

**MPO Technical Committee Meeting**

Draft Minutes, March 19, 2024

Recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJC00oLTu5U>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville		Ruth Emerick, 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	Isabella O'Brien, TJPDC *	X
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	X		
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC			
Charles Proctor, VDOT	X	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	X	Tony Cho FTA	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	X	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	X		
Daniel Wagner, DRPT		<b>GUESTS/PUBLIC</b>	
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	X	Will Cockrell, EPRPC	X
Richard Duran, FHWA		Alan Simpson, EPRPC *	X
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	X	Peter Krebs, PEC	X
Garland Williams, CAT		Diantha McKeel, Albemarle *	X
		Sean Tubbs *	X
		David Cook, VDOT *	X

\* attended online via Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Rory Stozenberg called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Christine Jacobs called roll.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**a. Comments by the Public:** Active Mobility Alliance Summit this weekend. There will be a number of community leaders at this meeting. There will be a panel that will include (listen). Community \_\_\_\_\_ panel. (listen) Ther will be walking tours after lunch, including the Broadway corridor, Riverview Park, and a hike on the Rivanna Trail. They added 20 more seats, so please register at [www.pecva.va/mobilitysummit](http://www.pecva.va/mobilitysummit).

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

**3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

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Jessica Hersh-Ballering said to change “tools and objectives” to “goals and objectives.” Ben Chambers also said that he did not think that James Freas was at that meeting. Ben Chambers made a motion to approve the agenda. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Chuck Proctor reviewed results of the survey taken regarding the public comments regarding the Albemarle County smart scale applications. 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).

There was an extensive discussion about the details of the Georgetown Road roundabout project, including adding crosswalk(s) for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Proctor noted that an engineer would have to look at the possibility of adding a crosswalk. He said it will be important that the addition stay within the budget of the current 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.

The considerations to add for the Georgetown project include a mid-block crossing, pavement treatments of crosswalks at Georgetown, and reduced lane-widths.

**Motion/Action:** Jessica Hersh-Ballering moved to make a recommendation to the Policy Board to approve the design with the changes discussed for the pre-application.

Mr. Proctor presented the shared-use path on the south side of Barracks Road. Mr. Safranek noted that he is not in favor of the roundabouts at these locations. There was discussion about the safety of those who want to use the area as a cyclist or pedestrian. Mr. Stolzenberg said roundabouts only work when the considerations for pedestrians are all included.

The motion was restated. Tommy Safranek seconded the motion and it passed with Ben Chambers and Tommy Safranek voting no, and Christine Jacobs abstaining.

Mr. Proctor reviewed the following projects for consideration: 1) 5<sup>th</sup> Street-I64 Interchange improvements, 2) US 250 – Pantops Corridor, 3) Barracks Rd study with the bypass interchange and SUP to Emmet St, and 4) Barrack Rd Pipeline study.

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

**Motion/Action:** Ben Chambers made a motion to recommend this project to the Policy Board. Jessica Hersh-Ballering seconded, and the motion passed.

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

**Motion/Action:** Jesscia Hersh-Ballering made a motion to recommend that the Policy Board approve the Peter Jefferson Parkway/Rolkin Road project as presented. Ben Chambers seconded, and the motion passed.

Listen for deadlines.

**5. VDOT PIPELINE STUDIES**

This item was tables due to time constraints.

**6. MOVING TOWARD 2050**

Alan Simpson presented the numerous projects being considered for the long-range transportation plan (LRTP). He gave an update on the stakeholder meeting and open house details including the objectives for holding the open houses. He briefly reviewed the priority infrastructure projects and the feedback about those projects from the public and other stakeholders. These projects are included in the meeting packet.

There was discussion about a few of the projects mentioned with an explanation of the process for the LRTP.

**7. FY25 PROPOSED UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

Ms. Jacobs proposed that she send a copy of the presentation to the committee members. She encouraged the members to look at it carefully because there will need to be decisions made on it at the next meeting.

**8. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

Charlottesville

Ben Chambers said (listen)

Albemarle

Jessica Hersh-Ballering said the County has a lot of town halls happening now talking about budget and transportation items.

VDOT

Mr. Proctor did not have anything more to add.

DRPT

There was no report from DRPT. Ms. Jacobs said she will forward a one-page update to the committee that they sent to her.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said she is in the midst of creating a strategic plan. She will be sending a survey to the committee and encouraged the committee to send it on to those who may have an interest in it.

CAT

Ben Chambers said CAT is wrapping up the draft TSP. They are aiming to adopt it in June. They are working on the zero-emissions program with a two-phases with two buses (EV and hydrogen).

Jaunt

Jason Espie said Jaunt has a few studies underway and they are having a meeting next week on the rural transit needs. He asked the committee

UVA

Bill Palmer said there are numerous lane closures due to construction around town.

CAMPO

Christine Jacobs did not have anything else to add.

**8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.