

MPO Technical Committee Meeting
 Draft Minutes, May 21, 2024

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Alb Co	x		
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	x		
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC	x		
Charles Proctor, VDOT		NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x		
Wood Hudson, DRPT *	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Will Cockrell, EPRPC	x
Steven Minor, FHWA		Alan Simpson, EPRPC *	x
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x		
Garland Williams, CAT			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Rory Stolzenberg called the meeting to order at 10:03 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

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

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Jason Espie made a motion to approve the minutes, Ben Chambers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.



4. MOVING TOWARD 2050

Christine Jacobs thanked the committee for their careful and thoughtful review of the LRTP.

Alan Simpson also thanked everyone for their input on the process and the documentation. He continued by presenting an overview of the changes that have been made since the last version. He briefly presented the final draft with all the revisions.

Motion/Action: Ben Chambers moved to approve the adoption of the LRTP with revisions as noted. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. VDOT UPDATE ON PROJECTS

164/5th Street Interchange Improvement (Exit 120)

Sandy Shackelford presented the CAMPO – Smart Scale Round 6 Project list. She oriented everyone on the current interchange and the purpose and need for a change at that location. She continued by presenting the four alternatives in the 5th St interchange study.

She presented the results of the survey of nearly 1,000 comments. On average, the diverging diamond interchange had the highest favorability rate. She also shared a breakdown of the comments.

Barracks Road Pipeline US29/US250 Interchange and Shared Use Path

Ms. Shackelford presented the connecting the Georgetown Road intersection to a hybrid roundabout, narrowing and closing the median crossovers between Georgetown Road and the interchange; and adding a shared use path along the corridor.

There was an internet outage, so the video stopped recording.

There were questions about mid-block crosswalks and the speed limits through the area. It was noted that people are crossing mid-block now because there is a bus stop across the street. There was also concern about not adding a reduction in the speed limit in the area. It was noted by Ms. Shackelford that if the design is correct, the vehicles will be naturally slowing their vehicles in that corridor.

Ms. Shackelford said she would bring the concerns back to VDOT but cannot make any promised that any changes would be made.

Ben Chambers asked if the mid-block crosswalk is not included if the MPO could pull the application.

Jessica Hersh-Ballering said that Albemarle staff has gone through all of the projects with VDOT and she said this project the way it has been presented today is better than submitting nothing. Ms. Shackelford said VDOT has put a lot of good faith effort into this project design and the push back from the MPO may be received as perhaps not using VDOT resources as well as they could.

The decision was made not to go through the Albemarle County projects due to time constraints.

Motion/Action: Jessica Hersh-Ballering made a motion that the committee recommends a motion to adopt the resolution with the added comment that the Barracks Road project should seriously consider crossings at Cedars and Surry in future design due to the long distance between crossings in the current design and the presence of a bus stop at Surry and a trail at Cedars. Ben Chambers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with Christine Jacobs and Sandy Shackelford abstaining.

6. SMART SCALE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to recommend adoption of the resolution endorsing the CA-MPO's Smart Scale applications with the added comment that serious consideration be made for a pedestrian crossing at Surry in future design due to the long distance between crossings in the current design and the presence of a bus stop at Surry. Ben Chambers seconded to motion, and it passed unanimously with Christine Jacobs and Sandy Shackelford abstaining.

7. HIGHWAY SYSTEMS FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION UPDATE

Christine Jacobs reviewed the process underway and noted that the process she is reviewing is technical in nature only and does not need feedback.

VDOT noticed an error in one of the applications is that the 250 corridor should be a minor arterial corridor.

She asked the committee to dig into it and get back to MPO staff.

8. MPO TECH OFFICERS

Ben Chambers said he would volunteer to Chair for the next fiscal year. Alberic Karina-Plun said he would also be willing to volunteer. The elections will be held in July.

9. STAFF UPDATES

Christine Jacobs noted that there was a bill passed in the General Assembly that virtual meetings can meet remotely 50% of the time. There will be an update on the rules for this committee in July.

Ms. Jacobs introduced Sarah Simba to the Technical committee.

She continued by noting that MPO Tech meetings are usually every other month except in the LRTP and Smart Scale years. She recommended that the committee meet every other month. The June meeting will stay on the calendar.

8. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

Charlottesville

Ben Chambers said they closed public comments on the sidewalk projects. The final list will be up in the month of June. They are working with VPAC for quick-build solutions throughout the City. They will begin looking at those at the end of the week. The City will be pursuing a SS4A planning grant to get matching funds for their quick-build traffic calming solutions. They will be submitting that grant in August.

Tommy Safranik said on June 7 there will be an all-day walk audit in the Meadows neighborhood. He will be doing his monthly walk (on the 9th) through the Meadows. There will also be a public meeting at the Holiday Inn regarding the roundabout in that area.

He also said that Bike Month continues and is going well.

Albemarle

Jessica Hersh-Ballering reported that they are working on comp plan, smart scale, and closed the RFP for the Three Notch'd Master Plan. They are hoping to kick off the plan in October.

Alberic Karina-Plun said there was recently a bike demo in Crozet.

VDOT

Sandy Shackelford said they are working on the Smart Scale Round 6 applications. There is full application training on June 4. VDOT has identified issues on some applications that will need to be focused on in the near future.

DRPT

There was no report.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said Bike Month partnership has exploded in two year and there have been numerous events for the month. There is a bike month business challenge, and the winner will be announced at the last Fridays After Five. She also said there is the CAP Commuter Plan is underway and they are reviewing the numerous chapters. They are on target to have a complete draft by mid-July.

CAT

Ben Chambers said the TSP has a public info meeting at noon today. They will be sending their final TSP to Council in their first meeting in June.

Jaunt

Jason Espie said Jaunt is continuing to work on their three ongoing studies.

UVA

Bill Palmer said now that graduation is over, the Fontaine construction will be ramping up. The parking experience at the Fontaine office buildings, including valet service.

He also said they are ramping up pedestrian infrastructure on Grounds.

CAMPO

Christine Jacobs did not have anything else to add.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.