

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, August 23, 2023

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObzexTu4Jgc>

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		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	Sean Tubbs *	x
Garland Williams, CAT *	x	Neil Williamson *	x
Steven Minor, FHWA		Daniel Wagner *	x
Dan Koenig, FTA		Darryl Beyers, CTB	x
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x	Kevin McDermott	x
Chuck Proctor, VDOT			
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)	x		
Tiffany Dubinsky, 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 1:30)

- a. **Comments by the Public:** Stuart Gardner, Charlottesville resident, member of CTAC Advisory Committee, but here as citizen said the Smart Scale proposed changes would greatly reduce funding available for transit, bike, and pedestrian projects. He said he thinks our community wants those types of projects, and that those are things we should be encouraging, not discouraging. Second, by reducing or eliminating land use as a separate evaluation factor, they are failing to encourage smart growth. Economic development, transportation and land use should be evolving together and should be considered together. Both of the proposed changes in Smart Scale scoring limit the ability to do that.

Paul Grady, resident outside of Crozet, said he would like to make two presentations in the next couple of months. He said the shorter one is two revenue sharing projects that may result in a third-party picking up



part or most or all of the City or County's share. The other is a larger project that has to do with the Hydraulic/29/250 project. Brian Pinkston asked Mr. Grady to email him and/or Sandy Shackelford with the information for consideration.

Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council, said the changes envisioned in the Smart Scale said they are not only philosophically bad, but they are in conflict with the planning direction the City and the County and UVA are headed and go against sustainability and smart land use for the region. PEC is very concerned about the changes in Smart Scale. He wants the full picture of land use to be included. Mr. Krebs said that he appreciates the willingness of the CAMPO to collaborate with SAW-MPO.

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION* (MINUTE 8:04)

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion/Action: There was a request from staff to add a discussion about adjustments to the PL funding allocation formula. Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the July 26, 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. FY24-27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT (MINUTE 9:17)

Sandy Shackelford described the amendment requested by Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) using the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for new state-supported passenger rail service from Roanoke to the eastern part of the state. The request is for approximately \$9.2 mil from fiscal years 2024-2027. Ms. Shackelford said the funding only includes costs estimated for service through the CA-MPO region.

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

5. MOVING TOWARD 2050 (MINUTE 13:03)

Brian Pinkston noted that there was a fatal crash this morning and one on August 10. He says this to underscore the importance of the work done in this committee.

Sean Nelson said in the past few months there has been an uptick in fatal crashes in this region. VDOT goes out to the sites and determines if there is something they could do to help with the safety of the area in which the crashes occurred.

Sandy Shackelford gave an overview on the public engagement efforts to date. She gave a preview of the public feedback so far. To date, the total outreach count is 517 individuals. The MetroQuest survey has 315 responses and 1,135 map comments.

She continued by presenting the performance-based planning process for the Growth and Accessibility Planning (GAP) technical assistance program. She described the process for the identification of needs and gave an explanation of performance measures and how raw scores are calculated for performance measure on eligible features.

Regarding the Roadway Safety performance measure, Ms. Shackelford noted that MPO Tech recommended

that all PSI intersections and PSI segments with three or more crashes in a five-year analysis period should be considered as the threshold for eligibility.

She continued by presenting on Pedestrian Safety and the threshold for eligibility on that performance measure.

Ms. Shackelford continued by discussing the Access to Jobs performance measure, the multi-modal accessibility scoring category includes four performance measures: bike, transit, and automobile access to jobs and access to jobs by disadvantaged populations. It was decided that the performance measure matrix would include all segments where population weighted for (look at video) – MPO Tech’s suggestion.

The Congestion Mitigation and Travel Time Reliability performance measure was next in the presentation.

Bus Transit On-Time Performance (OTP) was the next performance measure discussed. The recommendation was to use the stops where OTP is less than the system average OTP from the previous year.

Ms. Shackelford described the Walk Access to Non-Work Destinations performance measure. The threshold decided upon was all segment in “somewhat walkable” census tracts (VTRANS WalkScores greater than 49).

Lastly, she described the Exposure to Historical Inland/Riverine Flooding performance measure.

6. SMART SCALE (MINUTE 1:13:06)

Summary of Discussions from May, June & July CTB meetings

Ms. Shackelford presented the MPO/TJPDC projects eligible under the adjusted HPP definition (Rounds 1 – 5) that would still be eligible (or not) in Round 6 with the proposed new criteria. The next work session at the CTB will be on September 19 and 20.

Review of comments received

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the comments received regarding the Smart Scale application cap reduction, application completeness and readiness, project delivery performance, future congestion conditions, high priority program funding steps, land use coordination score, factor weighting, overall impacts,

7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:42:30)

Ms. Shackelford said there is a SAW-MPO joint meeting on September 27 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at Fishburne Military Academy in Waynesboro, VA.

She also noted that meetings will occur on a monthly basis in FY24 until approval of the LRTP is completed.

8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 1:43:20)

VDOT: Sean Nelson said there is a public hearing scheduled for an Albemarle project on September 19. He said there were some concern about issues of the design of the Fontaine Avenue project, so they are looking at alternatives for that area.

DRPT: Tiffany Dubinsky said that on August 11 DRPT held a post-award workshop for all grantees that were a recipient of any of their state funding. A recording of that workshop and the presentation can be found on the DDRPT website. She also said that DRPT provided a notice of funding opportunity for transit-oriented development. More information on that opportunity is currently on the website.

Albemarle: Kevin McDermott said the revenue sharing projects are submitted. He said the three projects include continuing projects of Commonwealth Drive and Dominion Drive sidewalk, Berkmar Drive shared use path, and Berkar Drive extension to Airport Road. He described the other two projects that they are holding on for now.

Mr. McDermott reported that the Three Notch'd Trail project agreements are ready to be signed and that they will be looking for a consultant soon.

Lastly, He said they will be looking at the Reconnecting Communities grant that was initially not funded, but are now having discussions on how to reapply for that grant in the future.

Charlottesville: Mr. Chambers reported there a great deal of paint projects going on the roads for Safe Routes to School. He mentioned that they are also painting dockless mobility hubs. He noted that the County is also working with CAT on the alternative fuel study.

CAT: Garland Williams said they received six new buses to help with reliability. He noted that these buses were ordered 22 months ago, and they are getting prepped to get into service. He is hoping that within the next couple of months, they will have received all the vehicles they ordered in the last two years.

Jaunt: Ted Reick said they will be kicking off their micro-transit operations analysis study. He noted that Jaunt is looking to put fast-charging stations at strategic points in rural areas.

UVA: Julia Monteith reported that the students are back on grounds. She also reported that UVA will be getting their first battery-powered bus this Fall. Scott Silsdorf has replaced Becca White as Director of UTS after she retired in June.

FHWA: No report.

FTA: No report.

CTAC: Lee Kondor had nothing to report.

PDC: Christine Jacobs had nothing to report.

9. PL FUNDING ALLOCATION FORMULA UPDATE (MINUTE 1:55:03)

Ms. Shackelford reported that the funding allocations are based on a formula VDOT developed in consultation with MPOs. The formula is reviewed every 10 years based on the 2020 consensus in urban area populations. She went on to explain the population-based funding allocations. She presented the changes in the Charlottesville urbanized area.

She reported that using the same PL funding allocation formula that was used in 2010 will reduce the allocations to MPOs that demonstrated population reductions.

The formula is currently under consideration.

She noted that VDOT has reached out to the MPOs throughout the state for input. There is a meeting to be scheduled in September between VDOT and MPO staff to discuss preferred funding allocation formulas. She

also noted that Virginia Association of MPOs (VAMPO) is working to determine if consensus can be reached prior to final recommendations.

12. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:06:54)

None.

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