

**MPO Technical Committee Meeting**  
 Draft Minutes, August 15, 2023

A video recording of the meeting can be found here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNZtS-JiTwo>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville		Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	X
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	X	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	X
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC	X	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	X
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Alb Co	X	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	X
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle (alternate)		Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	X
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC			
Charles Proctor, VDOT		<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)	X	Tony Cho FTA	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	X	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	X
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt			
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	X	<b>GUESTS/PUBLIC</b>	
Taylor Jenkins, DRPT (alternate)		Peter Krebs, PEC	X
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT *	X		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	X		
Richard Duran, FHWA			

\* attended online via Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Rory Stolzenberg called the meeting to order at 10:05. There was no quorum in person, so action items will be pushed until there is quorum. Ryan Mickles called roll.

Mr. Stolzenberg noted that there was another fatal crash in the MPO area and reminded folks on the committee that what they do has implications for safety in the area.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:10)**

- a. **Comments by the Public:** Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council, said the PEC has been concerned about the direction of Smart Scale. Broadly speaking, he said there are two areas of concern. First, the decrease in funding for bike/ped projects. He said this feels like exactly the wrong direction to be moving for the Commonwealth. Second, the deemphasis of land use as a scoring factor. He said he believes that reducing congestion is absolutely a land use decision. PEC



thinks it should be taken into consideration. He said he will be interested in hearing the MPO's thoughts on whether this needs to be the way it is or if Smart Scale stops being the way to get sustainable transportation. He continued by saying that simply building more roads does not feel correct, and that is what it seems the goal is.

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

**3. MOVING TOWARD 2050 (MINUTE 5:05):**

Sandy Shackelford gave an update on the public engagement so far. Staff have been at nine different locations to get public feedback and the public has online opportunities to give feedback as well. The total outreach count to date is 507 individuals.

She continued by explaining the CAMPO performance-based planning process. She covered the process for the identification of needs and for the prioritization of projects and offered more details on both.

She explained in further detail the performance measures and, based on the processes of each, she shared maps of the CAMPO area and how they might be scored by these performance measures.

There was a discussion about how the projects will be agreed upon by the CAMPO.

Michael Barnes said there is "Pathways to Planning" available on the VDOT website. You must request access to be able to see the full website.

There was a robust discussion about the performance measures and how they will work together to help determine the projects.

It was determined to shorten the "Roundtable" portion of the agenda to continue this discussion.

**4. AMENDMENT TO THE FY24-27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MINUTE 1:35:35):**

Sandy Shackelford explained that the TIP amendment was requested by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and only includes costs estimated for CMAQ service. Because it was requesting a change in the TIP, a motion was needed.

**Motion/Action:** Ben Chambers made a motion to accept the TIP amendment. Jessica Hersh-Ballering seconded the motion and it passed with Michael Barnes abstaining.

**5. SMART SCALE (MINUTE 1:37:02)**

Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) Proposed Changes to SMART SCALE

Sandy Shackelford presented the Round 5 scores under the proposed changes. She also gave the MPO/TJPDC projects that are eligible under the adjusted High Priority Program (HPP) definition.

**6. ROUNDTABLE (MINUTE 1:54:17):**

Tiffany Dubinsky reported that DRPT had their post-award dinner last Friday. A recording of the presentations are on their website. She also noted that DRPT will be rolling out their new requirements for MPOs.

**7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 1:54:44)**

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**Motion/Action:** Jessica-Hersh Balling said in the last meeting's minutes, Alberic Karina-Plun said "RFQ", but meant "RFP" process. Ben Chambers made a motion to approve the July 18 meeting minutes with the suggested change. Jessica Hersh-Balling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

NOTE: Joint meeting with SAW-MPO is scheduled for September 27, 2023 in Waynesboro at 10 a.m.