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**MPO Policy Board**  
Minutes: January 27, 2021  
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(The full meeting video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nw69U0AECA>)

**Committee – Voting Members**

Ann Mallek, *Albemarle County*  
John Lynch, *VDOT – Culpeper District*  
Michael Payne, *City of Charlottesville*  
Lloyd Snook, *City of Charlottesville*  
Ned Gallaway, *Albemarle County*

**Staff**

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Sandy Shackelford, *TJPDC*  
Gretchen Thomas, *TJPDC*  
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, *TJPDC*  
Chip Boyles, *TJPDC*  
Lucinda Shannon, *TJPDC*  
Sara Pennington, *Rideshare/TJPDC*  
Christine, Jacobs, *TJPDC*

**Non-Voting & Alternates**

Brad Sheffield, *JAUNT (absent)*  
Karen Davis, *JAUNT (absent)*  
Julia Monteith, *UVA Office of the Architect*  
Stacy Londrey, *VDOT – Culpeper District*  
Hal Jones, *VDOT – Culpeper District (absent)*  
Garland Williams, *CAT (absent)*  
Juwhan Lee, *CAT (absent)*  
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT-Culpeper District*  
Dan Butch, *Albemarle County (absent)*  
Wood Hudson, *DRPT*  
Tony Cho, *FTA (absent)*  
Travis Pietila, *CTAC (absent)*  
Richard Duran, *FHWA*

**Other**

Sean Tubbs, *PEC*  
Kevin McDeremott, *Albemarle County*  
Jeanette Janiczek, *City of Charlottesville*  
Stephen Read, *VDOT*  
Chris Wichman, *OIPI*  
Andrew Pike, *OIPI*

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Payne called the virtual meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and read the notice of electronic meeting due to Covid 19.

**Matters from the Public:**

Peter Krebs congratulated the staff on the outcome of the Smart Start decisions and is especially pleased about the pedestrian bridge over Route 29. He said it speaks to the quality of the CAMPO staff's work.

### **Response to Matters from the Public:**

None.

### **Public Hearing for TIP Amendment**

Ms. Shannon reviewed the amendment memo included in the meeting packet.

The meeting was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. The meeting was closed to the public.

Ms. Shannon said there was a minor correction in the Federal STP/STBG column. There was an extra dollar sign and an extra number added at the end of the correct number. The correct number should be \$100,576.

Mr. Lynch moved to approved the TIP as presented. Ms. Mallek seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

### **General Administration:**

#### **Review and Acceptance of the Agenda**

Ms. Mallek made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of December 1, 2020 Minutes**

Mr. Lynch made a motion to approve December 1, 2020 minutes. Ms. Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **MPO Policy Board Schedule for CY 2021**

Ms. Mallek moved to make January 27, March 24, May 26, July 28, September 22, and December 7 the meeting dates for calendar year 2021. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Election of Officers**

Ms. Mallek nominated Mr. Payne as chair. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gallaway nominated Ms. Mallek as Vice Chair. Mr. Lynch seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Adoption of Performance Targets**

After discussion about the memo presented in the meeting packet, Ms. Shannon recommended that the MPO adopt the state performance targets.

Ms. Mallek moved to adopt the state performance targets. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Smart Scale Round 4 Awards**

Mr. Boyles and Mr. Proctor reviewed the projects funded for the region in Round 4 of Smart Scale (see packet for list).

Mr. Boyles noted that Hillsdale South scored 21<sup>st</sup> and said if there had been more money, it would likely have been funded as well. He suggested it be used in the next round. He also noted that the Frays Mill Road project did not score well, so it would need to be adjusted for the next round.

### **Discussion**

#### **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY22**

Ms. Shackelford said staff is beginning to draft the FY22 UPWP. There is an estimated total of \$322,500 in total funding from federal, state, and local sources. She reviewed where staff recommended the money be spent. There are tasks that are required: staffing committees, TIP, performance measures, and public engagement for Smart Scale.

There is approximately \$25K left over after required and recommended tasks are accounted for. Recommended tasks included continuing to invest resources in the Route 29 North Corridor Study with shared funding through the Rural Work Program, leading into the the long-range transportation plan which begins in FY23.

She also recommended that the MPO hire a consultant for a strategic plan because there is talk of changing the MPO boundaries.

Staff also prepared a list of potential topics that may be of interest to spend this discretionary funding:

- Policy research with public/private partnerships re: transportation
- How travel demand might be changing because of the increase in telework
- Bike/ped projects
- Equity projects
- Understanding safety data in historically underserved communities
- Best practices for supporting a climate action plan
- Inventory of transportation plans
- Census data
- Options in being innovative in collecting data
- Understanding what makes a great ridesharing economy
- Adopting a Vision Zero plan for our region

Mr. Boyles said SIR might be a good firm to talk with about the strategic plan.

After some discussion, the idea around public/private partnerships seemed to interest several of the board members.

Ms. Mallek said it is important to look at the 2005 Transportation Working group's report on alternate funding sources and the five different mechanisms that the MPO can use. She said if it is not on the website, it should be, but it should definitely be in the library.

Ms. Shackelford said she will have a draft of the work program at the next meeting.

### **Presentation**

#### **Rivanna River Bicycle & Pedestrian Crossing Study**

Ms. Hersh-Ballering gave a presentation from the November 12 workshop held to inform the public of the results of the feasibility study that VDOT consultants completed on possible bike/ped crossing option and to gather feedback from the public. There were two options that were identified as being feasible out of the six originally presented. Four were omitted because they were infeasible to construct due to property ownership, accessibility issues, known protected resources, and steep grades. All of this information is on the TJPDC website (<https://tjpc.org/our-work/bike-and-pedestrian/>)

She noted that next steps belong to Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville.

### **Roundtable Discussion**

Ms. Mallek said she has no comment except that she is pleased about the Smart Scale results.

Mr. Payne is excited to have Mr. Boyles joining the City as the new City Manager. He also said he is looking forward to attaching regional planning to the Climate Action Plan.

Mr. Gallaway had no comment, but shares in Ms. Mallek's pleasure in the Smart Scale results. Albemarle County is getting ready to focus on the budget.

Mr. Lynch congratulated the staff on preparing the applications that got funded.

Mr. Proctor had no comment.

Ms. Monteith had no comment.

Mr. Duran had no comment.

Mr. Hudson said the DRPT grants applications are due on February 7. He reported that there is potentially funding in the new Covid Relief bill re: transportation and if you have any questions, please direct them to him and he will do his best to answer them. He also noted that the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's most recent meeting is online.

Ms. Londry echoed the sentiments about Smart Scale and thanked the County, City, and the MPO staff for the work done on the applications. She noted that there will be TAP and revenue sharing cycles coming up in the spring, with applications due in the summer.

### **Staff Updates**

Rideshare Telework ProgramMs. Pennington reported that with Covid 19 safety protocols, DRPT has been working with Rideshare on expanding and promoting teleworking programs. To date, Rideshare has partnered with C3 to host a webinar, which will be posted online. Rideshare hosted its first webinar with DRPT on how to evaluate its free teleworking services. The state has partnerships with consultants for free services for telework policies for either development or for policy upgrade. They also offer training for both employees and managers.

US29 North Corridor StudyMs. Hersh-Ballering gave a presentation on the Route 29 Corridor Study from Airport Road to Route 33. She reviewed the budget and reported that staff is looking to finish the study in June, 2022. There have been meetings with Albemarle and Greene counties for initial discussions. The PDC and localities will appoint an official advisory group and the MPO will request technical assistance from VDOT.

Regional Transit Partnership Regional Vision Transit Plan AwardMs. Hersh-Ballering reported that there is an effort to collaboratively develop a clear vision for the future of transit. She reviewed next steps and noted that they are currently finalizing a draft scope of work. There will be a committee chosen in February and March will see work begin.

TJPD/Albemarle County Transit Plan AwardMs. Hersh-Ballering reported that there is a plan to expand transit to Pantops, Monticello and Route 29 north including innovative transit options. The timeline is 12 months. She reviewed next steps.

#### Bike Count Update

Ms. Hersh-Ballering noted that there is a revival of the bike/ped counts in Albemarle and the City. The county, the city and TJPDC staff will be reporting on locations that are about to see bike/ped improvements to create a baseline for a “before and after” to see if there is a good return on investment. She presented to the Board the way in which the data will be collected.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

None.

#### Additional Matters from the Public

None.

Mr. Payne adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.