

Memorandum

To: Policy Board
From: Sandy Shackelford, Director of Planning & Transportation
Date: September 14, 2021
Reference: SMART SCALE Round 5 Stakeholder Engagement

Purpose:

The CA-MPO has adopted a new process for the development of SMART SCALE project applications that emphasizes stakeholder engagement as projects are developed. The MPO Policy Board voted to pursue four projects at their meeting in July, identifying the Rivanna River Bike and Pedestrian Crossing as the project that would most benefit from additional engagement via a stakeholder advisory group.

Background:

The next step in the process that has been developed by the CA-MPO will be to identify a stakeholder advisory group to inform the development of the project. CA-MPO staff has drafted the following list of potential stakeholders:

- VDOT
- City of Charlottesville Public Works
- County of Albemarle Transportation Planning
- City of Charlottesville Parks and Recreation
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- Pantops Community Advisory Committee
- Woolen Mills Neighborhood Association
- Rivanna Conservation Alliance
- Woolen Mills Development
- State Farm Property
- CAT
- Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority
- Citizen Representative
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- CTAC Liaison

The stakeholder advisory committee will meet monthly. The meetings will be open to the public, and there will be an established time at the end of each meeting for comments or questions from the general public.

The stakeholder advisory group will help CA-MPO prioritize the factors that should be considered and evaluate proposed alternatives against the identified priorities. CA-MPO staff has drafted a list of factors that will need to be considered and evaluated as an application is developed:

- ADA Accessibility
- Trail connectivity
- Utility impacts
- Floodplain
- Right-of-way impacts
- Aesthetics
- Cost
- Public impacts

Recommendation:

Staff will be reviewing the proposed list of stakeholders and consideration of factors with CTAC at their meeting on September 15th and MPO Tech at their meeting on September 21st. Any additional feedback from these committees will be included during the presentation to the Policy Board.

Staff is requesting that the Policy Board approve the stakeholder advisory group members either as presented or with specified revisions.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Sandy Shackelford at sshackelford@tjpd.org.