Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2019

Committee – Voting Members
Chair Travis Pietila (Charlottesville) - Present
Vice-Chair Mike Smith (Charlottesville) – Present
Ray Heron (Charlottesville) – Present
Mike Dunn (Albemarle) - Present
Donna Chen (MPO) – Present
Adam Moore (Charlottesville) - Present
Marty Meth (Albemarle) - Present
Gary Heaton (Charlottesville PC) – Absent
Fran Hooper (Albemarle) - Absent
David Hurst (MPO) – Absent
Tim Keller (Albemarle PC) – Absent
David Shreve (Albemarle) – Absent
Mac Lafferty (MPO) – Absent

Staff
Jakob zumFelde (MPO)
Chip Boyles (MPO)

Call to Order:
Mr. Pietila called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Matters from the Public:
There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
The March meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Heron seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

All members briefly introduced themselves, as it was the first meeting for two new members.

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update
Mr. zumFelde provided a very brief overview of the process and timeline for the final steps of the LRTP. Mr. zumFelde presented the LRTP document chapters for feedback from the committee. Mr. Meth asked about the public outreach that was completed throughout the LRTP, and Mr. zumFelde indicated that four open houses had been held between September of 2017 and January of 2019.

Ms. Chen noted that land use and density were not addressed as strategies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Chapter 3. Mr. zumFelde read a brief sentence that had been added, and indicated that it could be developed more fully.
Mr. Dunn indicated confusion about the safety targets included in Chapter 4, and in particular the increases that are indicated. Mr. zumFelde clarified that those increases indicate that VDOT is unfortunately expecting an increase in fatalities, but hopes to limit the increase to less than the number indicated. He noted that he would clarify the language in the document. Ms. Chen indicated that it would be helpful to have longer-term safety trends shown in the document, along with the short-term safety targets.

Mr. Smith noted that congestion is presented first in the transportation deficiencies chapter, and he indicated concern about whether that gives the impression that congestion is the most important aspect of transportation planning in the region. There was some discussion about the importance of congestion, and Mr. zumFelde indicated that this update to the LRTP had reduced the emphasis on congestion compared to the previous LRTP.

Mr. Meth asked about the discussion of transit deficiencies, and said that it was not particularly clear in identifying the deficiencies. There was additional discussion about the need for more transit data and for additional evaluation of the transit system. Mr. Pietila noted that some maps shown at one of the public open houses had provided information about frequency of service, and that this could be helpful to add to the LRTP document. Ms. Chen asked about the maps showing existing bicycle and pedestrian, and indicated that it would be helpful to have more detailed information provided. Mr. zumFelde explained that efforts are ongoing to ensure that this detailed information is available in the future. Mr. zumFelde indicated that he would add text about the overall need for additional data collection and analysis related to bicycle, pedestrian and transit in the region.

Chapters 6 through 8 were then reviewed, with additional discussion about the need for data regarding number of people who travel by bicycle, walking, or modes such as e-scooters. Mr. zumFelde described how to interpret and use the results of the scenario evaluation, as well as the constrained and vision lists. Primarily, the projects that are included in Scenario F are considered the regional priorities, although all projects included in the lists in chapter 8 are projects that have been identified as desirable for implementation and are eligible for SMART SCALE applications or other funding opportunities. There was then discussion about the Hydraulic Area projects.

Mr. zumFelde indicated that at the May meeting CTAC would be able to review the document a final time and suggest small edits. Staff will also ask CTAC to pass a resolution endorsing the LRTP and encouraging the MPO to adopt the LRTP.

Staff Reports
Mr. zumFelde gave a brief overview of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He noted that it is required for showing how federal funds will be used. Mr. zumFelde and Mr. Boyles described some of the efforts included in the proposed FY20 UPWP, such as a transportation revenue study, regional transit planning, and short range project planning including work related to SMART SCALE applications which will be submitted in 2020.

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

The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM.