

Vision Statements Collected at November 19, 2015 Broad and East Main Street Kick-Off Meeting

In the future, this part of the city will be:

Neighborhoods (12 answers)

- Mixed-use
- Car optional
- Full of character, URBAN, transit oriented
- Connected by walking and public transportation
- Dense, walkable, connected and with commerce and services and public open space
- Walkable, small business thriving, walkable, connected to each other, appreciate each one's history
- Safe, equitable
- Most walkable part of the City
- More dense with more mixed-use to support residents
- Full of character
- Urban
- Transit oriented

Streetscape (22 answers)

- Walkable
- Walkable and attractive
- Human-scaled
- Nicely landscaped with shade providing trees
- Furnishings, outdoor dining, transparency beyond building faces, urban forest
- Vibrant
- Provide multimodal corridors serving pedestrians (young and old), bikers, (with transit priority systems where feasible), automobiles, truckers
- Provide federal & state routes (as well as other arterial roadways & collector streets) with very effective lighting systems illuminating both sidewalk areas as well as traffic lanes
- Richmond having the lowest motor vehicle crash rate of any cities in America having populations between 200,000 and 350,000 residents
- Accessible sidewalks
- Beautiful, shade canopy trees
- At the Intermediate Terminal Building on Dock Street have three travel lanes, not just two. The middle lane would operate as a reversible lane by time of day; 2 WB & 1 EB lane in AM peak; 2 EB & 1 WB in the 4-7PM
- Improved
- 1. Walking 2. Bike 3. Transit 4. Auto (In order of priority)
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Connectivity (17 answers)

- A flowing center to which all have ease of access due to revamped Public Transit system connecting seamlessly to BRT
- Extended to Short Pump
- Paralleled by other similar routes
- Made obsolete by light rail
- Have reliable & affordable public transit & bikeability
- Will allow for multiple modes of transportation
- Very bike and pedestrian friendly
- Public Transit that service all people for employment needs
- Accessible to everyone regardless of socio-economic status
- Free from Automobiles
- Enhanced by paths for walking, biking & bussing
- Will have high speed transit
- Buses & bikes will feed riders from other areas of the City to the BRT
- Best connected part of metro-city
- Pulse is the central transfer
- In need of more parks & public spaces, especially if walking & taking public transit
- Very bike & pedestrian friendly

Public Space and Parks (4 answers)

- Pocket parks – frequently
- Small neighborhood parks for increased number of residents
- Active, accessible
- Something for all (kids, adults, seniors)

Affordable Housing & Economic Opportunity (9 answers)

- Mixed use housing – more holistic.
- Form based code implemented
- Walkable transit-oriented development
- Mixed income – lots of diversity
- Deliberate linkages between affordable housing and economic opportunity
- Essential housing variety
- Provide a variety of housing types and a range of affordable options
- Mixed use/mixed income housing
- Inclusive zoning for affordable housing in new multistory housing that borders the public r.o.w.

Character of Development (16 answers)

- Dense
- Unique to RVA, embracing who we are
- Dense, bigger city
- Create urban spaces
- Eclectic in age, height, density, architecture – as it is now!
- Fast-paced and more people and pedestrians, less cars, more transit
- Lots of people and businesses
- Modern building
- ‘all of the above’
- Transit oriented pedestrian.
- Sidewalks
- Crime free
- Will be magnified by the designs by richmond architects, who seek to capture the essence of our city’s communities
- Fabulous – vibrant – dense – mixed-use/balanced
- Thriving
- An up and coming city with a forward thinking community

Business and Commercial Development (15 answers)

- BRT connects hotels & makes the City-wide accommodation district
- Safety and transportation
- Full of commercial development
- The most robust area in the City
- People, restaurants & specialty shops
- Have lots of well-paying jobs that are transit accessible
- Focus on small scale businesses
- Thriving, attracting & retaining creative workers
- Vibrant – the densest business area in the region
- More jobs
- Ageing corridors revitalized
- Thriving (easy access for employees and customers)
- Shopping & dining (as well as small minimarts like Trader Joes or Aldi) to help citizens purchase various food products
- Form-based zoning code
- No required parking for developemnt

Housing & Residential Development (6 answers)

- In danger of being unaffordable
- High density, but human scale
- More mixed-use multi-family
- More mixed income
- Condos
- Live – work – play

Parking (13 answers)

- Will need parking hubs for commuters
- Surface parking lots shrink.
- Parking decks not on a street front
- Parking reductions for BRT line zone
- No surface lots
- Decreased
- Minimal
- Less parking than what's available now
- Not as necessary as today
- Less of a concern/anxiety because we have a quality regional transit system
- A place where the parking space utilizes carsharing services
- Shared
- Have metered parking on street spaces in those areas where traffic volumes are low enough. On those public thoroughfares have 'variable time of day' parking rates whose prices climb when the occupancy rates are very high

Historic Preservation (4 answers)

- Save our character, but don't copy
- What we've got is great
- Valued and connected to public education opportunities.. Make it relevant to people.
- Protect the buildings that contribute meaningfully to the unique historic characters and promote smart, engaging infill/redevelopment in-between

Gateways (5 answers)

- Highly visible to tourists
- Train and airport connections are critical, prefer Main Street Station
- Upgrade all interchanges on I95, I64, I195 & VA195 with effective lighting systems and low-lying plants and shrubs to showcase to newcomers major entryways into the city
- Recognizable, welcoming
- Recognizing dense 'new' neighborhoods along the corridor