

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, March 15, 2022

Video of the meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rui3n38GpMk>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Alex Ikefuna, Charlottesville	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Jeanette Janiczek, Charlottesville		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Charlottesville PC	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle		Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x		
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)		NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Bill Palmer, UVA	x		
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Juwhan Lee, CAT	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT		Michael Barnes, VDOT	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Richard Duran, FHWA			
Taylor Jenkins, DRPT (alternate)	x		

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The MPO Technical Committee Chair, Rory Stolzenberg, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- a. **Comments by the Public:** None
- b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 1:20):

New Member Introduction – Ryan Mickles introduced Mr. Luis Carrazana, an Albemarle County Planning Commissioner appointed to serve on the Technical Committee.

Acceptance of Agenda – There were no additions or changes to the agenda, so it was approved as presented.



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Motion/Action: Sara Pennington made a motion to approve the minutes, Christine Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. UPDATE ON AMENDMENTS TO FY22 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) (MINUTE 6:25):

Sandy Shackelford gave an update of the amendments to the UPWP. There were some questions regarding clarification of the updates, and Ms. Shackelford and Ms. Jacobs made those clarifications.

Motion/Action: Alex Ikefuna made a motion to approve the amendments as presented, Stephen Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. DRAFT FY23 UPWP BUDGET (MINUTE 25:00):

Ms. Shackelford and Ryan Mickles presented the draft of the FY23 UPWP. There were some questions on the One Map portion of the budget. Mr. Mickles and Bill Palmer provided clarifications.

Mr. Johnson requested that there be performance measurements included in the document that are specific for our community.

Rory Stolzenberg noted that the dates in the table of contents need to be updated. He also noted that there is a new action plan from the Parking Director, Rick Seibert, with a new focus on TDM.

Mr. Stolzenberg asked about the additional needs for the transit grants (in the short-range planning section) and the funding for support for those grants was not used in the grant award and where the money went.

Ms. Shackelford said they leave room for contingencies and flexibility. She noted that some of the money can be put towards applying for follow up grants.

Mr. Johnson noted that in the LRTP, he would like to add Goals, Objectives and Measures.

6. RIVANNA RIVER BIKE/PED CROSSING (MINUTE 45:00):

Ms. Shackelford gave an overview the Rivanna River bike/ped crossing meetings that have been convened in the last four months, including maps, feedback, and polls that included crossing locations and bridge design preference.

Members had a discussion about their opinions on which options might work best with pros and cons.

Motion/Action: Motion made Alex Ikefuna to recommend the Chesapeake Street alignment. Jessica Hersh-Ballering seconded the motion. The motion passed with Chuck Proctor, Stephen Johnson, and Taylor Jenkins abstaining.

7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:38:00):

Return to In-Person Meetings

Ryan Mickles reported that whenever Charlottesville Council decides to lift the emergency meeting policy, the TJPDC will follow suit.

Smart Scale Project Pipeline

Mr. Proctor noted that pre-applications close on Thursday at 5 p.m. He noted that VDOT is starting to get some of the concepts developed for the MPO.

After realizing an agenda item was skipped, Mr. Stolzenberg asked Mr. Mickles to report on Smart Scale Project Update. Mr. Mickles reported that there were projects the MPO was considering for pre-applications and went on to describe the projects being considered.

OIPI Growth and Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Grant

Ms. Shackelford said the MPO received a technical assistance grant and would be meeting with the OIPI officials later this week to start looking at the MPO's internal capabilities, to help them develop a project prioritization process customized for the MPO.

9. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 1:46:10):

Christine Jacobs thanked the committee for their patience as the TJPDC has filled their planner positions. The TJPDC is now advertising for another transportation planner and is hoping to find someone soon.

Chuck Proctor said the public survey on pipeline projects is closed and they had a public stakeholder meeting. VDOT is waiting on response from Albemarle County of both the Pantops and Shadwell projects.

Stephen Johnson said the Jaunt TDP kick off date is this Friday.

Bill Palmer reported that UTS has reconfigured how they do their nighttime service with both a fixed route and expanded on-demand service that seems to be going well.

Juwhan Lee reported that Monday is the Council's second reading for approval to launch the feasibility study for alternative fuel as well as a new administration facility.

Alex Ikefuna reported that Council is moving forward with FY23 projects. He noted that the zoning rewrite for the City is officially underway. It is expected to take 12-14 months to complete.

Jessica Hersh-Ballering reported that the County is also going through its budget process. Starting in April, Board of Supervisors meetings will be hybrid in nature.

10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:54:30):

Peter Krebs submitted a question regarding the design type of the Rivanna Bicycle and Pedestrian bridge.

Michael Barnes, VDOT, introduced himself to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:01 a.m.