

**MPO Policy Board Meeting**

Minutes, July 27, 2022

**DRAFT**

Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16dGrR1-nxA>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC *	x
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare *	x
Sean Nelson, VDOT		Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate) *	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x	Jeanette Janiczek, City of Charlottesville *	x
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC		Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle County *	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Sean Tubbs *	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council *	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x	Bill Keyrouze, AMPO *	x
Richard Duran, FHWA		Levon Boyagian, AMPO *	x
Ryan Long, FTA		Kevin McDermott, Albemarle County	x
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x		
Bill Palmer, UVA (alternate)			
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x		

\* *Remote attendance*

**1. CALL TO ORDER (MINUTE 0:00)**

The MPO Policy Board Vice Chair, Mr. Lloyd Snook, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Ms. Ann Mallek made a motion to allow Stacey Londrey to participate remotely. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Christine Jacobs took attendance to validate that a quorum was present.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:15)**

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

**3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION\* (MINUTE 3:15)**

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda\*



**Motion/Action:** Mr. Pinkston made a motion to accept the agenda. Ms. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the May 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes\*

**Motion/Action:** Ms. Mallek made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES: INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) (MINUTE 4:15):**

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

They also reviewed the MPO requirements (representation, coordination, planning factor and participation by interested parties), 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 applications 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.

**5. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2050 (MINUTE 1:02:15):**

Draft of RFP for Consultant Support

Ms. Jacobs said there is rollover funding to pay for a consultant to help the staff with the LRTP. She noted that the scope was included in the agenda packet and that the MPO Technical Committee suggested minor edits.

Ms. Mallek noted that it is important to not just do online surveys and to be sure to include in-person engagement.

**Motion/Action:** Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the RFP with the additions mentioned by Ms. Jacobs. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Technical Working Group

Ms. Jacobs presented the recommendations from CTAC and the Technical committee regarding an LRTP Working Group.

Mr. Snook, Mr. Pinkston, and Ms. Mallek expressed concern about the size of the supplemental group. Ms. Jacobs said the mission of the supplemental group will be more about sharing information with those additional people/organizations and get their critical feedback while having MPO Tech make the decisions. Staff feels favorable towards the recommendations from CTAC and Tech and that the group will be manageable.

**Motion/Action:** Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the Technical Working Group as suggested by Christine Jacobs. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**6. AMENDMENT TO FY21-24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (MINUTE 1:18:07)**

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

**Motion/Action:** Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Stacy Londrey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:25:20)**

TIP Adjustments

Mr. Mickles presented the committee with administrative adjustments.

Transit Grants & RTP

Ms. Shannon presented on the update of the Regional Transit Vision plan. Staff is looking to do more public engagement events in the future and reaching out to the numerous stakeholders. She also gave some information on the feedback she has received so far.

She also noted that the governance study is beginning in August. She also reported that the Regional Transit Partnership will not be meeting tomorrow, but will meet again in August.

Ms. Mallek recommended that Staff talk with Boars Head and Martha Jefferson on Pantops and other businesses that may need transit services. Ms. Jacobs asked the committee if there were any events they know of that Ms. Shannon might go to get access to the public.

Wood Hudson recommended for the future efforts in getting information about transit and transportation that staff look at the Roanoke area. It is getting statistically significant household transportation survey modeled after the Metropolitan Council of Governments methodology, which supplements the National Transportation Household Survey.

#### Rideshare

Ms. Pennington said they are working on closing out FY22 with DRPT. Rideshare will be participating in Discover 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 promotions on that.

#### 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.

Mr. Pinkston discussed two Charlottesville projects with Michael Barnes, VDOT.

### **8. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE)**

**TJPDC:** Ms. Christine Jacobs reported that Ms. Sandy Shackelford will be returning soon from maternity leave.

**DRPT:** Mr. Hudson noted that there is a grant award webinar tomorrow. If you are grant recipient, please be sure to attend.

**CAT:** Garland Williams reported that their Transportation Strategic Plan (TSP) study is underway.

### **9. ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA (MINUTE)**

None.

### **10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Snook adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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