

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, October 25, 2023

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOKk81ovQ8A>

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	
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		Paul Grady, Albemarle resident	x
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Jessica Hersch-Ballering, Albemarle County	x
Garland Williams, CAT			
Steven Minor, FHWA			
Dan Koenig, FTA			
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x		
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)	x		
Daniel Wagner, DRPT	x		

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER (MINUTE 0:48)

The MPO Policy Board Chair, Mr. Brian Pinkston, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Sandy Shackelford called roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:20)

- a. **Comments by the Public:** Paul Grady, resident outside of Crozet, spoke about a Smart Scale project (widening of the 250 bypass from four to six lanes and the replacement of the numerous bridges) that did not get funded. He said the project, the 250 interchange is where 25% of the traffic got on and off the road and only 75% of the traffic went under the bridges which means the bridges don't need replacement yet, but the 250 bypass still needs to be six lanes. He said he had made suggestions in the past for the on and off ramps for UVA and Barracks Road and that didn't happen. He said that Alice Raucher, from UVA, said some years ago that UVA would really like an interchange at Leonard Sandridge Road with the 250 bypass but they did not have the money to make that happen. He suggested that it would make a good revenue sharing project between UVA, Albemarle County, and VDOT.



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

Mr. Pinkston invited Daniel Wagner to introduce himself to the committee as the newest member.

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION* (MINUTE 5:08)

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the August 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the minutes. Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Lloyd Snook abstaining.

Approval of the September 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the minutes. Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. MOVING TOWARD 2050 PLAN UPDATE (MINUTE 6:40)

Sandy Shackelford presented the committee on the update for the Moving Toward 2050 plan. She gave a background of the engagement process & goals. She continued by highlighting the level of effort to get public engagement to date which resulted in engagement with nearly 600 participants, and a breakdown of the total comments received.

She continued by breaking down further the MetroQuest community survey results, including scoring priorities trade offs, interactive map, and demographics.

Ms. Shackelford said staff created an online map showing the locations of candidate transportation projects pulled from various plan documents and studies from throughout the region. She presented the map showing an overview of candidate projects in the region.

Ms. Shackelford noted that the overarching themes from this phase of the public engagement effort include a need for safer roadways and intersections, dedicated and protected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and an enhanced public transit system. She noted that the community appears to be eager for solutions that prioritize safety and accessibility over traditional car-centric designs.

She continued by sharing that it will be important to determine the weighing of each of the evaluation metrics that will be used to prioritize the transportation system needs. She continued by presenting the prioritization categories.

There was discussion about how best to weigh the metrics.

5. REGIONAL TRANSIT GOVERNANCE STUDY (MINUTE 45:33)

Lucinda Shannon shared that the Regional Transit Governance Study is heading into Phase IV, Governance Options. She said the steering committee discussed board membership, the role in transit planning and decision making, indicators of accountability, the current state of transit funding, and the regional vision plan operating cost estimates.

She said there was a discussion with the steering committee about local funding options, including estimated revenues from additional sources from sales, lodging, personal property tax, and real estate taxes. There was some conversation about those cost estimates/taxes and how the information will be presented to the affected jurisdictions.

6. SOCIOECONOMIC DATA FOR TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL (TDM) (MINUTE 1:02:40)

Ms. Shackelford presented the committee with an overview of why the MPO needs this information and why action is needed by the committee. She also gave an explanation of a Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ).

She noted that the MPO is required to maintain and use the model in its long-range transportation plan and said needs formal action by the Policy Board to approve the use of the data as presented.

Ms. Shackelford said there is a new model that will be implemented in the future, but it will not be available in time for this long range plan.

Motion/Action: Ned Gallaway made a motion to approve the use of the data as presented by staff. Sean Nelson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. SMART SCALE (MINUTE 1:13:49)

Ms. Shackelford presented a summary of the discussions at the September and October Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meetings. The first summary was about the application caps based on population.

She continued by covering the definition of “high priority project” (HPP). She said “Transit Transfer Station” and “New Bridge” were added at the September meeting for consistency with economic development project tiering considerations. She covered the potential eligibility of MPO projects under the revised HPP definition.

Ms. Shackelford asked if there was consensus to move forward on the Diverging Diamond Intersection at exit 120, and after some discussion, consensus was reached to study the project for potential inclusion.

Ms. Shackelford reviewed how the current economic development methodology is evaluated through Smart Scale and then discussed how the CTB is considering changing the evaluation process.

Ms. Shackelford provided the committee with the MPO Technical Advisory Committee feedback,

She continued by giving a summary of the CTB discussion.

Ms. Shackelford presented the land use scoring factor re-allocation considerations, and shared how the re-allocations would have impacted Round 5 projects.

She presented potential feedback the CA-MPO Policy Board could provide to the CTB and there was a discussion about what else might be added or amended. It was noted that the only consensus on feedback that there was support for increasing the application caps as presented in the revised staff recommendation.

8. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:52:12)

Safe Streets & Roads for All Grant

Curtis Scarpignato briefly reviewed the grant and gave information on the current status. He noted that Kimly Horn is the consultant on this project with the MPO.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 1:54:49)

Ben Chambers, Charlottesville, and Jessica Hersch-Ballering, Albemarle County, and Michael Barnes and Sean Nelson, VDOT, gave brief updates.

Brian Pinkston had to leave the meeting because he had a City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. Ann Mallek took over as Chair.

10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

The next meeting will be on December 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Committee materials and meeting recording may be found at
<https://campo.tjpd.org/committees/policy-board/>