

**MPO Technical Committee Meeting**

Draft Minutes, July 26, 2022

Video of the meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mnyFu7vxYo>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Alex Ikefuna, Charlottesville	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	
Jeanette Janiczek, Charlottesville		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Charlottesville PC		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Jessica Hersh-Ballerig, Albemarle	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x		
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)		<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	x
Bill Palmer, UVA	x		
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC		<b>GUESTS/PUBLIC</b>	
Juwhan Lee, CAT	x	Sean Tubbs	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x	Levon Boyagian, AMPO	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Bill Keyrouze, AMPO	x
Richard Duran, FHWA			
Taylor Jenkins, DRPT (alternate)			
Michael Barnes, VDOT	x		

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The MPO Technical Committee member, Kevin McDermott, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. There was not a quorum present in person.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:**

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

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**Motion/Action:** Since there was no quorum present in person, the minutes were tabled for approval until the next meeting.



#### **4. ELECTIONS OF MPO TECH CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:**

**Motion/Action:** Since there was no quorum present in person, the elections were tabled until the next meeting.

#### **5. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJL) (MINUTE:00):**

Levon Boyagian and Bill Keyrouze, Associations of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), presented the committee with the background and priorities of the IIJL bill that recently passed. They covered the required and permissive provisions, and the programs.

He also reviewed the funding requirements, and how MPOs may opt out with approval from the Secretary.

Mr. Boyagian noted that housing coordination will be an important factor when considering transportation planning. He said climate, equity, electric vehicle infrastructure, and bridges also have a big focus in this act.

He reported that there are 17 MPO-eligible grant programs with \$100 billion in discretionary programs. There are combined applications available that will be multimodal projects discretionary grants, and there will be coordination at all levels with an emphasis on joint application with coordination with local partners.

He covered the factors impacting implementation, including staffing issues (a lot of work and not enough people), inflation, labor shortage, trucking shortage, gas tax holiday in some states, supply chain disruptions, and the “Buy America” changes escalating costs.

Mr. Boyagian reported on an additional regulation being considered to establish national performance management measures requiring state DOTs and MPOs to establish declining CO2 targets and establish a method for the measurement and reporting of GHG emissions from transportation. Comments on this regulation must be received at USDOT on or before October 13, 2022.

He reported on the Thriving Communities Initiative that will provide complimentary technical assistance as part of the program to improve the coordination of housing and transportation planning.

Mr. Boyagian gave a federal update for FY23 appropriations.

There was a discussion about what November’s election outcomes might mean for IIJA.

Mr. Keyrouze said he would pass the presentation on to the committee members after the meeting.

**6. DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MINUTE 59:06):**

Mr. Mickles noted that there was a draft RFP for the 2050 LRTP. The memo was to draft a working group that will meet during the off months of the MPO Tech Committee's regularly scheduled meetings. There were suggestions made for who might be in that group.

Christine Jacobs explained the need for consultant technical support for the LRTP process.

There was discussion about the RFP and how to fine tune it before it goes before the MPO Policy Board for adoption.

Jessica Hersh-Ballering suggested that the core group of this working group be the Technical Committee itself and add members from the suggested groups. Ms. Jacobs will bring the recommendation to the Policy Board at their next meeting.

**7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:36:00):**

FY21-24 TIP Amendment and Adjustments

Mr. Mickles reported on several administrative TIP amendments and adjustments. The TIP is on the MPO website: <https://campo.tipdc.org/process-documents/tip/>

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said they are working on closing out FY22 with DRPT. There will be a Try Transit in September and Rideshare week in October. Afton Express' ridership has remained steady through the summer. There have been additional funds for a fourth route, including a new bus, that will accommodate those who work 12-hour shifts at the hospital. The first anniversary is on September 1, so look for upcoming promotions surrounding that milestone.

Smart Scale Round 5

Mr. Mickles thanked the staff who have worked on the applications, which are due August 1. There are a couple of items missing from two applications and he will coordinate with staff to get that information.

OIPI Growth and Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Grant

Mr. Mickles gave an update on the OIPI grant. Mr. McDermott asked to see a comprehensive presentation in the future on the OIPI grant process and progress.

**9. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 1:47:58):**

The roundtable discussion was tabled due to time constraints.

**10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:48:13):**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. McDermott adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.