

MPO Technical Committee Meeting
 Draft Minutes, April 16, 2024

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville		Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	
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	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect			
Daniel Wagner, DRPT *		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Sara Pennington, Rideshare		Will Cockrell, EPRPC	x
Steven Minor, FHWA *	x	Alan Simpson, EPRPC *	x
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x		
Garland Williams, CAT			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Rory Stozenberg called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Christine Jacobs called roll.

Luis Carazzana, Steven Minor, Daniel Wagner explained their reasoning for attending the meeting virtually. Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to allow them to participate remotely.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Christine Jacobs noted that there will not be an update from Sara Pennington as she is unavailable.



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Ben Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes, Jessica Hersh-Ballering seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. UNIFIED PLANNING AND WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) DRAFT

Christine Jacobs briefly explained the updates to the draft of the FY25 UPWP.

Motion/Action: Ben Chambers made a motion to recommend the UPWP as presented to the MPO Policy Board. Tommy Safranek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. MOVING TOWARD 2050

Alan Simpson presented an overview of the process to date. He noted that the plan is not formatted yet, but the content will be completed by this Friday. It will be presented at the next meeting.

He continued by explaining the drafting process, and then reviewed each chapter in the plan.

Will Cockrell continued the conversation by explaining the constrained budget, what it means and the misconceptions that are sometimes associated with it.

He noted that the importance of the constrained budget has waned over the years. He noted that Smart Scale, SSRA, and the VDOT pipeline are some of the new ways to choose projects. He said it is an evolving piece of the long-range plan.

Alan Simpson reviewed the next steps. He noted that the committee will have the draft on Friday and if there are any questions or comments, they should be directed to him or Will Cockrell by April 26.

There were a few suggestions and comments given by numerous committee members.

Ms. Cockrell noted that any revisions to the TIP, LRTP or the UPWP that the MPO Tech Committee makes would be reviewed and then sent for recommendation for approval to the MPO Policy board.

6. STAFF UPDATES

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustment

Lucinda Shannon noted that there is a new block in the TIP that has a new cost for rail. She noted that there are no money amounts changed, but just a format change in the TIP itself. This format change is in the memo in the agenda packet.

Rideshare CAP Strategic Plan

Tabled.

8. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

Charlottesville

Ben Chambers said he presented to the City Council about all the updates last night. He recommended if you are interested to look at the recording of that meeting.

Albemarle

Jessica Hersh-Ballering said the County released the RFP for the Three Notch'd Trail master plan.

Charlottesville

Tommy Safranek shared a brochure for a trail blazers program that will be working with teens for trail clean up. At the end of the summer, they will be allowed to work with the rangers in the Shenandoah National Park and learn trail creation.

He said they had a successful city walk last week.

He also noted that Bike Month is upcoming and there are quite a few activities planned for that celebration. Visit BikeMonthCville.org for additional information.

Ben Chambers said they will give a presentation to the Council about their VDOT projects.

VDOT

Sandy Shackelford said they are working on the Smart Scale Round 6 applications.

Chuck Proctor gave a brief update on the pipeline project. They are going to start surveying the Ivy project next week. He said the Barracks Road studies are currently being wrapped up for Smart Scale submission. They will be presented at the meeting next month.

DRPT

There was no report.

Rideshare

There was no report.

CAT

Ben Chambers said CAT is wrapping up the draft TSP. It should be completed by the end of the month. They are looking for a final adoption in June. He said they are continuing to work on bus shelters.

Jaunt

Jason Espie said Jaunt has a few studies underway that will be wrapping up in June or July. Jaunt is getting to the recommendation phases now. He said their micro transit program is focusing in the Crozet area. He also said ridership is up. Lastly, he noted that Jaunt has been working with Lucinda Shannon re: the Mobility Management program.

UVA

There was no report.

CAMPO

Christine Jacobs did not have anything else to add.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.