

MPO Technical Committee
January 19th Meeting Minutes

Committee – Voting Members

TJPDC Staff

Tim Keller, *Albemarle County PC*
Kevin McDermott, *Albemarle County*
Dan Butch, *Albemarle County*
Rory Stolzenberg, *City of Charlottesville PC*
Jeannette Janiczek, *City of Charlottesville*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT Culpeper District*
Richard Duran, *FHWA (absent)*
Wood Hudson, *DRPT*
Bill Palmer, *UVA*
Stephen Johnson, *Jaunt*
Patrick Clark, *UVA*
Juwhan Lee, *CAT*
Sara Pennington, *Rideshare*

Jessica Hersh-Ballering
Christine Jacobs
Lucinda Shannon
Gretchen Thomas
Sandy Shackelford

Attendance

No attendance was taken

Call to Order

Mr. Stolzenberg called the virtual meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Matters from the Public

No matters from the public.

Approval of November 18, 2020 Minutes

Mr. Stolzenberg said his name was spelled once in the document. Mr. McDermott made a motion to approve with the change of spelling. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approved with Tim Keller abstaining.

Staff Changes

Ms. Hersh-Ballering reported that Mr. Boyles has taken a position as the City Manager for the City of Charlottesville. Ms. Shackelford asked for patience from the committee as staff adjust to new positions and to offer any suggestions and feedback.

Membership and Bylaws

Review membership

Ms. Hersh-Ballering reviewed the members listed on the webpage and asked those who are on the committee to review their name and spelling.

Bylaws

Ms. Hersh-Ballering reviewed the bylaws re: membership. She asked the committee to think about whether there are any agencies who are not represented on the MPO Tech. Mr. Stolzenberg suggested that Charlottesville Area Transit's old name be removed and replaced with the new one. Mr. Hudson suggested that staff review the 3C agreement and to be sure all agencies are represented there as well.

Mr. Stolzenberg suggested that someone reach out to FTA, FAA and the Airport Authority. Mr. Hudson said the FTA gets the packet information, but rarely attend meetings. Mr. Johnson said since Jaunt is moving their services into Greene County, he would be interested in having someone from the Airport Authority on the non-voting membership.

Mr. Johnson said Article II includes very specific information about data and thought maybe it would limit what the Technical committee can do. Mr. McDermott agreed that the paragraph could be more generalized.

Ms. Shackelford said that perhaps that verbiage could perhaps be changed to "resources." She also said she could strike through that line and revisit at another time.

Mr. Hudson suggested keeping the bylaws as general as possible to give the committee flexibility.

Mr. Keller suggested using the first, second and eliminate the last sentence as a revision to this article. Mr. McDermott concurred.

Mr. Stolzenberg added that the TJPDC should have a voting member.

TIP Amendment

Ms. Shannon shared the TIP amendment re: the Belmont Bridge replacement included in the agenda. She needs a recommendation from the committee to be sent to the Policy Board.

Ms. Janiczek moved to approve the amendment. Mr. McDermott seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Performance and Safety Targets

Ms. Shannon reviewed the memo included in with the agenda packet. She reported that staff is recommending the CAMPO adopt the state-approved performance and safety targets.

After some discussion, Mr. Johnson requested that the Tech committee have an expert cover Vision Zero and what it means for the locality and for the LRTP in a future meeting.

The committee also recommended adopting the state targets with the idea that they will revisit the targets in the future for the long-range transportation plan.

Mr. McDermott made a motion that the committee recommend to the Policy Board that the MPO adopt the state-performance targets. Mr. Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed with Mr. Hudson abstaining.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) planning for FY22

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the budget for the committee and explained that the staff will be doing fewer projects to save on money and to ensure that the projects that are produced remain high quality.

She explained that the budget is based on the same number as last year, which may change. Much of the work budgeted is work that is required. Additional work includes the North 29 Corridor study, ramping up for the next Long-Range Transportation Plan update, and undertaking an MPO strategic plan.

There is approximately \$24K available to do additional work. Ms. Shackelford asked the committee what their priorities are to get done with that money.

Mr. Johnson said he would like to do an audit of existing plan and an assessment on whether they are being used or not, and if not, why.

Mr. McDermott said he would like to talk with others about what their priorities are, too, and will get back to the committee after those conversations.

Mr. Keller said he would like to see something that works for both the City and the County.

Ms. Shackelford asked the committee to continue to think about programs the MPO can work on and bring the ideas to the March meeting.

Staff Updates

Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Results

Ms. Hersh-Ballering shared the Fall 2020 Count results with the committee. They are included in the meeting packet.

Transit Grants Awarded

Ms. Hersh-Ballering shared a summary of the DRPT Technical Assistance Grants awarded to the CAMPO. This summary is included in the meeting packet.

Smart Scale Scoring Updates

Mr. Proctor said the CTB staff is recommending 20 projects for funding which include basically all of the Charlottesville and Albemarle projects, and three projects in the TJPDC area.

Rideshare Update (Added agenda item)

Ms. Pennington reported that Rideshare has been offering telework resources with DRPT and Telework VA. She reported there will be a webinar on January 26, which will focus on how organizations can use telework as they move into the future and what resources are available.

Roundtable Updates

Mr. McDermott had nothing new to report. He thanked the MPO and Mr. Proctor for all of their help.

Mr. Hudson reminded the MPO that the public transportation safety plan related measures are due to be adopted by February 7. DRPT's six-year improvement plan will be published on their website on February 9. DRPT's current grant cycle is open with a deadline of February 1st. There is a federal Covid relief funding grant, similar to the CARES Act. More details to come.

Mr. Palmer said UVA will begin classes again in February. He does not know the transit schedule but does know it is highly modified. Ridership is down because so many students are not attending classes on grounds, just online. The focus for UTS has also been on getting employees to their destination safely.

Mr. Proctor did not have anything more to report.

Mr. Lee said CAT put out an RFP for Automatic Passenger Counters with the award coming in a couple of months. There is focus on optimizing routes. Trolley ridership has fallen drastically because the students are not on grounds. Passenger counts are low, but that is in line with the nation.

Ms. Janiczek said the City awarded the four state of good repair bridges, so look for work to begin on the four bridges. Movement on that is allowed to be scheduled for over a year. Belmont has just been announced.

Ms. Shackelford said there is a regional effort surrounding the Three Notch'd Trail, but the TJPDC is only acting in a support role only.

Mr. Johnson had nothing new to report.

Additional Matters from the Public

There were no additional matters from the public.

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:02 PM.