

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, December 6, 2022

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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		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x	Neil Williamson *	x
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x	Sean Tubbs *	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	James Freas	x
Garland Williams, CAT *	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT *	x	Brennen Duncan *	x
Richard Duran, FHWA			
Ryan Long, FTA			
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x		
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 4:00 p.m.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE :25)

a. Comments by the Public: Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council, addressed the board about Smart Scale. He is concerned about the cost of the projects for Smart Scale in the Charlottesville Albemarle MPO area, some nearly doubling in estimated costs. He understands that inflation is a factor as are other contingency factors. He thinks that these numbers are on the high side. He said perhaps there could be a reformulation of the projects or some sort of positive hedge. He looks forward to hearing how the board moves forward. He thanked the board for their steadfast work to make the community better for everyone.

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



3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION* (MINUTE 4:20)

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda* (Minute 4:28)

Sandy Shackelford noted that the Darrell Byers with VDOT's Culpeper District will not be available today to be introduced. He has a meeting with the CTB today, but will be at the January meeting.

Motion/Action: Supervisor Mallek made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Mayor Snook seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the September 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Minute 5:06)

Motion/Action: Councilman Pinkston made a motion to approve the September 28, 2022 minutes. Mayor Snook seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER NOMINATION COMMITTEE (MINUTE 5:35)

Ms. Shackelford noted that Ted Reick, Julia Monteith, and Sean Nelson will be on the nominating committee.

Mr. Gallaway asked Sandy Shackelford to officially call roll.

5. TITLE VI PLAN (MINUTE 8:34)

Lucinda Shannon gave an overview of Title VI and noted that the new name is TJPDC Title VI Implementation plan. She presented a timeline on how the TJPDC will implement the plan. She noted that the plan was offered to the public in numerous ways and areas with no comment.

Motion/Action: Councilman Pinkston made a motion to approve the use of the updated TJPDC Title VI Implementation plan for the Charlottesville Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization. Supervisor Mallek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION PLAN & GOVERNANCE STUDY (MINUTE 13:54)

Ms. Shannon presented the board with the update on the Regional Transit Vision plan. The Regional Transit Governance Study for Region 10 was based on the recommendations from the Regional Transit Vision plan. Ms. Shannon presented the board with the background, the study goal, approach, the stakeholders and the extensive engagement plan planned. She continued with how the study will create consensus.

Ms. Mallek noted that this is something that was undertaken in 2005 and said that there was no consensus on which jurisdictions would take on the different responsibilities.

7. LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2050 (MINUTE 22:39)

Ms. Shackelford gave an overall update on the LRTP including work completed to date and work still in progress.

She noted that the document was been renamed to “Moving Toward 2050” to make it more engaging and seem less technical.

She reported on the public and extensive stakeholder engagement process.

She discussed the public engagement strategy in Phase I will include stakeholder meetings with key community members of targeted populations in ongoing plan development. These discussion groups will provide feedback on goals and objectives that were drafted by staff/MPO committees.

Ned Gallaway noted that it will be important that these public stakeholders be aware of what each one of the organizations is and how the process works.

Ms. Shackelford noted that in Phase II, the engagement strategies will include public meetings, public intercepts and surveys. This will help to prioritize goals and obtain public feedback on transportation improvement needs. There was a discussion about how best to reach neighborhoods and other geographic boundaries through Community Action Committees, Homeowners Associations and others.

Julia Monteith suggested explaining what the value is of the LRTP to the community members. That may help to demystify the plan and the process.

Ms. Shackelford continued by describing Phase III including public meetings, public intercepts and public comments. The last phase will include a public hearing.

She went onto describe the proposed stakeholder discussion groups and how to best organize them and asked the board for feedback. She has the groups broken into four categories: business, safety professionals, equity priority communities, and special interests.

Mr. Gallaway noted that it was most important to hear from everyone from these groups not that they be in certain groups.

There were suggestions made on who to involve in the process including representatives from CAAR; Livable Cville; local police; fire chiefs; JABA; Southwood; UVA, City, and County Economic Development departments; Region 10; and Rev. Dr. Alvin Edwards of Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church.

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the draft goals and objectives and metrics.

Supervisor Gallaway said it will be important to inform the stakeholders with the budget numbers so they can make decisions about their priorities.

Ms. Shackelford presented the immediate next steps including scheduling stakeholder discussion group meetings and review previous public engagement related to transportation system improvements.

8. SMART SCALE PROJECT REVIEW (MINUTE 1:17:40)

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the final project cost estimates for Round 5 of Smart Scale. She noted that the costs were initially base-cost estimates, and with inflation, these cost estimates have increased dramatically. She noted that because they are so high, there is the expectation that most of the projects will not be funded.

There was discussion about how to mitigate this issue in the future.

9. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 1:42:40)

UVA: Julia Monteith had nothing to reported for UVA.

TJPDC: Christine Jacobs did not have any update for TJPDC.

Albemarle County: Jessica Hersh-Ballering noted that the County just submitted a grant application with FHWA and will find out the award in January or February. They are also working on roadway conceptualization projects as well. She also reported that they are wrapping up Phase I of their Comp Plan and will be moving into Phase II in January.

City of Charlottesville: Ben Chambers introduced himself to the board as the new Transportation Planner for the City.

VDOT: Sean Nelson shared that the 250/151 roundabout is open with no issue. The DDI is in for final configuration in Pantops. He noted that as soon as there is window to pave at night, it will be completed. The “Hydraulic bundle” meeting will begin next week.

Jaunt: Ted Rieck did not have anything to report for Jaunt.

CAT: Garland Williams has nothing more to share as an update.

CTAC: Lee Kondor had nothing more to update.

DRPT: Wood Hudson said the DRPT grant season opened on December 1. The Transit Asset Management Plan is available online. MPOs should be working with transit agencies on identifying transit projects for updated TIPs.

10. ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

None.

11. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

Mr. Gallaway reported the next meeting date will be January 25, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Gallaway moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Mr. Pinkston seconded the and the motion was passed unanimously.

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