

MPO Policy Board Meeting
 Minutes, September 22, 2021

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oY58Q42Cf9k>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Michael Payne, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x
Michelle Shropshire, VDOT	x	CHUCK PROCTOR, VDOT	
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS			
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x		
Karen Davis, Jaunt		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Jeanette Janiczek, City of Charlottesville	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Sean Tubbs	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x	Peter Krebs, PEC	x
Richard Duran, FHWA		Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x
Ryan Long, FTA		Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x
Tristan Fessell, CTAC			
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x		

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 Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission 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 September 23, 2020. A recording of the meeting was made available to the public on July 2, 2021 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oY58Q42Cf9k>.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The MPO Policy Board Committee Vice Chair, Ann Mallek, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Sandy Shackelford read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol and then took attendance.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:21)

- a. **Comments by the Public:** Peter Krebs from the Piedmont Environmental Council, congratulated Christine Jacobs on her appointment as the new Executive Director of the TJPDC. Regarding the Rivanna River Pedestrian Bridge, said there is history, environmental, and economic



development that need to be considered. He suggested getting a major employer involved in the stakeholders list and also said there should be someone who works closely with the land owners who may be impacted. He sent a detailed recommended list to Sandy Shackelford. He volunteered to be involved in some way, either to be on the committee or to help manage the committee, and wants to contribute in any way that he can.

b. Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.: None

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: (MINUTE 6:04)

Sandy Shackelford made the official announcement that Christine Jacobs has accepted the position of Executive Director of the TJPDC.

Return to In-Person Meetings

Ms. Shackelford explained the new policy for in-person meetings should the City not extend the emergency.

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda: (Minute 8:03)

Ms. Mallek requested to add to consider and vote on a resolution.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected, Stacy Londrey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes: (Minute 8:38)

Mr. Gallaway noted that there was a change to the minutes with an addition from a CTAC member, Lee Condor.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Stacy Londrey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Michael Payne joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

4. NORTH 29 CORRIDOR UPDATE (MINUTE 10:11)

Ms. Shannon described the study and updated the committee with the progress. There was a public meeting with 60 members of the public and there is a survey online for additional comments.

<https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/rt29corridorstudy.asp>

Ms. Shannon addressed the concern about the stoplight at Frays Mill Road and Route 29.

5. APPOINTMENT OF RIVANNA RIVER BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SMART SCALE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (MINUTE 19:13)

Ms. Shackelford described the project and timeline of the project and the current status. There will be an appointed stakeholder committee, but there will be opportunity for the public to be engaged. She presented the factors to be considered and the suggested member organizations of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Mr. Gallaway said there should be a citizen representative on the west side of the river.

Ms. Mallek said transit should include Transit Agencies and the Regional Transit Partnership.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to accept the list as amended with the option to add to the list as needed. Michael Payne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. MPO STRATEGIC PLAN (MINUTE 31:38)

Ms. Shackelford said that there were monies reserved in the UPWP for a strategic plan. The MPO drafted an RFP to hire a consultant. There also needs to be a selection committee to choose from those who bid on the RFP.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to approve the RFP for a consultant, Mr. Payne seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to approve the selection committee as presented by Staff, Mr. Payne seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

6. STAFF UPDATES

MPO Project Pipeline (Minute 37:32)

Chuck Proctor said there was a kick-off meeting for the current projects with the stakeholders. Crash and count data is being collected now and the information will be brought to the stakeholders in October with suggestions for resolving those issues. There will be a website that goes live on September 28 available for public consumption, in addition to a media push to make the public aware of the process. There will be public outreach later in the year to get input.

Joint Meeting with SAW-MPO (Minute 43:18)

Ms. Shackelford said there will be a joint in-person MPO meeting with the Staunton Augusta Waynesboro MPO on November 9. Ms. Mallek expressed her concern that the meeting would be indoors and would prefer an outdoor alternative. The regular MPO meeting will be on December 7th.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 47:45)

Garland Williams had no updates.

Wood Hudson shared that the Transit Equity and Modernization Study is wrapping up the data collection phase. The data will be presented to the General Assembly in December. Would like to get on the November MPO Technical Committee's agenda to discuss the results.

Smart Scale: If you are considering a project with a transit element or if it is going to be transit-specific, please contact him.

Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP): Shared info on a new statewide program that their team is looking at applicants. If interested, there is additional info on the DRPT website.

Virginia Breeze: The bus service is being expanded. There are now five Routes with the additional of the Highlands Rhythm route that runs from Bristol to Northern Virginia via I-81.

Inner City Bus: There is a one-time FDA grant opportunity open right now for inner city bus companies to receive financial assistance for the impact of Covid-19. Edibility and criteria data are on the FTA website.

The VA Passenger Rail Authority is hosting a meeting on September 28. It will be an in-person meeting but also broadcast on www.VPRA.Virginia.gov. There is additional info on the website.

The Freight Rail Enhancement to Increase Goods and Highway Throughput (FREIGHT) grant program is being reviewed by the CTB Extension of Train routes. It should be adopted by CTB at their December meeting. Look for additional information on their website.

Mr. Hudson is working on the Virginia state rail plan currently and there has been a great deal of engagement on it.

Lastly, he said the DRPT is monitoring a lot of the performance measures and it will need to demonstrate a number of variables for grant funding in the future.

Christine Jacobs said Garland Williams is having problems with his power at the moment. He asked her to share that CAT has applied for the TRIP grant to help keep CAT fare-free for three additional years. She had nothing more to share from TJPDC.

Stacy Londrey shared that VDOT is in the cycle for revenue sharing and transportation alternatives applications. Applications are due October 1. She also reported that the CTB approved the policy for the new interstate operations enhancement program and noted that I-64 will be considered in about four years, but not this round.

Mr. Proctor has been pushing the localities to submit Smart Scale ideas and to get their lists refined.

Mr. Gallaway added that they are in the process of receiving comments on the North 29 corridor study.

8. RESOLUTION FOR GRANT (MINUTE 1:00:04)

Sandy Shackelford explained the Growth and Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Grant and the need for a resolution of support from the Policy Board to move forward with the application.

Motion/Action: Mr. Gallaway made a motion to submit a resolution of support, Michael Payne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mallek adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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<https://campo.tjpd.org/committees/policy-board/>**