

**MPO Policy Board Meeting**

Minutes, March 26, 2024

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuxC-CCNZHU>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Isabella O’Brien, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x
Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville *	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Sean Nelson, VDOT		Logan Ende, TJPDC	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Neil Williamson *	x
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Michael Barnes, Albemarle	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Garland Williams, CAT		Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x
Steven Minor FHWA *	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	x
Dan Koenig, FTA *	x	Ann Wall, Albemarle	x
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x	Alan Simpson, EPRPC *	x
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x	Diantha McKeel *	x
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT		Tommy Safranek, City of Charlottesville	x
Daniel Wagner, DRPT *	x		
Mike Murphy, Jaunt			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		

\* attended online via Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER (0:00)**

The MPO Policy Board Chair, Mr. Ned Pinkston, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 a.m. Ruth Emerick called roll.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION\***

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



#### Approval of the February 28 Meeting Minutes

Brian Pinkston mentioned that the minutes named him as Chair in the first sentence. He said he is no longer Chair.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the minutes with that change. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. SMART SCALE ALTERNATIVES SELECTION**

##### US250/Barracks Road Presentation

Chuck Proctor reviewed the public survey taken regarding the public comments regarding the Albemarle County smart scale application. He then reviewed the MPO application of the Barracks Road bypass, the US29/250 northbound off-ramp deceleration lane extension roundabouts, the shared-use path and the survey responses from the public.

He continued by reviewing Albemarle County's Georgetown Road roundabout project, and the MPO's two applications (the Barracks Road roundabouts at both interchange ramp intersections, extension of the northbound deceleration lane, share use path through the interchange and east to Emmet Street).

Ann Mallek and Brian Pinkston asked several questions about the projects. Chuck Proctor noted that VDOT is proposing crosswalks at both interchanges. Mr. Proctor said mid-block crossings are not recommended at this time because of the speed limit through there. The speed limits can be re-evaluated after the project has been completed.

Motion/Action: Natalie Oschrin joined the meeting remotely. She explained the reason for her joining the meeting. Brian Pinkston made a motion to allow Ms. Oschrin to join the meeting. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Oschrin and Steven Minor joined in asking Mr. Proctor questions about this project.

Mr. Proctor noted that pre-applications are due on April 1, but final applications are due on August 1. He noted that he needs guidance from the committee to continue moving in the direction they have been moving with the projects as presented.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to give direction to staff to move forward with the application as presented as a bundle. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed with Stacey Londrey abstaining.

##### I-64 & 5<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange (Exit 120)

Mr. Proctor said VDOT is proposing a diverging diamond interchange for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street interchange at exit 120.

Natalie Oschrin arrived at the meeting in person at 4:35 p.m.

Regarding the details of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street interchange, Mr. Proctor noted that the improvement will reduce crashes and improve operations and provides a share use path in the center area between the lanes and crosswalks at the ramps.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to direct staff to submit the project as presented for Smart Scale consideration. Brian Pinkston seconded, and the motion passed with Stacey Londrey abstaining.

Peter Jefferson Parkway/Rolkin Road Improvements

Mr. Proctor continued by sharing information on Phase II on the Peter Jefferson Parkway/Rolkin Road improvements.

**Motion/Action:** Brian Pinkston made a motion to direct staff to submit the project as presented for Smart Scale consideration. Ann Mallek seconded, and the motion passed with Stacey Londrey abstaining.

**5. VDOT PIPELINE STUDY**

US250/Ivy Road Update and Discussion

Mr. Proctor said VDOT is refining the story line for three alternatives they are considering. They are considering bike/ped on Old Ivy Road, and also some ramp improvements. He said there will be a meeting with a focus group on April 1. He said he can present what the corridor information would look like at a future meeting.

**6. MOVING TOWARD 2050**

Alan Simpson, EPRPC, presented an update on the long-range transportation plan (LRTP). He gave an update on the stakeholder meetings and open house details, update on priority project identification, summary of stakeholder and public feedback on draft.

There will be a full plan for review in April and a plan for consideration in May.

**7. STAFF UPDATES**

Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Jacobs gave a background on the UPWP, why it is required, funding sources, funding by task. She briefly reviewed the activities that are covered by the UPWP and the next steps. She said the UPWP needs to be presented in April 2024 for consideration and approval.

Rivanna River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge RAISE Grant

Ms. Jacobs gave an update that TJPDC submitted the grant application and an award will be announced by the end of June.

Regional Transit Governance Study

Ms. Jacobs said the study has been completed. The TJPDC commission voted to endorse and approve the study at the March meeting. The committee will be bringing back bylaws for consideration in the next few months.

**8. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

CAT – Ben Chambers said they will be purchasing a battery-powered bus and a hydrogen-powered bus pilot. The next steps are to look at the facility and see what needs to be done to make the transition to a new fuel bus. They are also working on the transit strategic plan. They are looking to adopt that in June.

VDOT – Stacy Londry welcomed Sandy Shackelford to VDOT. They are in the middle of Smart Scale pre-applications that are due on April 1. She noted that VDOT engineers are continuing work on the Fontaine interchange project. She said they are in the midst of their 6-year program. One aspect is a public hearing, which will be on May 8 at the Water Street Center.

City of Charlottesville – Ben Chambers said they will be putting out their draft sidewalk priority map in the next few weeks. They are working on bike/ped paint and Safe Routes to School projects. They have a community walk program, first Saturday of the month.

Albemarle County – Jessica Hersh-Ballering said transportation planning staff are working on the transportation elements of the comp plan and the Smart Scale applications.

UVA – Julia Monteith did not have any updates.

Jaunt – Jason Espie reported that Jaunt is undertaking three studies. The rural needs assessment will be wrapping up in June.

CTAC – Lee Kondor reported that CTAC will be meeting in April instead of May.

FHWA – Steven Minor had nothing further to add.

DRPT – Daviel Wagner said they are moving onto the Connecting Commuters campaign and encouraged all to download the associated app.

**9. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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<https://campo.tjpd.org/committees/policy-board/>**