MPO Technical Committee
Draft Minutes: January 21st, 2020

Committee – Voting Members
Bill Palmer, *UVA*
Kevin McDermott, *Albemarle County*
Julian Bivins, *Albemarle P.C.*
Rory Stolzenberg, *City of Charlottesville P.C.*
Jeanette Janiczek, *City of Charlottesville*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT*
Juwhan Lee, *CAT*

Guests
Sean Tubbs, *Piedmont Environmental Council*

Call to Order
Mr. Stolzenberg called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

Matters from the Public
Mr. Tubbs spoke about his experience using Charlottesville Area Transit along with alternative commuting options. Mr. Tubbs added that as the region experiences an increase in population, there is a strengthened need for regional transportation solutions. He added that PEC, along with the City of Charlottesville and other community partners was holding a listening session on January 22nd to gather stories from residents about their commuting habits and barriers to transit to gain a better understanding of the existing conditions and provide a dataset that could help to influence solutions.

Approval of Draft November 19th Minutes
Mr. McDermott made a motion for approval of the draft minutes; Mr. Lee provided a second and the draft minutes were approved by the committee.

TIP Amendments
Mr. Proctor reported that there were three amendments to the current TIP, all for the maintenance and construction grouping to account for planned expenditures for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

Mr. Stolzenberg asked why there weren’t anticipated expenditures. Mr. Proctor answered that for most projects the information is not known until the year before, so that is why they are added at this time. He also noted that the values would likely change as the TIP is currently in the process of being updated along with clarifying to Mr. Stolzenberg that expenditures listed in the TIP were reimbursement requests to the Federal government from VDOT.

Mr. Stolzenberg opened up a public hearing on the TIP amendments, there were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed by Mr. Stolzenberg.
Mr. Stolzenberg asked why the dollar amount was higher for this year than in other years. Mr. Proctor said that it was likely due to more improvements being done in this round than in previous rounds. Mr. Proctor provided a general overview of what the expenditures cover in the MPO area.

Mr. Stolzenberg asked for a motion for recommendation of the TIP amendments. Mr. Bivins provided a motion, Mr. McDermott provided a second and the committee voted in favor of the recommendation.

Mr. Lee provided an update on CAT’s TIP updates to the committee. CAT identified APCs (automatic passenger counters) as a need and asked for an adjustment to be made to get those in first before adding on-board cameras to the bus fleet. The new counters would provide more valid data (including alighting). Mr. Lee added that the data is more reliable than relying on driver-initiated counts.

Mr. Stolzenberg asked about APC’s that could track route information as opposed to strictly boarding/alighting data at stops. Mr. Lee said that the new system in conjunction with farebox data would be able to provide insight into those metrics.

Mr. Lee noted that there needed to be clarification in the CAT TIP adjustments for the dollar amounts shown in thousands.

Mr. Bivins asked for clarification on how bus shelters locations are determined. Mr. Lee said that they work closely with Albemarle County to identify needed locations.

Mr. Tubbs noted that the TIP can be hard to follow along with, especially since the materials are not online currently. He added that he thought it was a good use of funds.

Mr. McDermott made a motion for recommendation of the TIP amendment for CAT with the noted changes of clarifying the dollar amounts. Mr. Bivins seconded and the recommendation was approved by the committee.

**VDOT Updates**

**SmartScale Update & Safety Performance Targets**

Mr. Proctor gave a presentation on the updated SmartScale timeline. VDOT is currently working on getting the submission packets to the localities for their review for submission for the pre-application period. Mr. Proctor reviewed the projects that currently being considered.

Ms. Janiczek said that the City was still waiting on confirmation for the specific projects that they would be submitting this round.

Mr. McDermott provided clarification on the Fontaine project specifics and development interest along Stribling.

Mr. Palmer said that the bicycle community had shared concern over the intersection on Fontaine and how to make it more accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians.

Discussion moved towards VTRANS needs and how projects meet those needs.
Mr. Stolzenberg asked about funding for phase four of the West Main Street project in the City. Ms. Janiczek said that the $28 million would only fund the first two phases of the project. Phase three and phase four would cost roughly $20 million.

Mr. Proctor gave an overview on updating the safety performance measures. VDOT has reevaluated the measures. Mr. Stolzenberg asked about the statewide safety performance measures and the increase in crashes and how those affect the measures.

Ms. Ballering asked if we were expecting an increase in crash rates. Mr. Proctor said that we were looking to slow the rate. He also provided clarification on the State’s process versus the MPO’s.

**Additional Matters from the Public:**
There were no additional matters from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM