

Memorandum

To: Policy Board
From: Sandy Shackelford, Director of Planning & Transportation
Date: May 20, 2022
Reference: Appointment of a Technical Working Group for the 2050 LRTP

Purpose:

As CA-MPO prepares for undertaking the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, there is an identified need for a technical working group to have regular work sessions to discuss the project in greater detail than can be accomplished in regular committee meetings. The goal of this working group will be to focus discussions and provide general guidance on recommended processes and procedures that will then be reviewed by the formal MPO committees. This technical working group will also provide an opportunity for staff from other disciplines that are not regularly engaged with the MPO to participate and inform the development of the 2050 LRTP.

Background:

Transportation planning intersects with a broad range of issues that are essential to capture when decisions are being made about priorities for the transportation system. In order to ensure that the plan is being developed in context, CA-MPO staff would like to include not just the transportation stakeholders that are regularly engaged in the MPO activities, but stakeholders that can provide stronger insight and coordination with other disciplines that rely on the transportation system. For that reason, staff is recommending a technical working group be appointed that consists of a core group of staff to provide guidance and feedback on the technical aspects of the plan development, as well as a supplemental list of key staff members from the localities to be engaged periodically to inform discussions around the coordination of transportation systems with broader community interests.

CA-MPO suggests the following list of participants for appointment to the 2050 LRTP Technical Working Group:

CORE:

- Albemarle County Transportation Planning
- Albemarle County Planning Commission
- Albemarle County VDOT Residency
- City of Charlottesville Transportation Planning
- City of Charlottesville Public Works
- City of Charlottesville Planning Commission
- UVA Office of the Architect
- Charlottesville Area Transit
- Jaunt
- Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- VDOT Culpeper District

SUPPLEMENTAL:

- Albemarle County Land Use Planning
- Albemarle County Climate Action
- Albemarle County Housing
- City of Charlottesville Land Use
- City of Charlottesville Climate Action
- City of Charlottesville Housing

The technical advisory committee will meet bi-monthly, opposite of the months that the regular MPO committee meetings are held. They will provide valuable feedback on processes and plans to generate and refine recommendations prior to review in the formal committee meetings. This will serve to streamline discussions during the formal committee meetings and clarify requests for direction from the Policy Board.

As a committee acting on behalf of a public body, all meetings will be open to the public, but the discussion will be limited to those representatives appointed to the committee.

Recommendation:

Staff will be reviewing the proposed list of stakeholders and consideration of factors with CTAC at their meeting on July 20th and the MPO Tech at their meeting on July 26th. Any additional feedback from this committee 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.