

Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2022

Video of this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JCs4TiTYgA>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Lee Kondor, Albemarle County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC/CAMPO	x
Stuart Gardner, MPO	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC/CAMPO	
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	x	Chuck Proctor, VDOT Culpeper District	x
Greg Weaver, City of Charlottesville	x	Michael Barnes, VDOT Culpeper District	
Ethan Heil, City of Charlottesville	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC/CAMPO	x
Tristan Fessel, Albemarle County			
Marty Meth	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Travis Pietila, MPO		Ray Heron	x
Joseph French, City of Charlottesville		Susan Elliott, Charlottesville(Climate Mitigation Program)	x
Karim Habbab, City of Charlottesville PC	x	Gabe Dayley, Albemarle (Climate Mitigation Program)	x
		Maryann Xue, Cville	x
		James Groves	x

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0. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Committee Chair Mr. Lee Kondor called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. He certified that a quorum was present and read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol. Mr. Ryan Mickles took roll call.

1. **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBER:**

Mr. Ryan Mickles introduced Mr. Ethan Heil and Mr. Greg Weaver, two new members on the Committee appointed by the city. Mr. Ethan Heil and Mr. Greg Weaver provided their transportation background and transportation interests. The Chair and Committee welcomed new members.

2. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

3. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MARCH 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (MINUTE 7:00):**

Motion/Action: Mr. Marty Meth made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Lucas Beane seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

4. CLIMATE MITIGATION PLANS, CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AND ALBEMARLE COUNTY (MINUTE 8:16):

Ms. Susan Elliott introduced herself and made a [presentation on the city program](#).

Mr. Gabe Dayley introduced himself and made a [presentation on the county program](#).

Mr. Nick Garber expressed the need for coordination between the city and county. He observed from the presentations the trend lines for the city and county were similar and wondered had there been thought if one jurisdiction met goals and the other jurisdiction did not. Ms. Elliott and Mr. Dayley agreed and provided information on current coordination efforts.

In response to a question raised by Ms. Elliott, Mr. Kondor referenced traffic congestion on Rt29/Greenbrier Drive to US250, and his proposal that he thought would reduce the current 5-minute travel time (longer during peak hours) through that section down to about one minute. He stated reducing traffic congestion (improving traffic flow; time a car is spent running) was important in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Mr. Ethan Heil expressed comments regarding connectivity with bicycle and pedestrian facilities and if there were ways to measure that. Ms. Elliott referenced various scoring tools for bicycle and pedestrian areas and explained. Mr. Dayley referenced the TJPDC Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and Ms. Sandy Shackelford expounded. Mr. Chuck Proctor referenced comments regarding OneMap and its possible utility in the future.

Mr. Karim Habbab asked if there were efforts made by the city and county to use renewable energy instead of natural gas; he read an article recently on a new solar panel development to occur in the county. Mr. Dayley stated possible related objectives for consideration during the update of the county comprehensive plan and he referenced county projects. Ms. Elliott explained the relationship between immediate investments and one time cost solutions, versus gradual change and fuel supply and technology markets over the course of time.

Mr. Marty Meth stated walking and biking may not be a wise investment with limited resources, though he liked walking; he wondered if public transportation should be the focus in the county. Mr. Dayley explained. Mr. Meth also asked about the greenhouse gas emissions charts in the presentation and asked about when the curve would be. Mr. Dayley and Ms. Elliott explained.

Mr. Ethan Heil referenced comments related to a report on CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) and fugitive natural gas emissions. Ms. Elliott explained.

5. STAFF (MINUTE 1:41:15):

Mr. Mickles gave an update on the upcoming MPO Policy Board May agenda items, the Draft FY23 UPWP and Smart Scale Round 5. He also noted the Return to In Person meeting policy which would take effect in July. Ms. Shackelford explained.

6. FUTURE DISCUSSION TOPICS (MINUTE 1:45:30): None.

7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:45:40): None.

The next meeting will be held on July 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kondor adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.