

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, April 24, 2024

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSE50y_PyQ4

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	x	Logan Ende, TJPDC	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Neil Williamson *	x
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x
Garland Williams, CAT		Ann Wall, Albemarle	x
Steven Minor FHWA *	x	Alan Simpson, EPRPC *	x
Dan Koenig, FTA *	x	Sean Tubbs *	x
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x		
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT			
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. Gallaway, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:01 a.m. Christine Jacobs 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 March 26 Meeting Minutes

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. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Christine Jacobs presented the changes that have been made since the previous draft, which were two placeholders that were updated throughout the plan.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the FY25 UPWP as presented and as recommended by the MPO Technical and Citizen’s Advisory Committees. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed with Stacey Londrey abstaining.

Ned Gallaway asked where the data for travel is obtained. There was a discussion about this topic with numerous members.

5. MOVING TOWARD 2050

Alan Simpson, EPRPC, presented an update on the long-range transportation plan (LRTP). He noted that the committee got an unformatted draft copy of the plan last week. H proceeded to give an overview of the project and then reviewed the chapters.

He noted that the next steps include public comment through May 21.

Mr. Gallaway noted that in the Executive Summary, air is included but rail is not. He said that rail should be included.

Public Hearing

Ned Gallaway opened the public hearing. There were no public comments, so the hearing was closed.

Ms. Jacobs asked for any comments/feedback before the formatting begins for EPR.

6. STAFF UPDATES

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustment

Lucinda Shannon noted that the state wanted to break out the funding for the entire state. It was a formatting change only. The allocations remain the same.

Rideshare CAP Strategic Plan

Sara Pennington reported that she is halfway through the plan. They are finishing the target market and customers and operations plan. They have decided on the mission: Connecting people to inclusive and sustainable transportation alternatives in order to increase mobility and enhance the quality of life.

She continued by reporting on the four main goals and then reported on the target markets: commuters from the CSPDC region, commuters within the TJPDC region, and commuters outside of both of those regions.

She noted that the next steps will be to finalize the operational plan and how that translates into the financial plan in the next 6 years. How to evaluate the plan. They will put out a draft plan at the end of this fiscal year or the beginning of the next.

8. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

Jaunt – Jason Espie reported that Jaunt is undertaking three studies. He noted that the rural needs assessment will be wrapping up in June. He said they were tracking ridership since the pandemic, and they are getting close to pre-pandemic levels.

VDOT – Stacy Londrey said they will be at Water Street Center on May 8 at 4:00 for a public hearing on the six-year program public hearing. There will be representatives from VDOT and from local bodies.

Sean Nelson said the runaway truck ramp coming down Afton Mountain is now complete. He also said they have a go-no-go decision that needs to be made on the Hydraulic/Hillsdale roundabout project. That decision will be made on May 14 and will be closed for about 46 days.

UVA – Julia Monteith said UVA was supposed to get four battery-powered buses this summer, and it turned out that the bus company they contracted with went out of business. She said UVA will be submitting for a federal funding to potentially get 20 electric buses. The grant will be awarded in 4-5 months.

VDOT – Sandy Shackelford said she and Chuck Proctor are working on the Smart Scale applications. She said there are surveys for the 5th Street interchange and the Ivy Road Corridor pipeline study that will be open online for three weeks. They are also proposing to bring back application materials for jurisdictions to review and comment on and to provide resolutions of support.

Albemarle County – Jessica Hersh-Ballering said they are working with VDOT to get their Smart Scale applications in order. She reported that the RFP for the Three Notch'd Trail master plan is out. She is hoping the work on that project will begin late July or early August. She also reported that she is working on the Freebridge Lane promenade pilot program.

City of Charlottesville – Ben Chambers said he gave a presentation to the council last week and encouraged folks to look at the recording from that meeting. He said the sidewalk prioritization program public comments are open to the public through the 30th. He also said they are working on the CAT Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) and will be presenting it to the Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) tomorrow. Next month, he will be presenting on the VDOT projects in and around the City. He noted that May is Bike Month and there are many events planned. Bikemonthville.org has the calendar of events for the month of May.

CTAC – Lee Kondor reported that CTAC is asking its members to comment on the LRTP.

Brian Pinkston said he is more confident in the efforts after the presentation from Ben Chambers last week at the 4:00 p.m. Council meeting. Natalie Oschrein said that there are many activities for Bike Month planned.

Ann Mallek is thrilled that Freebridge Lane is starting.

Mr. Gallaway said in the budget public hearings this year, they did three separate sections, including transportation as its own section, instead of lumping everything into one conversation about budget.

FHWA – No report.

DRPT – No report.

9. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Paul Grady said the queuing area in Hydraulic needs to be three times as long.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

**Committee materials and meeting recording may be found at
<https://campo.tjpd.org/committees/policy-board/>**