

**Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting**

Minutes, May 27, 2021

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VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Nikuyah Walker, Charlottesville	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Albemarle	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Neil Sherman, DRPT	x		
Randy Parker, Jaunt Rural	x		
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban	x		
Kendall Howell (alternate), UTS	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Karen Davis, Jaunt	x	Wood Hudson, DRPT	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Randy Salsman	x
Jim Foley, Albemarle County PS	x	Ben Chambers	x
Sally LeBeau, UVA Hospital		Sam Pittman	x
Peter Thompson, CAA		Juwhan Lee, CAT	x
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x	Trevor Henry, Albemarle	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Susan Kruse, Charlottesville Climate Collaborative	x
		Chuck Proctor, VDOT	

**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 Regional Transportation Partnership 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 March 9, 2021 at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-kfKHk5PKM&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=TJPDC-MPO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-kfKHk5PKM&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=TJPDC-MPO).

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol. Jessica Hersh-Ballering took attendance by roll call, and certified that a quorum was present.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**(Minute 3:30)** Susan Kruse, Executive Director of Community Climate Collaborative, appreciates efforts to coordinate transportation planning for community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Average amount of income can be 20 – 30% of income in transportation. C3 is currently doing



research and will be sharing that info this summer. There are some issues with access that need to be fixed. She also expressed the need for electric busses.

**(Minute 7:15)** Randy Salsman said we need to focus on understanding the WHY behind why people use their choice of transportation. Australia is a good model even with the same number of cars. He feels Charlottesville should take the opportunity right now to get a federal grant and then build the infrastructure.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Minute 11:22)**

**Motion/Action:** On a motion by Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, seconded by Randy Parker, the committee approved the minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting, with Nikuyah Walker abstaining.

**4. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – SARA PENNINGTON AND SANDY SHACKELFORD: (MINUTE 13:00)**

Sara Pennington introduced herself and her position and work she does for Rideshare.

Sandy Shackelford then introduced herself, her position and the work she does for TJPDC and the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO.

**5. SMART SCALE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRANSIT: (MINUTE 19:05)**

Wood Hudson, Transit Planner for DRPT, presented the committee with a Smart Scale timeline, project development, data requirements, scoring, the MERIT program, sample projects and resources.

**6. FUEL UPDATE: (MINUTE 38:05)**

With the recent pipeline issue, the members shared how it affected them.

Karen Davis, Jaunt: Jaunt will have back up fuel in the future. They provided critical service only. They cancelled Connect service for two days. Put out the electric vehicle in service as well.

Jim Foley, ACPS: 4 tanks unleaded, 3 diesel. Working with Trevor Henry, stayed at acceptable levels. Had dedicated vendor who delivered to them. Emergency vehicles fueled were most prioritized. Feels like they are good for now. Mr. Henry said they met every three days and communicated out organizationally that anyone who could stay home should stay home and asked to limit all non-essential travel. Just today is the first day for going back to normal for non-essential travel. It was a county-wide effort.

Garland Williams, CAT and Charlottesville City Schools: Fuel was only delayed by a day. Had already put in an order for fuel a day before the crisis happened. Public works shifted to police, fire, and public safety. CAT ran their lifeline service uninterrupted.

Kendall Howell, UTS: The fuel was delivered right before the pipeline crisis and had a two week stretch with fuel.

**7. DRPT GRANT UPDATE: (MINUTE 49:50)**

Ms. Hersh-Ballering presented an update re: the consulting firms. There are three excellent proposals that have been submitted and will report on the choice at the next meeting.

She also updated the board on the Albemarle County Transit Expansion grant.

**8. TIP UPDATES: (MINUTE 52:03)**

Lucinda Shannon reviewed the TIP adjustments, included in the agenda packet.

**9. MPO UPDATES: (MINUTE 54:53)**

Ms. Shackelford reported that the only thing the MPO Policy Board voted on yesterday was the approval of the UPWP. She explained their decision to use some of the money for a climate action project and to put the remainder in reserve for a future project.

She continued to say they are meeting again on June 23 to discuss the Smart Scale projects.

**10. TRANSIT UPDATES: (MINUTE 59:38)**

**CAT:** Mr. Williams said CAT was able to procure six expansion vehicles. The Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) component is completed and they will be moving forward with that process which will provide them with a great deal of data to help them in future grant opportunities.

**UTS:** Kendall Howell said UTS will be working on the route structure for when classes begin in the Fall.

**Jaunt:** Ms. Davis reported that TJPDC visited the facility and talked with them about upcoming initiatives. Stephen Johnson, Jaunt Transit Manager, participated in a webinar on Transportation and Affordable Housing. The Freyland Museum and the Botanical Gardens reached out to them to see how to make them more accessible to the community.

**Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS):** Mr. Foley had connection issues with his phone while calling into the meeting, but did say to avoid Albemarle County public schools certain times of the day because of heavier traffic at drop off and pick up times.

The next meeting will be on June 24, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.