

RMTA
RICHMOND METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Overview of the RMTA and the Modernization of our System

Briefing for House and Senate Transportation Committee Chairs

Oct. 15, 2026



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RMTA Legislative Authority

1966
Created by act of the General Assembly

1973
Authorized to provide vehicular parking facilities

1984
Authorized to own & operate sports facilities

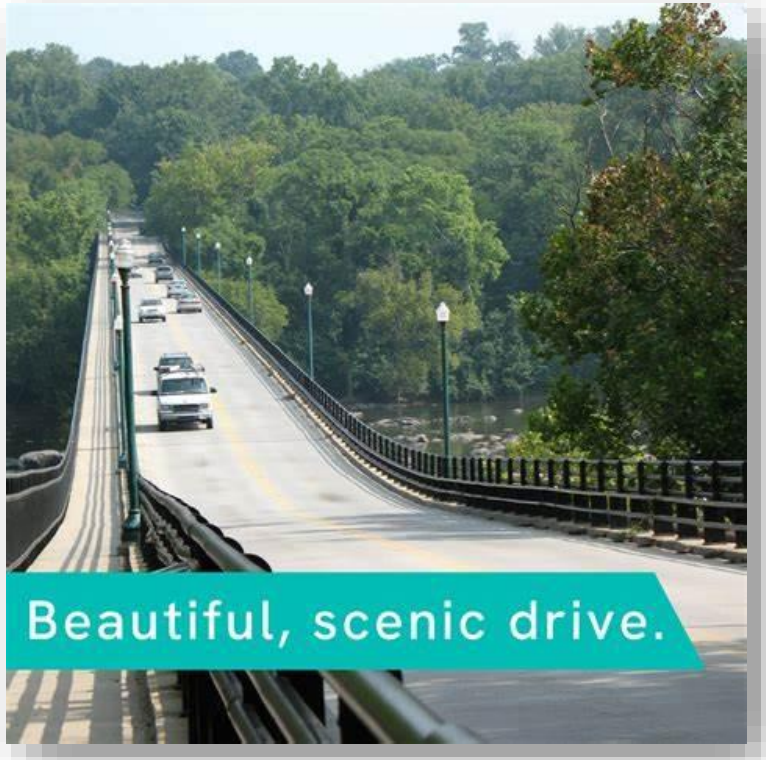
2003
Authority begins management of Main Street Station



RMTA Legislative Authority

2014 Amends Authority's Statute
<u>Jurisdiction and Mayoral Approval Required to/for:</u>

- Purchase, Construction, or Acquisition of Additional Highway Projects
- Own, Operate or Provide Transit, Vehicular Parking, Sports Facilities
- Issue Debt/Borrow Money/Extend Date of Repayment of Debt (2041)



2016 HB 1237
Authorizes the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority

- To construct, own, and operate coliseums and arenas, including facilities reasonably related to such coliseums and arenas, provided that the governing authorities of the localities that make up the RMTA approve.

Board of Directors

- 16 members
- Five members appointed from each jurisdiction, and one may be an elected official
- One ex-officio member appointed by the Commonwealth of Virginia Transportation Board



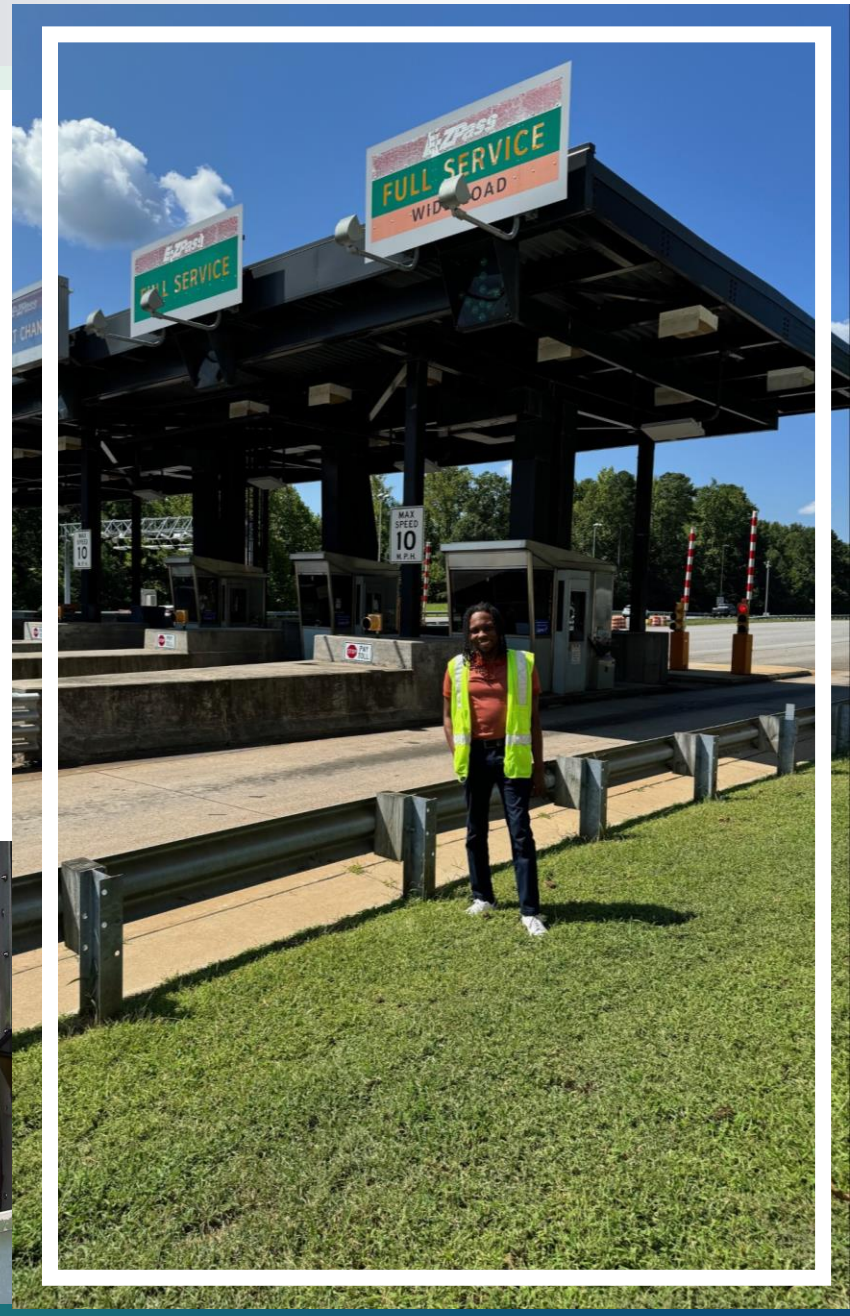
RMTA Team

- 51 Employees
  - 16 Central Office
  - 35 RMTA Expressway Operations
- Employee Average Tenure - 25 years

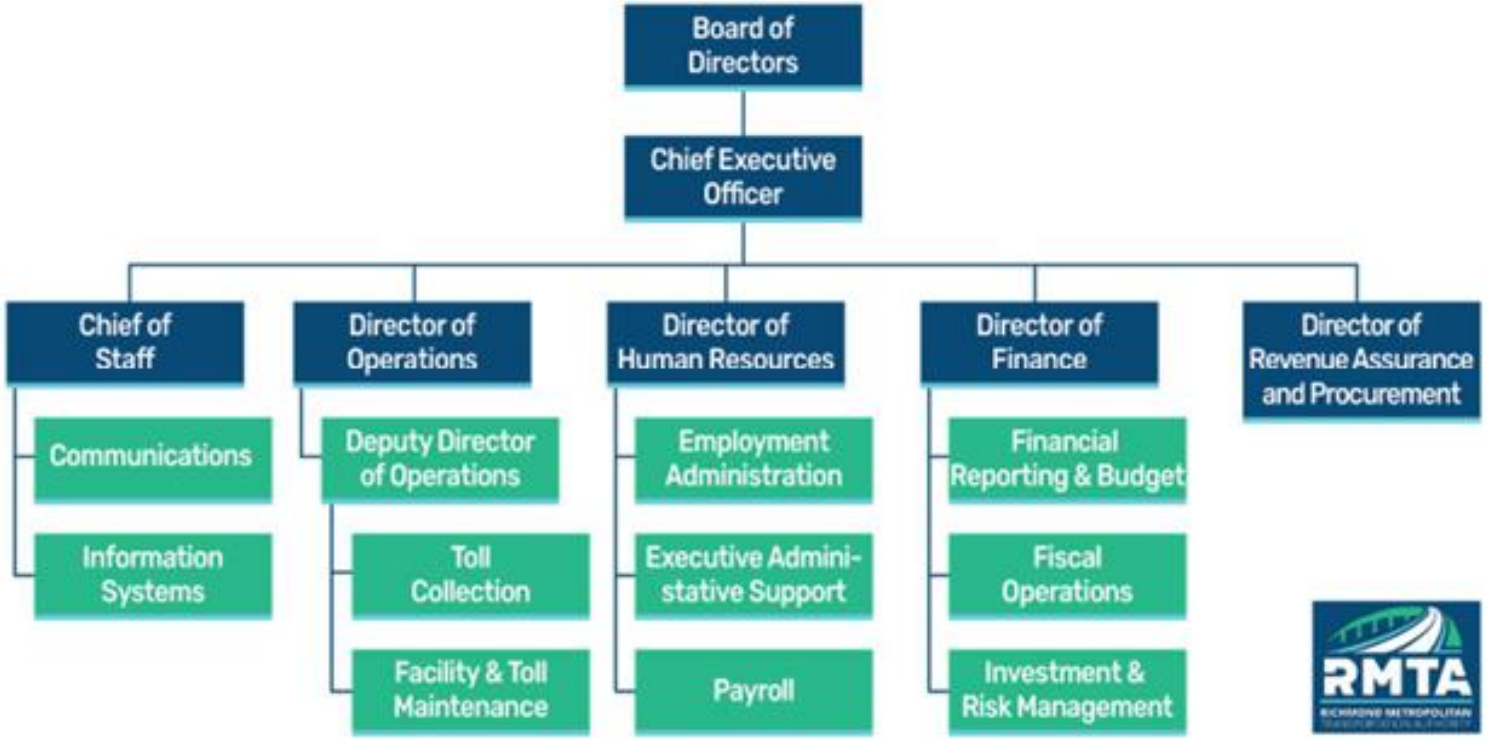




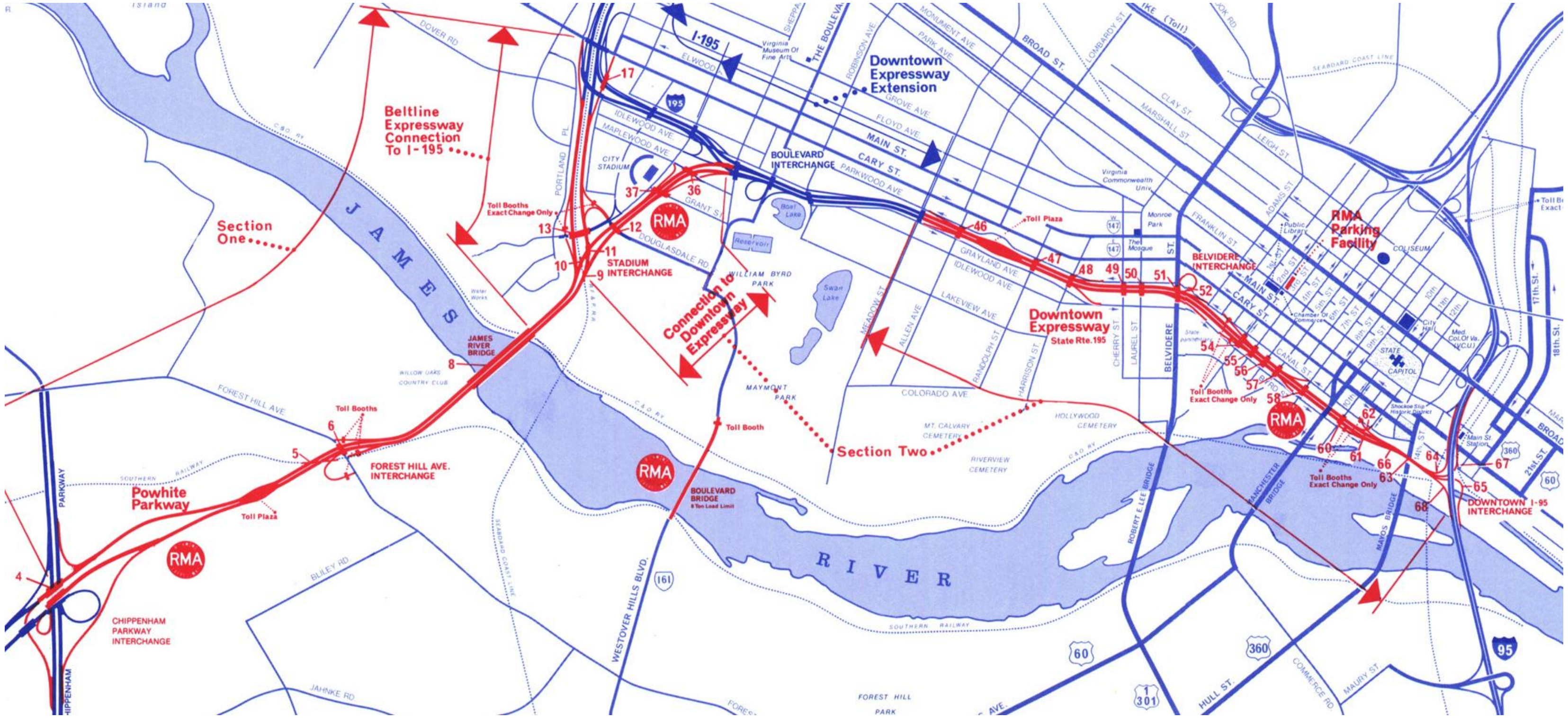




Organization



Connecting the Richmond Region

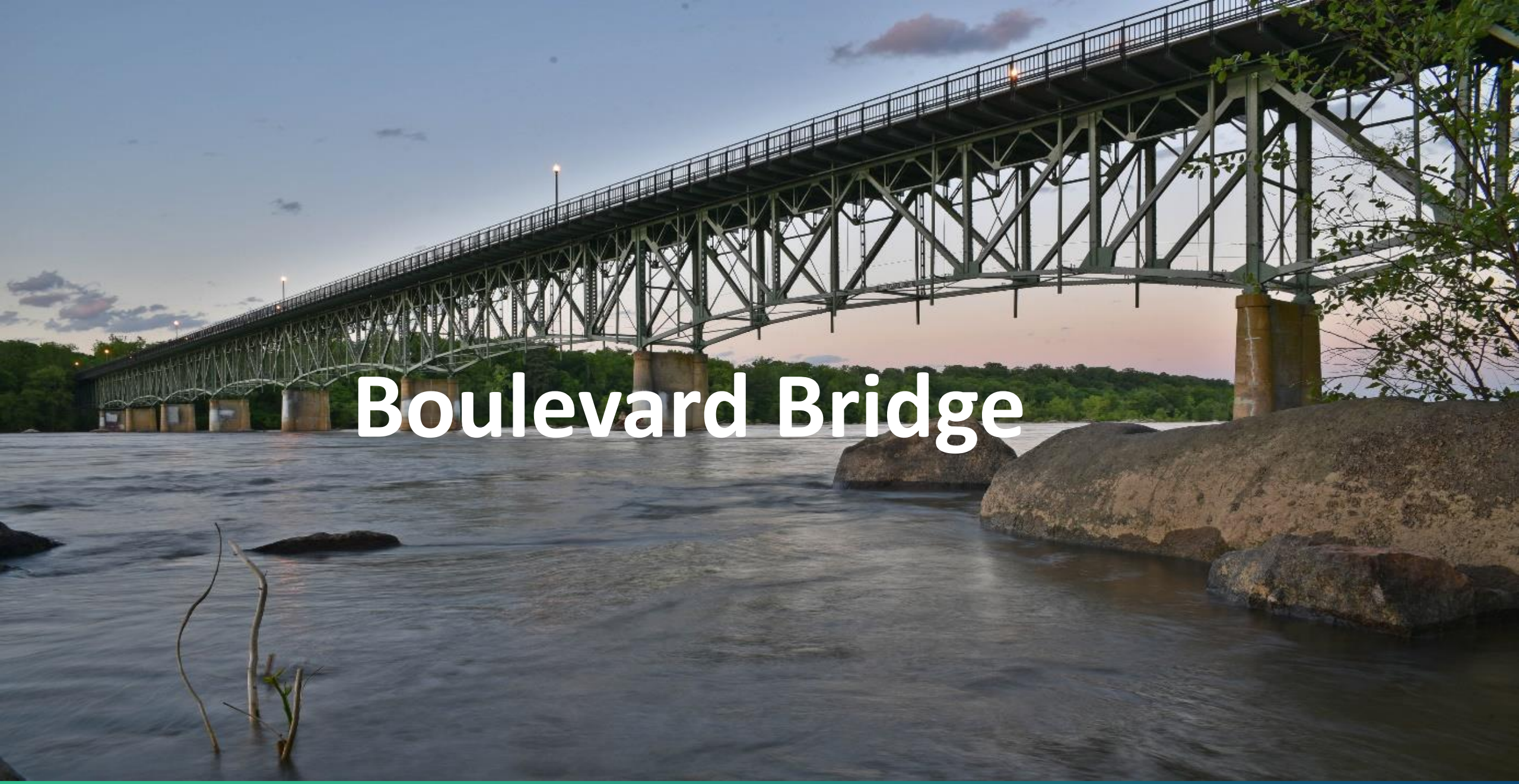


Key System Statistics

- 6.5 Centerline Miles
- 65 Lane Miles
- 36 Bridges
- 4 Tunnels

Powhite Parkway





Boulevard Bridge

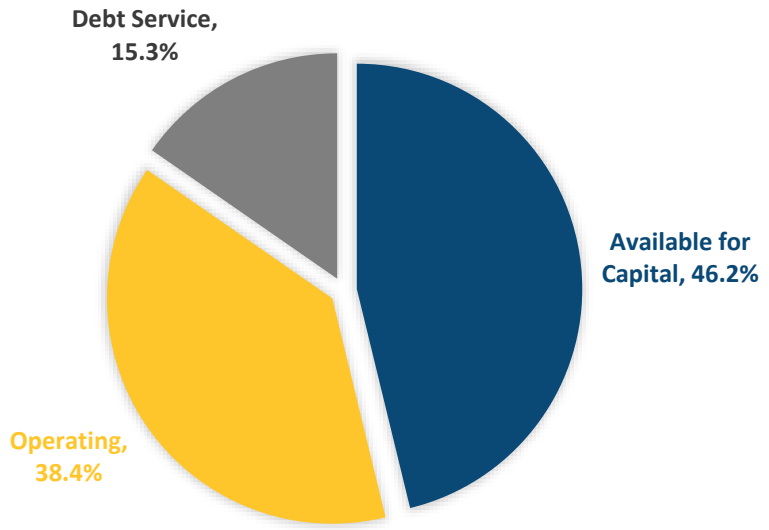
Downtown Expressway



FY2027 Use of Revenues

63.2 million of revenues, used for

- Operating budget: $24.3 million
- Debt service: $9.7 million
- Available for capital: $29.2 million





Theme for 2025-2027 Strategic Plan

The Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority (RMTA) is entering a new era—one defined by smart investments, data-driven decisions, and bold transformation.

The 2025–2027 Strategic Plan, ***Moving Forward Through Modernization***, outlines RMTA's commitment to reimagining infrastructure, accelerating innovation, and delivering seamless connectivity across the region.

With all-electronic tolling (AET) as a cornerstone initiative, this plan charts a course for operational excellence, regional leadership, and community impact.

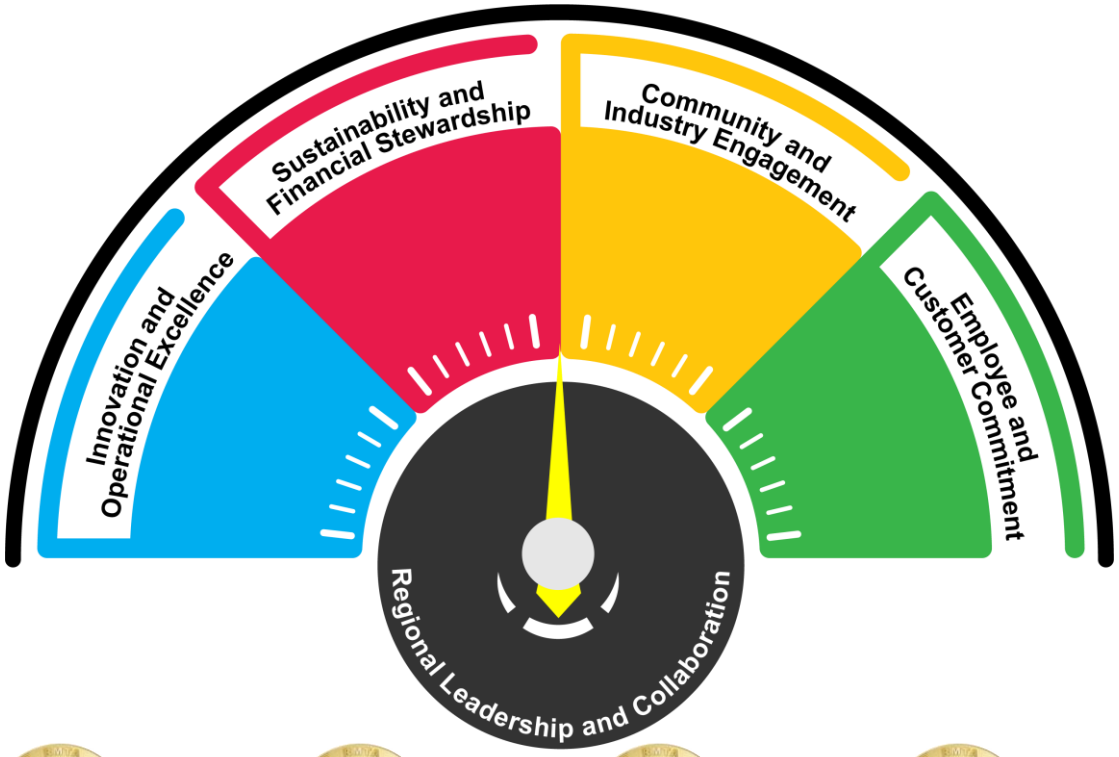
Refreshing the RMTA Strategy Dashboard

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Mission

Lead with innovative solutions to deliver reliable, efficient, and safe transportation, ensuring seamless connectivity in the Greater Richmond Region.

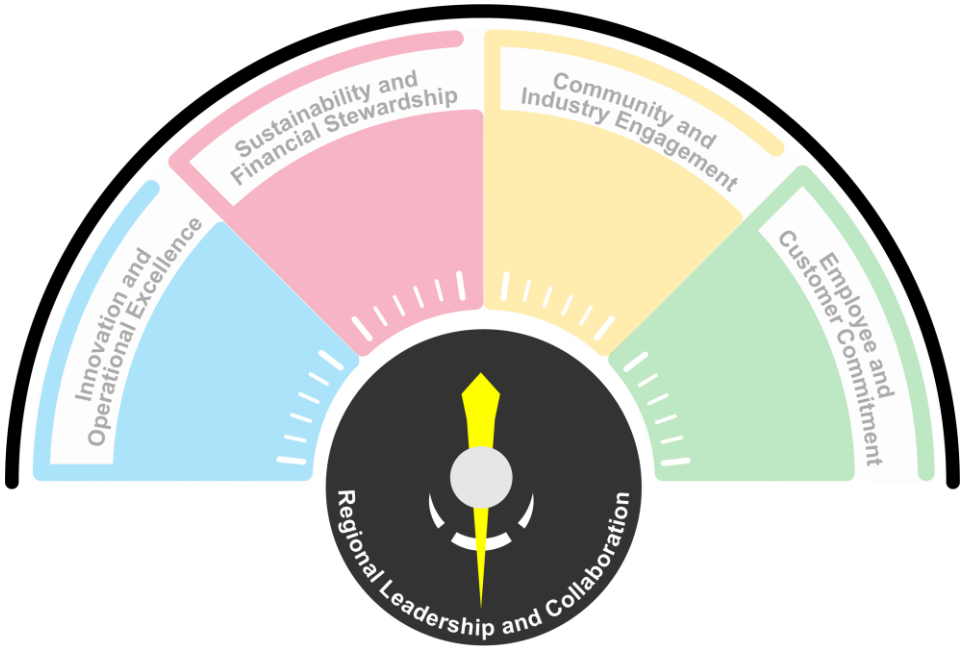
Strategic Priorities



Values

- Safety and Stewardship
- Innovation and Adaptability
- Sustainability and Responsibility
- Transparency and Trust
- Commitment to Employees
- Customer and Community Focus

Priority 1 - Regional Leadership and Collaboration



RMTA plays a critical role in shaping the transportation future of the Greater Richmond Region. This strategic priority ensures the Authority continues to lead with **intention**, **vision**, and **regional impact**.

Focus Areas

- Coordinate and support regional transportation initiatives.
- Position RMTA as a key player in regional infrastructure development.
- Build partnerships, align goals, and leverage resources with local governments, private entities, and community organizations.
- Prepare for reversion of expressway system to the City of Richmond in 2041.

Key Initiatives

- Implement and maintain all-electronic tolling

All-Electronic Tolling



Why All-Electronic Tolling (AET)?

Challenges

Congestion and delays at toll booths operational inefficiencies/high maintenance costs



Enhances Safety

Drivers don’t have to slow down to stop and pay tolls



National Alignment

AET follows national/international transportation trends towards greater efficiency

AET—How it Works

All-electronic tolling (AET) is a modern toll collection system that eliminates the need for physical toll booths, cash payments and manual transactions. AET offers a faster, safer and more efficient experience for drivers.



No Stopping
Vehicles maintain highway speeds through gantries/infrastructure.

Automated Detection
License plate recognition technology identifies vehicles.

Payment Options
E-ZPass transponders or Pay-By-Plate billing system.

AET Implementation



AET gantry swing during erection on Powhite Parkway – Sunday, Oct. 26.

AET Implementation









Equipment Installation

AET Implementation



AET Gantry on Powhite Parkway

Benefits for the Region

Drivers

- Enhanced safety.
- Reduced travel times.
- Lower fuel costs.
- Less vehicle wear and tear.

Environment

- Decreased emissions from reduced idling.
- Improved air quality.
- Contributes to healthier local ecosystem.

Community

- Smoother traffic flow in surrounding areas.
- Improved regional mobility.



Questions?

Modernizing the way Richmond moves.

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