

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

DRAFT Minutes, December 2, 2021

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VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Nikuyah Walker, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Albemarle	x	Isabella O'Brien, TJPDC	x
Neil Sherman, DRPT	x		
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x		
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban	x		
Becca White	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x	Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x		
Jim Foley, Albemarle County PS	x		
Sally LeBeau, UVA Hospital			
Peter Thompson, CAA	x		
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare			
Karen Davis, Jaunt	x		
Juwhan Lee, CAT			

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol. Lucinda Shannon took attendance by roll call, and certified that a quorum was present. Ms. McKeel acknowledged that this was Nikuyah Walker’s and Jim Foley’s last meeting with the MPO Policy Board and thanked them for their participation and service. Mayor Walker and Mr. Foley said a few words to the committee.



2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 7:54): None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MINUTE 8:22)

Motion/Action: On a motion by Becca White, seconded by Hal Morgan, the committee approved the minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting.

4. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – HAL MORGAN (JAUNT) AND DIANTHA MCKEEL (ALBEMARLE) (MINUTE 9:21):

Mr. Morgan introduced himself and shared his background and the reason for his interest in transportation.

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5. TRANSIT VISION PLAN WORKSHOP (MINUTE 17:56):

Lucinda Shannon introduced Tim Brule with AECOM and Scudder Wagg with Jarrett Walker and Associates. Mr. Brule presented the committee with a project update, and Mr. Wagg presented transit vision trade-offs, stakeholder workshop and public meeting key takeaways, and transit vision plan scenarios.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley said there needs to be a way to get the surveys more widely distributed, especially to those who actually use transit or who want to but don't for one reason or another. Ms. Jacobs said that Staff will do their due diligence to get more responses.

The committee continued with additional feedback and discussion. There was an open discussion about potentially creating a Regional Transit Authority in this area. (1:07:48)

Ms. White noted that there is not much on UTS in the plan, the third of their service that goes into adjacent neighborhoods could perhaps be included in this vision. Mr. Wagg said it should be considered more closely in the next phase of their work.

Karen Davis said that the vision plan needs to share the benefits of the plan with the rural communities.

Ms. Jacobs said the TJPDC is considering as next step, instead of a strategic plan, to do a governance study to look at the governance of the RTP, the transit agencies and try to determine what type of governance structure this area needs in order to implement what may come out of the Regional Transit Vision Plan. The TJPDC will be applying for a technical assistance grant with DRPT to do that next step.

Ms. Jacobs will provide the committee with additional information regarding the governance study at the January meeting.

6. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:49:49)

Jaunt: Hal Morgan reported that Jaunt has a new CEO, Ted Reich. He will begin on Monday, December 6.

Albemarle County Public Schools: Jim Foley had to leave the meeting early, so there was no update from him.

UTS: Becca White reported that the driver shortage persists. She also said they have returned to full capacity with front-door loading. Lastly, as the semester comes to an end, the employee routes will continue without alterations, but the academic routes will fluctuate as exams begin and into winter break, and then into J-Term.

CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools: Garland Williams reported that CAT is recruiting drivers as best they can right now.

6. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:52:20):

MPO Update: Sandy Shackelford announced Isabella O'Brien as TJPDC's new employee. She will be working on transit and environmental projects for now. She also noted that the MPO Policy Board meeting is next week and they will be discussing the MPO budget because the TJPDC is currently understaffed and are behind on some of the items in the work plan. She also noted that the TJPDC is also looking for an experienced transportation planner.

Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study: Lucinda Shannon reported that the study is working on their recommendations and will be talking with service providers about applying for a DRPT demonstration grant to implement the recommended services.

10. OTHER BUSINESS (MINUTE 1:55:15):

Neil Sherman noted that DDRPT's application period opened November 1, but their website has been compromised. They will let everyone know when it is back up and functional.

The next meeting will be on January 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.