

## Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee

### Draft Meeting Minutes: July 20, 2022

Video of this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8bozDyIaqY>

| VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES                    |   | STAFF   |   |
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| Lee Kondor, Albemarle County                   | x | Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC/CAMPO                  |   |
| Stuart Gardner, MPO                            | x | Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC/CAMPO                    | X |
| Daniel Bailey, Albemarle County PC             |   | Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC                          |   |
| Lucas Beane, City of Charlottesville           | x | Christine Jacobs, TJPDC                         |   |
| Donna Chen, MPO                                | x | Ruth Emerick, TJPDC                             | x |
| Nicholas Garber, Albemarle (virtual)           | x | Chuck Proctor, VDOT Culpeper District (virtual) | X |
| Greg Weaver, City of Charlottesville (virtual) | x | Michael Barnes, VDOT Culpeper District          | x |
| Ethan Heil, City of Charlottesville (virtual)  | x | Ryan Mickles, TJPDC/CAMPO                       | x |
| Tristan Fessel, Albemarle County               |   |   |   |
| Marty Meth, Albemarle County                   | x | <b>GUESTS/PUBLIC</b>                            |   |
| Karim Habbab, City of Charlottesville PC       | x |   |   |
| Travis Pietila, MPO                            | x |   |   |

**Note:** The Governor has declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the nature of this declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission to assemble in a single location. This meeting was held utilizing electronic virtual communication with the Zoom software application, and in accordance with virtual meeting procedures and policies as outlined in Item 4.0-01 of the Virginia state budget (HB29), as effective April 24, 2020. A recording of the meeting was made available to the public on September 12, 2022 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8bozDyIaqY>

#### 0. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Committee Chair Mr. Lee Kondor called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A quorum was present.

#### 1. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 0:34):** None.

#### 2. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MEETING MINUTES (MINUTE 0:50):**

**Motion/Action:** Correction: "Albemarle County" missing beside Mr. Marty Meth's name in meeting attendance list. Mr. Meth made a motion to approve the minutes with change, and Mr. Lucas Beane seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. **UPDATE ON REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION PLAN, SURVEY, AND NEXT STEPS (MINUTE 2:06):**

Ms. Lucinda Shannon provided an update on the Regional Transit Vision Plan which began over one year ago. She provided background information, an overview of concepts, and highlighted public engagement activities.

Ms. Shannon noted she was looking for additional engagement opportunities/community events to attend in an effort to engage the public. Mr. Meth suggested staff reach out to

retirement homes and Albemarle Community Advisory Committees. Mr. Travis Pietila suggested Dairy Central/Market. Mr. Greg Weaver suggested Tonsler Park (basketball tournaments held). Mr. Gardner suggested social media outlets.

Mr. Meth noted better lighting was needed at night for the Fashion Square Mall transit stop (a centroid location on the transit concept maps; ranked #3 in ridership) and possibly other transit stops.

**4. VDOT POTENTIAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENT (PSI) INTERACTIVE WEBSITE (MINUTE 35:35):**

Mr. Kondor stated the website was available for committee members to view; it provided an advanced look at what intersections/safety projects VDOT would be focusing on. He noted metadata was also included by clicking on the links.

Mr. Barnes referenced the accident data and VDOT's use of the data. Mr. Proctor noted VDOT developed crash reports. He stated the 2021 crash data would be available to the public in the near future. Ms. Chen asked about pedestrian safety data. Mr. Proctor would confirm with VDOT staff.

**5. SMART SCALE ROUND 5 UPDATE – MPO PROJECTS (MINUTE 43:00):**

Staff noted SMART SCALE applications were due August 1. The latest project (preliminary) sketches were shown to the Committee.

**2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Scope and Draft RFQ (MINUTE 53:35):**

The staff memorandum to the MPO Policy Board was provided to the Committee. The Committee provided staff with recommendations for the LRTP work group.

**Under "SUPPLEMENTAL" add:**

- Albemarle County - Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (City Dept. Equivalent, if any)
- City and County School Boards
- City and County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planners
- Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce
- University Transit Service

Staff will forward the comments and recommendations to the MPO Technical Committee and MPO Policy Board.

**6. FUTURE DISCUSSION TOPICS (MINUTE 1:02:22):**

Committee members suggested the following:

- New Federal funding programs
- Transit ridership
- Rail, commuter

Mr. Kondor referenced the possible revenue that could be collected if fares were reinstated. He believed there was a point when ridership would start to decline if fares were charged or increased. He noted the revenue from the fares could fund other transportation/transit projects or route extension.

**7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:12:05): None.**

Mr. Barnes noted he was new to the Committee and asked the Chair could everyone introduced themselves and their particular interest(s) on the Committee.

Mr. Kondor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.