

**MPO Technical Committee Meeting**

Draft Minutes, January 18, 2022

Video of the meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOVfGRy-YNs>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Alex Ikefuna, Charlottesville	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Jeanette Janiczek, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Charlottesville PC	x	Gretchen Thomas	x
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x		
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)		Tony Cho FTA	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x		
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Bill Palmer, UVA	x	<b>GUESTS/PUBLIC</b>	
Patrick Clark, UVA (alternate)	x	Sean Tubbs	x
Juwhan Lee, CAT	x		
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Richard Duran, FHWA			

**Note:** The City of Charlottesville has declared a local state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the nature of this declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission to assemble in a single location in the city. This meeting was held utilizing electronic virtual communication with the Zoom software application, and in accordance with virtual meeting provisions contained in Code of Virginia § [2.2-3708.2](#). A recording of the meeting was made available to the public on January 25, 2022 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOVfGRy-YNs>

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The MPO Technical Committee Chair, Rory Stolzenberg, presided and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

- a. **Comments by the Public:** None
- b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

**3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 1:33):**

Staffing Update - Sandy Shackelford reported that a new Transportation Planner, Ryan Mickles, will be joining the TJPDC on January 24.



Acceptance of Agenda – There were no additions or changes to the agenda, so it was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

**Motion/Action:** Kevin McDermott made a motion to approve the minutes, Christine Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. RESOLUTION OF FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSIT GOVERNANCE STUDY DRPT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**GRANT APPLICATION (MINUTE 4:29):**

Lucinda Shannon described the grant for technical assistance to determine a governance structure to move regional transit priorities forward. After some clarifying questions were answered, she asked the committee to support a resolution to support the study.

**Motion/Action:** Alex Ikefuna made a motion to approve the resolution of support, Kevin McDermott seconded and the motion passed unanimously, with Wood Hudson abstaining.

**5. SAFETY TARGETS (MINUTE 19:36):**

Lucinda Shannon reminded the committee about safety targets set for the state and the region. She reminded the committee that the state targets are in the agenda packet and recommends using the state safety targets again this year.

There was some discussion about the targets with an explanation of the targets by Chuck Proctor.

**Motion/Action:** Christine Jacobs made a motion to approve the safety targets as presented, Kevin McDermott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. OFFICE OF INTERMODAL PLANNING & INVESTMENT (OIFI) GROWTH AND ACCESSIBILITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MINUTE 26:12):**

Ms. Shackelford gave an overview of technical assistance and goals for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) using lessons learned from past years and how to best implement improvements. Staff will continue to work with OIFI and will let the committee know if the technical assistance has been granted at the next meeting.

**7. SMART SCALE PROJECT UPDATES (MINUTE 30:58):**

VDOT Project Pipeline

Mr. Proctor gave an update on ... the public will be able to give feedback for two weeks, then meet with stakeholders and make recommendations for submissions. (Listen)

Rivanna River Bike/Ped Crossing

Ms. Shackelford reported that the stakeholders have been expressing concern about what will happen in the future with how it will impact the neighborhood and area.

Mr. McDermott said officials and staff should be aware of their concerns and keep them in consideration for the future.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m.

#### CAMPO Project Development

Ms. Shackelford noted that the MPO is still moving forward on projects for Smart Scale. There will be a meeting on January 24 regarding how to move forward on those projects. The projects include a roundabout at District Avenue and Hydraulic, and two multi-model improvements.

#### **8. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 42:15):**

##### Rideshare

Sara Pennington reported on Afton Express ridership numbers: 540 in November, and 358 in December (to be expected with holidays and UVA faculty and staff off from work). She noted that it is important to have this information for next year, in case they need to adjust for next year's holiday schedule. She also reported that Rideshare did a "thank you day" for the riders of the service.

Mr. Pennington said there will be promos in the future include "bring a buddy" - bring a friend, get a free ride in the future and the friend gets a free ride that day. Rideshare is continuing to plan promotions throughout the rest of the year to increase ridership numbers. She expressed being open to hearing suggestions.

She noted that there have been some days when the service has not run due to inclement weather.

Ms. Pennington is continuing to promote all ridesharing activities. She is working with local organization to promote ridesharing locally, specifically with Rideshare Rewards.

Lastly, she reported that Rideshare is applying for several DRPT grants, including a strategic planning grant.

#### **9. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 47:53):**

Jeanette reported the City is working OIPI to come up with a centralized list of priorities for transportation projects, coming from the Bike Ped Master Plan as well as Streets That Work. The City is working on a scope and hopefully will find out in the next couple of months if they have been awarded the funding.

She continued by reporting on the Belmont Bridge project and the impacts it may have on traffic and transit.

Alex Ikefuna said that the City has a new mayor, Lloyd Snook, and a new Vice Mayor, Juandiego Wade. Two new councilors were newly elected and there will be a new Council in place in March. The City is also looking for a new City Manager.

Bill Palmer reported that regular spring semester schedule starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> with a few changes. Click here to see details: <https://parking.virginia.edu/uts-service-update-spring-2022-changes-1000-pm-1200-am> He also reported that there is a road construction project at Emmet and Ivy, but they are not expecting any road closures.

Stephen Johnson reported that Jaunt is working on their transit development plan.

Wood Hudson reminded the committee that it is DRPT grant season. If anyone is having any difficulty submitting applications, he said to reach out directly to him.

Jessica Hersh-Ballering reported that the County is working on Smart Scale and will be talking with the PDC about submitting applications on their behalf. There are four projects awarded in the last round that are being fast-tracked, to being in the Spring and Summer of 2023.

She also reported that the Rio Road Corridor study is moving on the Phase II. Staff is working on multi-model transportation plan for the comprehensive plan update. They are working closely with CAT to get transit shelters, benches, and concrete pads throughout the County. She said they are working with Sense of Place to add art at shelter stops.

Lastly, Ms. Hersh-Ballering said they will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors regarding a micro-transit service at two areas in the County, and the regional transit governance study. She said she hopes to get support from the Board.

Kevin McDermott said still working on construction of the pedestrian projects on Old Ivy Road, Avon Street, Rio Road, and US 250 in Crozet. Regarding the Broadway blueprint, the corridor by Woolen Mills, the County is planning how to redevelop that corridor into a more arts and cultural center to align with the Woolen Mills development. They are working with the City traffic engineer for that area.

Juwhan Lee reported that CAT is about to begin their mandated tri-year audit.

Christine Jacobs said the TJPDC is very active now with many grant applications and with the Transit Vision Plan. She said they are programming the MPO funds for FY23 with funds from FY22 because of vacancies in staff. Ms. Jacobs also noted that Supervisors Gallaway and Mallek will remain on the MPO, Councilor Snook will remain, and Councilor Pinkston will be taking Councilor Payne's place on the MPO.

Ms. Shakelford noted that Sean Nelson has been appointment as the replacement for John Lynch as the District Engineer at VDOT.

Mr. Stolzenberg reported that the City Planning Commission recommended for approval the Rivanna River Urban Corridor Plan at there last meeting. It will go to City Council for approval and then it will go to the County for endorsement.

**10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:03:03):**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.