

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, January 25, 2023

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VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	X	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	X
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	X	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	X
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	X	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	X
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	X	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	X
Sean Nelson, VDOT	X	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	X
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)	X	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	X
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	X	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	X
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	X	Peter Krebs, PEC	X
Julia Monteith, UVA	X	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	X
Garland Williams, CAT	X	Dryden Quigley *	X
Wood Hudson, DRPT *	X	Steven Minor, FHWA *	X
Richard Duran, FHWA			
Ryan Long, FTA			
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	X		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT			
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)	X		

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER (MINUTE 0:00)

The MPO Policy Board, Chair, Mr. Ned Gallaway, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Sandy Shackelford took attendance.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 0:00)

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION* (MINUTE :08)

Introductions

Sandy Shackelford noted that Mr. Byers was not at the meeting. She introduced Mr. Steven Minor, the new Federal Highway Administration Virginia Division who introduced himself to the Board. She also introduced Curtis Scarpignato as a new member of the TJPDC as a Transportation Planner who also greeted the members of the meeting.



Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the agenda, Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Action: Councilman Pinkston made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes. Councilwoman Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. OFFICER ELECTIONS (MINUTE 3:45)

Nominating Committee Recommendations

Mr. Shackelford noted that the committee recommended Brian Pinkston be the Chair and Ann Mallek be the Vice Chair.

Nominations from the Floor

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to elect Brian Pinkston as Chair. Lloyd Snook seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Brian Pinkston took over as Chair.

Motion/Action: Ned Gallaway made a motion to elect Ann Mallek as Vice Chair. Lloyd Snook seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023 (MINUTE 6:15)

Ms. Shackelford noted that there are additional meetings at the end of the year due to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) work that will require more frequent meetings. Mr. Pinkston read the dates for the committee.

Motion/Action: Ned Gallaway made a motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule as stated. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SECTION 5310 MOBILITY MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION (MINUTE 7:42)

Lucinda Shannon explained the Mobility Management program from DRPT. She noted that there is a Foothills Area Mobility System and the CAMPO is considering applying for a grant similar to it. It is a free, person-centered info and referral service for all available public transit resources.

She presented the steps that would have to happen for the program to commence, and reviewed the start-up details and how to grow the program.

Ms. Shannon reported that she will be applying for a grant due at the end of the month. She noted that if CAMPO were to get the grant awarded, it would begin in July and be implemented in December.

Motion/Action: After some clarifying questions and comments, Ned Gallaway made a motion to approve the letter as presented, Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR RIVANNA RIVER BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE RAISE GRANT APPLICATION (MINUTE 18:46)

Ms. Shackelford presented the committee with the background of the planning work for the Bike/Ped bridge submitted to Smart Scale for consideration. The project was not recommended for funding in part because of

the cost of the project, but the benefits score ranked very high (26th out of more than 300 projects).

In order to get this considered in the future, she asked the Policy Board to consider allowing TJPDC to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant in order to complete the first phase of the project.

Ms. Shackelford presented the “project alignment with merit criteria” for the grant, and noted that the project solidly aligns with most of the categories, but not all. She noted that the project needs to score high in 6 of the 8 categories.

She went on to describe the Project Scope and the Project Evaluation.

Ms. Shackelford said preliminary engineering phase will need to be estimated with VDOT. She said the base cost would be approximately \$2.3 million.

She noted that this grant money eliminates Preliminary Engineering (PE) costs, helps figure where there may be contingencies, and help eliminate or mitigate contingencies that may arise.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to adopt the resolution for the RAISE grant. Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE TARGETS (MINUTE 32:21)

Ms. Shackelford gave background and purpose on the overall goals of Performance Targets. She also reported on the data currently set for safety targets.

It was noted that the MPO Technical Committee recommended adoption of safety performance targets based on regional trends:

Number of fatalities: 9

Fatality Rate: 0.76%

Number of serious injuries: 108

Number of non-motorized fatalities + serious injuries: 13

There was a discussion of the value for adopting safety targets.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made the recommendation for adoption of the state performance targets for infrastructure and system performance, and transit asset management, and to accept the MPO Tech’s recommendations as listed above. Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. SMART SCALE (MINUTE 52:06)

Ms. Shackelford gave an update on the projects recommended for funding, and other projects that scored very well, but were not recommended for funding. She noted that these projects might be considered for submission in the next round of funding.

10. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:01:40)

Moving Toward 2050 – Project Prioritization Technical Memo

Ms. Shackelford gave an update on the Project Prioritization program. She reviewed framework for developing the process, the goals on which the process is based, all while incorporating feedback from previous discussions with the Policy Board.

Moving Toward 2050 - Demographic Data

Ryan Mickles presented the board with regional demographic data from the American Community Survey updates, highlighting numerous data of particular interest.

Regional Transit Partnership/Transit Grants

Ms. Shannon gave a report on the Vision Plan that has been completed. She also gave an update on the progress of the Governance Study and the next steps involved.

Rideshare/Afton Express

Sara Pennington reported that Afton Express is continuing to do very well. She gave passenger counts of just over 1700 for November and December. She also said they are looking to expand the schedule both in the morning and evening to accommodate hospital employees. The schedule should be finalized in the next two weeks. The kickoff for the new schedule will happen in mid-February. Ms. Pennington also noted that she is finalizing a couple of grant applications for Rideshare.

Ann Mallek asked Staff to work on getting a joint meeting with CSPDC in the future. It is something that has been done in the past and was beneficial.

11. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE)

2022 VDOT Culpeper District Transportation Update

Ms. Shackelford noted that there is an update from VDOT in the packet as supplemental information.

CAT: Garland Williams reported that Ben Chambers, Transportation Planner from the City, will be helping CAT complete its alternative fuel study. Mr. Williams said the next hurdle will be how to phase in the alternative fuel into the fleet.

VDOT: Stacy Londrey did not have any additional updates. Sean Nelson referred the members to the VDOT packet included with the agenda. Michael Barnes said there have been presentations to localities about project prioritization and how VDOT can work with staff to tweak their concepts before submitting applications in the future.

Jaunt: Ted Rieck said there is a new Chief Operating Officer starting next week. There will be a new Director of Operations starting as well very soon. Jaunt will be submitting grants on February 1 to obtain EV vehicles for rural areas, including infrastructure in those areas. There is a focus on micro-transit as well for the future.

Albemarle County: Jessica Hersh-Ballering reported that there are several projects that have been recently funded. The Peter Jefferson Parkway project recommended for funding in this Smart Scale round includes a Park and Ride. She also gave an update on the Lambs Lane Campus Project.

City of Charlottesville: Ben Chambers reported that the transit strategic plan needs to be finished by December. They are currently in procurement for the correct consultants for that plan. He noted that the deadline is a tight one. He also reported that they are getting close to prioritizing their projects. Lastly, he said they are working with Veo, a scooter company, to get a contract to be more reflective of what the City wants, namely safety and parking. Lastly, he reported they are working to find a Bike Ped Coordinator.

Piedmont Environmental Council: Peter Krebs invited the members to the Mobility Movement Open House at City Space on February 24.

DRPT: Wood Hudson reminded the group that the grant period ends on February 1.

CTAC: Lee Kondor reported that CTAC is focused on the Long Range Transportation Plan.

TJPDC: Christine Jacobs noted that with the addition of Curtis Scarpignato, Transportation Planner, the TJPDC is now fully staffed.

12. ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

None.

13. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Snook moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Councilman Pinkston seconded the and the motion was passed unanimously.

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