWA VA Division (1), FTA Region IV (1), FTA Region III (1), DRPT (1), Sullivan County Highway Department (1), one representative each from transit agencies operating within the Bristol Metropolitan Planning Area (4)

Technical Committee Membership

Voting: TDOT (4), VDOT (3), DRPT (1), First Tennessee Development District (1), Mount Rogers PDC (1), Virginia Highlands Airport (1), Abingdon Local Transit System (1), Bristol TN Transit (1), Bristol VA Transit (1), District Three Public Transportation (1), NET Trans (1), Abingdon (2), Bristol, TN (2), Bristol, VA (2), Sullivan County, TN (2), Washington County, VA (2)

Non-voting: FHWA TN Division (1), FHWA VA Division (1), FTA Region IV (1), FTA Region III (1)

Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization (CVTPO)

Designation Year: 1979

Host Organization: Central Virginia Planning District Commission

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 354 square miles and includes the City of Lynchburg, the Town of Amherst, and portions of Amherst, Bedford, and Campbell counties. The Transportation Technical Committee also serves the larger planning district; its rural participants are not all within the MPO planning area.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 162,647

The CVTPO has a Policy Board and Transportation Technical Committee. The Policy Board and Technical Committee's current calendars provide for monthly meetings. Notable for our region is that Liberty University participates in Policy Board and Technical Committee and a formal member.

Policy Board Membership

Voting: Amherst County (2), Bedford County (2), Campbell County (2), City of Lynchburg (2), Town of Amherst (2), Secretary of Transportation Designee (1),

Non-Voting: Central Virginia Planning District Commission (1), FHWA (1), FTA (1), FAA (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (1), Liberty University (1)

Transportation Technical Committee Membership

Voting: the Planning Division (Community Development Department) (1) and Engineering Division (Public Works Department) (1) of the City of Lynchburg; the Community Development Department of each county comprising Planning District Commission Eleven (4); a planning or management staff representative of each town within Planning District Commission Eleven (3); Up to one citizen with technical knowledge in transportation matters from each member jurisdiction (preferably a member of the local planning commission) appointed by the local governing body (8); VDOT's Transportation Planning Division (1); VDOT's Lynchburg and Salem Construction Districts (2); DRPT (1); Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (1); Lynchburg Regional Airport (1); Liberty University (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), VDOT resident engineers for each member county (3), Virginia Department of Aviation (1)

Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

Designation Year: 1982

Host Organization: Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 243 square miles and includes the City of Charlottesville and urbanized portions of Albemarle County.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 139,723

The CA-MPO has two committees: the Policy Board and Technical Committee. Both meet every other month. The CA-MPO also operates in a region with an authority, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA).

Policy Board Membership

Voting: City of Charlottesville (2), Albemarle County (2), VDOT (1)

Non-Voting: Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (1), FHWA (1), FTA (1), FAA (1), DRPT (1), University of Virginia (1), Jaunt (1), Charlottesville Area Transit (1)

Technical Committee Membership

Voting: City of Charlottesville (3), Albemarle County (3), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), University of Virginia (1), Jaunt (1), TJPDC (1), Charlottesville Area Transit (1), RideShare (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), FAA (1), Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority (1)

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (Danville MPO)

Designation Year: 1983

Host Organization: West Piedmont Planning District Commission

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 198 square miles and includes the City of Danville and the urbanized portions of southern Pittsylvania County.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 64,528

The Danville MPO has a Policy Board and Technical Committee. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis, with frequency identified as typically being quarterly.

Policy Board Membership

Voting: Pittsylvania County (3), City of Danville (2), Danville City Manager (1), VDOT (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), DRPT (1), West Piedmont Planning District Commission (1), Danville City Engineer (1), VDOT (1)

Technical Committee Membership

City of Danville (4), Pittsylvania County (1), VDOT (2), FHWA (1), DRPT (1), West Piedmont Planning District Commission (2). Neither its roster nor bylaws specify voting vs non-voting membership.

Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO)

Designation Year: 1992

Host Organization: George Washington Regional Commission

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 705 square miles and includes the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County. Caroline and King George counties participate in advisory activities but are outside of the FAMPO MPA.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 324,968

FAMPO has a Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Citizen committee generally meet monthly. The BPAC generally meets every other month. Northern Stafford is part of the Washington TMA, and a previously adopted work program described the coordination agreement that FAMPO has with TPB to fulfill TMA-related requirements.

Policy Committee Membership

Voting: City of Fredericksburg (3), Stafford County (3), Spotsylvania County (3), Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (1), Virginia Secretary of Transportation or VDOT designee (1)

Non-Voting: Caroline County (1), King George County (1), Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee Chair (1), BPAC Chair (1), FHWA (1), FTA (1), Fredericksburg Regional Transit (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), CTB Fredericksburg District Representative (1)

Technical Advisory Committee Membership

City of Fredericksburg (2), Stafford County (2), Spotsylvania County (2), VDOT (2), DRPT (1), Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (1), Caroline County (1), King George County (1), GWRideConnect (1), FHWA (1), FTA (1), Virginia Railway Express (1), and Fredericksburg Regional Transit (1)

Published bylaws do not identify voting vs non-voting membership. Article VII Section 5 states, “The TAC shall operate through consensus, but otherwise use Robert’s Rules of Order to ensure an orderly meeting. When the TAC has not reached consensus, but a decision is required to meet a deadline, the Committee shall record the vote of members present and forward that information to the Policy Committee.”

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Membership

City of Fredericksburg (1), Stafford County (1), Spotsylvania County (1), Caroline County (1), King George County (1), VDOT (1), National Park Service (1), Relevant Community Interest Groups (1 each), Appointed Members of the Public (1 from each locality, 2 at-large members)

Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

According to the Bylaws, the CTAC shall have up to 33 members as follows: City of Fredericksburg (7), Stafford County (7), Spotsylvania County (7), Caroline County (3), King George County (3), At-Large (6)

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Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO)

Designation Year: 1991

Host Organization: Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 2,673 square miles and includes 15 participating jurisdictions: the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg; the counties of York, Isle of Wight, and James City; and portions of Gloucester County, and Southampton County, and the City of Franklin.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 1,705,382

The HRTPO bylaws identify four committees: the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC), Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC). TTAC generally meets monthly, TAC meets as needed, CAC generally meets six times a year, FTAC meets periodically. The HRTPO operates in a region with a regional authority, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission.

HRTPO Board Membership

Voting: Each of the 15 local jurisdictions (1 each), Virginia Senate (2), Virginia House of Delegates (2), Hampton Roads Transit (1), Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), Virginia Port Authority (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), FAA (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), Chief Administrative Officers of the 15 jurisdictions (1 each), Community Advisory Committee (1), Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (1), Peninsula Airport Commission (1), Norfolk Airport Authority (1), liaisons from the region's military installations

Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: Chief Administrative Officers of each of the 15 local jurisdictions (1 each), Hampton Roads Transit (1), Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (1), VDOT Hampton Roads District Administrator (1), DRPT Executive Staff (1), Virginia Port Authority (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1)

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: Each of the 15 local jurisdictions (3 each), VDOT (3), Hampton Roads Transit (1), Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (1), DRPT (1), Virginia Port Authority (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), Liaisons of the branches of the Military

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO)

Designation Year: 2003

Host Organization: Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 106 square miles and includes the City of Harrisonburg, the towns of Bridgewater, Dayton, and Mount Crawford, and portions of Rockingham County.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 83,039

HRMPO has a Policy Board and a Technical Advisory Committee, both which typically meet monthly. Its host, the Central Shenandoah PDC, also staffs the Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO and operates BRITE, the region's transit provider.

Policy Board Membership

Voting: City of Harrisonburg (5), Rockingham County (3), Town of Bridgewater (1), Town of Dayton (1), Town of Mount Crawford (1), VDOT (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), DRPT (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (1) James Madison University (2)

Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: City of Harrisonburg (5), Rockingham County (3), Town of Bridgewater (1), Town of Dayton (1), Town of Mount Crawford (1), VDOT (2), DRPT (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), James Madison University (2)

Kingsport Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (KMTPO)

Designation Year: 1977

Host Organization: City of Kingsport, TN

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 298 square miles and includes the cities of Kingsport and Church Hill, TN; the Town of Mount Carmel, TN; the towns of Weber City and Gate City, VA; and the counties of Sullivan, Hawkins, Washington (TN), and Scott (VA)

USDOT MPO Database Population: 129,017

The Kingsport Metropolitan TPO has a multi-state boundary encompassing Virginia and Tennessee jurisdictions. It has an Executive Board that typically meets quarterly and a Technical Coordinating Committee that is called as-needed.

Executive Board Membership

Voting: Governor of Tennessee or designee (1), Governor of Virginia or designee (1), Kingsport Mayor (1), Sullivan County Mayor (1), a shared representative for Hawkins County, Church Hill, and Mount Carmel (1), First Tennessee Development District Executive Director (1), LENOWISCO Planning District Commission Executive Director (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA TN Division (1), FHWA VA Division (1), FTA Region IV (1), FTA Region III (1)

Technical Coordinating Committee Membership

Voting: City of Kingsport Manager (1), Sullivan County Highway Commissioner (1), City of Kingsport Planning Manager (1), Sullivan County Planning Director (1), City of Kingsport Public Works Director (1), Town of Mount Carmel Public Works Director (1), City of Church Hill Public Works Director (1), MTPO Coordinator (1), MTPO Transportation Planner (1), City of Kingsport Traffic Manager (1), City of Kingsport City Engineer (1), Kingsport Area Transit Service Manager (1), LENOWISCO Planning District Executive Director (1), TDOT Region Office (1), VDOT District Office (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA TN Division (1), FHWA VA Division (1), FTA Region IV (1), FTA Region III (1)

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

Designation Year: 1965

Host Organization: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 3,558 square miles and membership spans 22 local jurisdictions including the District of Columbia; Northern Virginia localities (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William counties; cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park); suburban Maryland localities (Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles counties; cities of Bowie, College Park, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Greenbelt, Laurel, Rockville, Takoma Park).

USDOT MPO Database Population: 5,732,469

The TPB's principal bodies are the Transportation Planning Board, Steering Committee, Technical Committee, and Community Advisory Committee. TPB has many subject-specific subcommittees to support its work. The TPB, Steering Committee, and Technical Committee generally meet monthly. The TPB serves a TMA and maintenance area. Unique to this organization are that it has the highest number of member jurisdictions, state legislators participating in a voting capacity, and different processes for population-weighted voting.

Transportation Planning Board Membership

Voting: Virginia local governments: Arlington (1), Fairfax County (2), Loudoun (2), Prince William (2), Alexandria (1), Fairfax city (1), Falls Church (1), Manassas (1), Manassas Park (1). Maryland: Montgomery (2), Prince George's (2), Charles (1), Frederick County (1), and each of the eight listed cities (1 each). District of Columbia: Council (3), executive branch including DDOT (2). VDOT (1), MDOT (1), WMATA (1), Virginia House (1), Virginia Senate (1), Maryland House (1), Maryland Senate (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), FAA (1), National Capital Planning Commission (1), National Park Service (1), Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (1)

Details about population-based weighting for voting membership can be found in the published [bylaws](#).

Technical Committee Membership

Voting: Each of the nine Virginia local governments (1 each), each of the 12 Maryland local governments (1 each), DDOT (1), District Office of Planning (1), MDOT (1), Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (1), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (1), PRTC (1), Virginia Railway Express (1), Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (1), WMATA (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA DC Division (1), FTA (1), National Capital Planning Commission (1), National Park Service (1), Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (1), Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (1)

Additional Committee Membership

The Steering Committee consists of TPB officers and designated transportation agency and technical representatives and may approve minor, non-regionally significant TIP amendments. The Community Advisory Committee has 24 members, with five each from the District, Maryland, and Virginia and nine additional appointments. Access for All represents the transportation interests of low-income communities, minority communities, and people with disabilities. Technical subcommittees address travel forecasting, transit, freight, safety, bicycle and pedestrian planning, operations, and related subjects.

New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (NRVMPO)

Designation Year: 2003

Host Organization: Montgomery County, VA

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 143 square miles and includes the City of Radford, the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, and portions of Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 105,301

The NRV MPO has a Policy Board and a Technical Advisory Committee. Monthly meeting dates are reserved, but may be cancelled if not needed.

Policy Board Membership

Voting: Montgomery County Administrator (1), Montgomery County Supervisors (2), Radford City Director of Planning and Zoning (1), Radford City Mayor (1), Town of Blacksburg Town Manager or Designee (1), Town of Blacksburg Councilor (1), Town of Christiansburg Mayor (1), Town of Christiansburg Town Manager (1), Pulaski County Supervisor (1), Pulaski County Administrator (1), VDOT (1)

Non-Voting: New River Valley Regional Commission (1), Virginia Tech (1), Radford University (1), New River Community College (1), Blacksburg Transit (1), Radford Transit (1), Pulaski Area Transit (1), Virginia Tech/Montgomery Airport Authority (1), FHWA (1), FTA (1), DRPT (1), MPO Executive Director (1)

Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: Montgomery County (2), Town of Blacksburg (2), Town of Christiansburg (2), City of Radford (2), Pulaski County (2), Virginia Tech/Montgomery County Airport Authority (1), VDOT Christiansburg residency (1) VDOT Salem District (1), Virginia Tech (1), Radford University (1), New River Community College (1), Blacksburg Transit (1), Radford Transit (1), Pulaski Area Transit (1), DRPT (1), New River Valley Regional Commission (1), FHWA (1), FTA (1), MPO Staff (2). Public bylaws were not available, and the membership roster did not specify if any representatives were non-voting.

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO)

Designation Year: 1974

Host Organization: PlanRVA (Richmond Regional Planning District Commission)

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 2,076 square miles and includes the City of Richmond, the Town of Ashland, and eight surrounding counties (Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan). *Note:* Chesterfield County is shared between the RRTPO and the Tri-Cities MPO.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 1,075,265

The RRTPO is a TMA and its region includes a nonattainment/maintenance area. It has four committees: the Policy Board, Executive Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). Each committee meets monthly or every other month. Also notable for our region is that the RRTPO functions in a region that also has a regional transportation authority, Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA).

Policy Board Membership

Voting: Chesterfield County (4), Henrico County (4), City of Richmond (4), Hanover County (3), Goochland County (2), New Kent County (2), Powhatan County (2), Town of Ashland (1), Charles City County (1), Capital Region Airport Commission (1), Greater Richmond Transit Company (1), Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (1), Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Transportation designee (VDOT) (1)

Non-voting: Central Virginia Transportation Authority (1), FHWA (1), FTA (1), RideFinders, Inc. (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), DRPT (1), Virginia Port Authority (1), MPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee Chair (1)

Policy Board Executive Committee Membership

The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the MPO, the immediate past Chairman of the MPO, and one representative from each jurisdiction not having an officer on the MPO.

Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: Town of Ashland (1), Charles City County (1), Chesterfield County (1), Goochland County (1), Hanover County (1), Henrico County (1), New Kent County (1), Powhatan County (1), City of Richmond (1), Capital Region Airport Commission (1), Greater Richmond Transit Company (1), Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (1), RideFinders (1), DRPT (1), VDOT (1), Virginia Port Authority (1), Central Virginia Transportation Authority (1)

Non-voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1)

Community Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: Chesterfield County (4), Henrico County (4), City of Richmond (4), Charles City County (1), Goochland County (2), Hanover County (3), New Kent County (2), Powhatan County (2), Town of Ashland (1), Up to twelve (12) at-large member organizations appointed by the MPO (1 vote each)

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Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO)

Designation Year: 1974

Host Organization: Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC)

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 248 square miles and includes the cities of Roanoke and Salem, the incorporated Town of Vinton, and the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt, Bedford, and Montgomery.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 239,745

RVTPO has two standing bodies: the Policy Board and the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). Each committee meets monthly.

Policy Board Membership

Voting: City of Roanoke (2), City of Salem (2), Botetourt County (2), Roanoke County (2), Town of Vinton (2), Bedford County (1), Montgomery County (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), Greater Roanoke Transit Company (1), Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Commission (1)

Non-voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (1), Chair of the Transportation Technical Committee (1), Chief Administrative Official of each local government (1 each)

Transportation Technical Committee Membership

Voting: City of Roanoke (2), City of Salem (2), Botetourt County (2), Roanoke County (2), Town of Vinton (2), Bedford County (1), Montgomery County (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), Greater Roanoke Transit Company (1), Unified Human Service Transportation System (1), Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Commission (1), Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission (1)

Non-voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1)

Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAWMPO)

Designation Year: 2012

Host Organization: Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 143 square miles and includes the cities of Staunton and Waynesboro and portions of Augusta County.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 85,023

SAWMPO has a Policy Board and a Technical Advisory Committee. Monthly meeting dates are reserved for both, and dates not needed are canceled. Its host, Central Shenandoah PDC, also staffs the Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO and operates BRITE, the region's transit provider.

Policy Board Membership

Voting: City of Staunton (2), City of Waynesboro (2), Augusta County (2), VDOT (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), DRPT (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (1), BRITE (1)

Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: City of Staunton (2), City of Waynesboro (2), Augusta County (2), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), BRITE (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (1)

Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (TCAMPO)

Designation Year: 1974

Host Organization: Crater Planning District Commission (Crater PDC)

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 322 square miles and includes the cities of Petersburg, Colonial Heights, and Hopewell, and portions of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George counties.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 168,003

The Tri-Cities MPO has a Policy Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee that both meet monthly. The Tri-Cities area serves the Richmond TMA in coordination with the RRTPO. It also covers part of the Richmond maintenance area, qualifying it for CMAQ funding.

Policy Committee Membership

Voting: Colonial Heights (1), Hopewell (1), Petersburg (1), Chesterfield County (1), Dinwiddie County (1), Prince George County (1), Petersburg Area Transit (1), VDOT (1), Crater Planning District Commission (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), RideFinders (1), DRPT (1)

Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: Colonial Heights (1), Hopewell (1), Petersburg (1), Chesterfield County (1), Dinwiddie County (1), Prince George County (1), Petersburg Area Transit (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1), Crater Planning District Commission (1)

Non-Voting: RideFinders (1), Fort Lee (1), Petersburg National Battlefield Park (1)

Winchester-Frederick County Metropolitan Planning Organization (WinFred MPO)

Designation Year: 2003

Host Organization: Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC)

MPO Service Area and Participating Jurisdictions: The service area encompasses 105 square miles and includes the City of Winchester, the Town of Stephens City, and portions of Frederick County.

USDOT MPO Database Population: 91,972

WinFred MPO has a Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and Citizens Advisory Committee. The Policy Board and TAC have monthly reserved meeting dates and meet as needed. BPAC and CAC provide periodic advisory input according to their schedules.

Policy Board Membership

Voting: City of Winchester Council (2), City of Winchester City Manager (1), Frederick County Supervisors (2), Frederick County Administrator (1), Stephens City (1), VDOT (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), DRPT (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), VDOT (2), NSVRC (1)

Technical Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: City of Winchester (4), Frederick County (4), Stephens City (1), VDOT (2), DRPT (1), Winchester Regional Airport (1), Winchester Transit (1)

Non-Voting: FHWA (1), FTA (1), Virginia Department of Aviation (1), NSVRC (1)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Membership

Voting: Frederick County planning (1), Frederick County parks and recreation (1), Winchester parks and recreation (1), Winchester Planning Commission (1), Shenandoah University (1), citizen representative (1), tourism office (1), VDOT (1), DRPT (1)

Citizens Advisory Committee Membership

CAC is an appointed citizen body with Winchester (3), Frederick County (3), and Stephens City (1).