

MPO Technical Committee Meeting
 Draft Minutes, May 18, 2021

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Alex Ikefuna, Charlottesville	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, TJPDC	x
Jeanette Janiczek, Charlottesville	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Charlottesville PC	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas	x
Dan Butch, Albemarle	x		
Tim Keller, Albemarle PC	x	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)			
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC			
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Bill Palmer, UVA	x	Erin Robartes, UVA PhD Student	x
Patrick Clark, UVA (alternate)		T Donna Chen, UVA Student	x
Juwhan Lee, CAT		Vivek Hariharan	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Richard Duran, FHWA			

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The MPO Technical Committee Chair, Rory Stolzenberg, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Jessica Hersh-Ballering took attendance by roll call, and certified that a quorum was present. Mr. Stolzenberg read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:45):

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



3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MEETING MINUTES (MINUTE 2:00)

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tim Keller, seconded by Stephen Johnson, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting.

4. VIRGINIA BICYCLE CRASH STUDIES (MINUTE 3:03):

Erin Robartes, UVA PhD student, presented the committee with her detailed analysis of bicycle crash data in Charlottesville.

5. TAP APPLICATION (MINUTE 37:08):

Jeanette Janiczek presented the committee with a map for a new trail system that the City's Parks Department will be submitting for a TAP grant (\$500K from State and \$125 for local match). She also reported that the City will be applying for another TAP grant in the future for Safe Ride to School programming.

6. TIP ADJUSTMENT (MINUTE 45:40)

Lucinda Shannon shared TIP adjustments that have happened in the past two months. These are administrative adjustments that and no monies were added or subtracted from the TIP.

7. UNITED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (MINUTE 59:56)

Sandy Shackelford reported that the MPO Policy Board decided to use the additional monies in the UPWP towards the climate action initiatives (the Tech committee chose another option) and to be put extra money (\$25K) in reserve for another project moving forward.

There is a public meeting at the Policy Board meeting next week to approve the UPWP. Staff will be looking at scope of work to identify priorities and opportunities.

Motion/Action: Kevin made a motion to recommend the UPWP for approval. Tim Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. SMART SCALE ROUND 5 (MINUTE 1:06:02)

Ms. Shackelford shared the timeline from March 2021 to March 2022, and the current status of the process. She also presented projects being considered for application. She asked the committee to look at the list and come back to the next meeting with their thoughts on which projects to prioritize.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 1:34:11):

- Mr. Keller had no additional updates.
- Bill Palmer reminded the committee that 2021 graduation is this weekend which will impact traffic and bus routes.
- Dan Butch had no new updates.
- Kevin McDermott said he is presenting the Smart Scale projects and the revenue sharing projects to the Board of Supervisors. He reported that the Crozet Master Plan project coordination meeting is coming up in the next few weeks. He updated the committee the status of a number of sidewalk projects. Mr. McDermott will provide a link to everyone once the Crozet Master Plan is available to the public.

- Mr. Butch noted that Albemarle has the corridor study is also ongoing
- Stephen Johnson said he is getting ready for a Transportation and Housing webinar hosted by the Regional Housing Partnership.
- Ms. Janiczek reported that the state awarded the City \$4.2 mil in state of good repair which will help with the Belmont Bridge. There was also a hearing on the East High streetscape coming up. City staff is looking at the future Smart Scale project. They are not moving forward with revenue sharing funds.
- Chuck Proctor has been focusing on contacting localities re: their Smart Scale projects.
- Mr. Keller asked the County about the status on the rural roads process. Mr. Butch replied with an update. There is a public meeting tomorrow night regarding this subject.
- Sara Pennington reported said she is promoting Bike Month in May. She said as the country comes out of the pandemic, she is focusing on reminding commuters their options for ridesharing.
- Ms. Shannon reminded the committee about the webinar coming up on Thursday, May 20 re: Transportation and Housing.
- Ms. Shackelford said the UPWP has \$20K+ additional money to support the Three Notch'd Trail if the County/City determine it is a priority. She also said the PDC is hiring for a planner and asked the committee to share this information with any groups or individuals who may be interested in this position.
- Rory Stolzenberg said the transportation and land use in the comp plan is available for review.

10. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.