

**MPO Policy Board Meeting**

Minutes, May 24, 2023

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utncrTt1K1U>

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	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x	Erin Belt, VDOT *	x
Julia Monteith, UVA *	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x
Garland Williams, CAT		Peter Krebs, PEC *	x
Steven Minor, FHWA		Sean Tubbs *	x
Dan Koenig, FTA			
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT			
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)	x		
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT *	x		

\* attended online via Zoom

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

The MPO Policy Board Chair, Mr. Brian Pinkston, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Sandy Shackelford called roll.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE :48)**

- a. **Comments by the Public:** Lee Kondor said he has recommended an alternate to the Route 250/22 and the Milton Rd/250 intersection improvements and said they didn't score well in Round 5. He proposed an alternative that aligns 22/Milton Road intersection would become a single roundabout with 250. He said the score may end up being a lot higher with that project.

Paul Grady said he heard that CAMPO was considering a trail from Charlottesville to the Blue Ridge Tunnel and he read that the County would pay for three potential designs. Twenty-five years ago, he presented a proposal of transit rail to the CHART Committee and Ann Mallek went to the president of Buckingham Branch railroad with it and he agreed. They went to CSX and they agreed if there was a way to come up with a million-dollar insurance policy. That "killed the idea." Now that the state owns the railroad, he



would like to see that concept studied alongside the trail design concept so that one idea doesn't preclude the other. He said he would like to see extra width on the bridge only used trail when it could be used for both.

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

**3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION\* (MINUTE 6:28)**

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the March 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**Motion/Action:** Lloyd Snook made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING - FY24-27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (MINUTE 7:32)**

Ryan Mickles gave a summary of the TIP projects. He reported that there have been no public comments received as of this afternoon. He noted that the MPO Tech committee recommended approval of the TIP as presented.

Brian Pinkston opened the meeting to the public for a public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to adopt the TIP. Ned Gallaway seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**5. AMENDMENTS TO THE FY21-24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (MINUTE 13:10)**

Ryan Mickles presented the proposed amendments for the TIP. These amendments were given to the MPO from VDOT. He noted that the amendments are moving monies forward into future fiscal years.

Stacey Londry noted that there is an additional \$10 million that got switched from state to federal money.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the amendments. Ned Gallaway seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**6. FY24 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) (MINUTE 18:18)**

Sandy Shackelford presented the committee with the background on the UPWP and the breakdown of the various tasks and the respective budget numbers. She noted that they have made an adjustment because VDOT expressed an interest in being an engaged partner in the Safe Streets 4 All.

Ms. Shackelford noted that there is built into Task 2, Long Range Transportation Planning, on-call services/contingency. There was discussion about how that money will be used for this scope of work.

She noted that the MPO Tech committee recommended approval of the adjustments for the UPWP.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the UPWP. Ned Gallaway seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**7. VIRGINIA ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT PLAN (MINUTE 24:20)**

Erin Belt, Decarbonization Lead for VDOT, presented to the Board on the deployment plan for the Virginia EV Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IJA).

She noted that the IJA provides \$550 billion for infrastructure.

She continued discussing the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program timeline, the deployment plan's vision and goals, planning phases (Phase I is from '22-'23 and Phase II is from '23-'26), the iterative planning process, charging station areas, and shared the public input website.

<https://publicinput.com/VirginiaNEVI>

She reported on the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Infrastructure (CFI) grant and noted that VDOT will not be applying for that grant. She went on to discuss the general eligibility requirements, whether it makes sense for entities considering applying for the grant, how the entities can comply with the NEVI requirements, and how to provide support.

Ms. Belt provided website links for resources for additional information and her contact information.

Ms. Belt gave some clarification on funding and the sources of that funding.

#### **8. MOVING TOWARD 2050 (MINUTE 1:00:18)**

Ms. Shackelford noted that there have been some revisions to the LRTP, including adding "Quality of Life" as a lens. In addition, Staff grouped "Economic Development" goal with "Efficiency" instead of "Land Use." Staff also changed the "Land Use" goal language. There is also a new "Efficiency & Economic Development" goal language.

She continued by showing the other lenses (equity, quality of life, and climate action) with the goals and objectives of LRTP.

Ms. Shackelford reported that the public engagement process will begin in June with an open house on June 21 from 4 – 7 p.m. and a virtual open house on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a survey launched online in mid-June, and she shared the outreach strategy.

#### **9. SMART SCALE (MINUTE 1:21:58)**

##### Round 6 Project Development and VDOT Pipeline Projects

Sandy Shackelford gave an update on the Round 6 application development starting with unfunded projects from Round 4 and 5 of Smart Scale.

There was a discussion about which projects may not be preferential for application.

Ms. Shackelford said by the next meeting there will be a decision made about the RAISE grant, so that may change some of the projects applied for.

#### **10. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:38:40)**

Ms. Shackelford said the majority of MPO Policy Board members said that September 27 would be a good date to have a joint meeting with SAW-MPO from 10 – 12 at the Fishburne Military Academy at their new event facility.

She also said there had been a request for more information on the Commonwealth Corridor ID grant submitted by DRPT, and noted that the scope for the project had been provided by DRPT and was included in the meeting packet for more information.

**11. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 1:40:38)**

**VDOT:** Sean Nelson gave an update on the Smart Scale recommendations. He said the Hydraulic bundle will be moving forward. He also said the design build project called Albemarle II has multiple projects bundled together and they are trying to get a public hearing set up for the summer to get feedback.

**DRPT:** Tiffany Dubinsky had to leave the meeting, so there was no report.

**Albemarle County:** Jessica Hersh-Ballering reported that the comp plan is starting public engagement this evening with roundtable events. The County will be meeting with the 5<sup>th</sup> and Avon CAC on June 15. They will go over options from the consultants for the shared use project.

**City of Charlottesville:** Ben Chambers reported that they have a new bike/ped coordinator and gave an update on their Safe Routes to School program. He said they have put in \$500K in temporary improvements to make it safe for students to get to school. He also said their dockless permit for Veo will begin next week and will have to provide an access program to low-income residents. He also reported that the City has kicked off the transit strategic plan for CAT that has a very tight timeline.

**CAT:** No representative was at the meeting, so there was no report.

**Jaunt:** Ted Rieck reported that starting July 1 they are looking at cuts services in Greene and Buckingham because of cuts in their budgets.

**UVA:** Nothing to report.

**FTA:** Nothing to report.

**FHWA:** Nothing to report.

**CTAC:** Lee Kondor said CTAC is working with staff on the LRTP.

**TJPDC:** Christine Jacobs did not have anything additional to report.

**12. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:48:25)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Lloyd Snook moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Ned Gallaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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