

AGENDA MPO Technical Committee

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.
Water Street Center, 407 E. Water Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

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Item	Time	Description
0	10:00 - 10:05	Attendance
1	10:05 - 10:10	Matters from the Public Members of the public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transportation-related topic, including items listed on this agenda – limit three minutes per speaker
2	10:10 - 10:15	General Administration* – Ryan Mickles, CA-MPO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance of agenda* Approval of May 16, 2023 MPO Tech Cmte. Minutes*
3	10:15 - 10:20	Elections FY24 Committee Chair and Vice Chair* - Ryan Mickles, CA-MPO
4	10:20 - 10:30	OneMap – Regional Bike/Ped Map – Sandy Shackelford/Ryan Mickles, CA-MPO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Update Coordination with state initiatives
5	10:30 - 10:50	Moving Toward 2050 – Sandy Shackelford, CA-MPO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Engagement Update Needs Prioritization Metrics
6	10:50 - 11:30	SMART SCALE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonwealth Transportation Board Discussions about Changes in Round 6 – Sandy Shackelford, CA-MPO Round 6 Project Development – Sandy Shackelford, CA-MPO VDOT Pipeline Projects – Michael Barnes, VDOT
7	11:30 - 11:40	Federal Grant Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAISE Grant – Rivanna River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Safe Streets and Roads for All – Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
8	11:40 - 11:55	Roundtable Updates -CA-MPO -CAT -City of Charlottesville -Jaunt -Albemarle County -UVA -Virginia Department of Transportation -Rideshare
9	11:55 - 12:00	Matters from the Public Members of the public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transportation-related topic, including items listed on this agenda – limit three minutes per speaker
STAFF UPDATES:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Meeting with SAW-MPO on September 27, 2023 Monthly meetings will occur in FY24 until approval of the long range transportation plan is completed 		

(*) A recommendation to the MPO Policy Board and/or vote is expected for this item

MPO Technical Committee Meeting
 Draft Minutes, May 16, 2023

A video recording of the meeting can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVomRimqOBM>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Alb Co		Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle (alternate)	x	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	
Charles Proctor, VDOT		NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt			
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Juwhan Lee, CAT		Will Cockrell, EPR	x
Taylor Jenkins, DRPT (alternate)			
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT *	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Richard Duran, FHWA			

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Rory Stolzenberg called the meeting to order at 10:06. Ryan Mickles called roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (NOT RECORDED)

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (NOT RECORDED)

March 21, 2023 Minutes

Motion/Action: Michael Barnes made a motion to approve the March 21st meeting minutes. Christine Jacobs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



Tiffany Dubinsky attended the meeting remotely for personal reasons. Bill Palmer made a motion to allow Ms. Dubinsky in the meeting. Luis Carrazana seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. DRAFT FY24 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) (MINUTE :00):

Sandy Shackelford presented the committee with the background on the UPWP and the breakdown of the various tasks and the respective budget numbers.

Ms. Shackelford noted that there is built into Task 2, Long Range Transportation Planning, on-call services/contingency. There was discussion about how that money will be used for this scope of work.

Mr. Barnes asked questions about One Map and multi-modal planning. Ms. Shackelford noted that prioritization was not part of the planning process, but also noted that the City and the County are working on their multi-modal plans. She said once they have those plans completed, it might make sense for CAMPO to focus on that area at that time.

There was continued discussion about how to integrate the City and the County's bike/pedestrian plans in a regional way.

James Freas arrived at the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Sandy Shackelford noted that staff is aware of the need and is working to integrate the data for future use.

Motion/Action: Luis Carrazana made a motion to approve the draft UPWP with adjustments mentioned in the discussion. Bill Palmer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. AMENDMENTS TO FY21-24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MINUTE 35:44):

Ryan Mickles presented the proposed amendments for the TIP. These amendments were given to the MPO from VDOT. He noted that the amendments are moving monies forward into future fiscal years.

Michael Barnes noted that there may be some numbers that may be incorrect from VDOT. He said he will talk with Chuck Proctor about them.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to approve the TIP amendments. Luis Carrazana seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. DRAFT FY24-27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) (MINUTE 39:34)

Mr. Mickels gave an overview of the draft TIP. He noted that the numbers for Jaunt may be amended due to their ongoing work on their budget.

He noted there were no public comments as of this morning.

Mr. Barnes said the numbers from VDOT are incorrect and he needs to review them and get back with Staff.

Motion/Action: James Freas recommended approval of the draft TIP. Christine Jacobs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. SMART SCALE ROUND 6 PREPARATION UPDATE (MINUTE 54:00)

Ms. Shackelford gave a background on the Smart Scale process. She noted that CAMPO has still not heard on the Round 5 projects that have been recommended for funding. Those decisions will be made in June. The projects chosen for Round 6 may change after the final decisions for Round 5 have been made.

She continued by reviewing the unfunded projects from Rounds 4 and 5 and the VDOT pipeline projects, and whether to consider them for Round 6 of Smart Scale of funding.

Mr. Alberic-Plun noted that the District Avenue roundabout at Hydraulic Road project is currently being pursued by the County, as announced at a recent Board of Supervisors' meeting.

There was discussion by the committee members about the presented projects.

Rory Stolzenberg asked about perhaps creating a bike/ped connection near Whole Foods. There was discussion about that between him and Mr. Barnes.

Sandy Shackelford said she reviewed the projects with the localities and noted that many of them are being undertaken by the jurisdictions.

There was a discussion about the Rivanna Bike/Ped bridge alignment. Ms. Shackelford noted that perhaps there should be sessions with the Planning Commissions to discuss the best path forward for this project.

8. MOVING TOWARD 2050 UPDATES (LRTP) (MINUTE 1:18:46)

Ms. Shackelford gave a background on the goals and objective and the lenses through which they are viewed and upon which they are decided.

Ms. Shackelford noted that the lens tool helps to evaluate the LRTP projects and the goals and objectives. The lens helps guide the performance measure of the projects as well.

Will Cockrell gave additional clarification on the use of the lens tool on reaching goals and objectives. He noted that the purpose of the LRTP is to create a project list, and the performance measures will be used to score the projects.

Ms. Shackelford noted that the metrics will be brought forward in June or July.

Mr. Cockrell noted that the process and structure that Ms. Shackelford and staff are using are considered best practices.

Ms. Shackelford continued by the discussing public engagement process and the reason why the public's input is so important.

Mr. Cannazara, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Freas left the meeting at 11:53 am.

9. ROUNDTABLE (MINUTE 1:45:11):

Rideshare

Sara Pennington reported this week is Bike-to-Work-Week and noted the places to look for pop-up stations around the area for more information, as well as online.

Albemarle County

Alberic Karina-Plun said the County is working on comp plan updates, including public engagement. He gave updates on Free Bridge Lane and the Route 20 shared use path.

City of Charlottesville

Mr. Stolzenberg reported that the City is working on zoning rewrites. There will be a consolidated draft in about a month and a half.

DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky said their draft SIP is available online on DRPT's open data portal. She said he hopes to have that approved for implementation by July 1. They are also reviewing their FY24 5303 applications. She highlighted the Virginia Statewide Rail Program (<https://drpt.virginia.gov/studies-and-reports/2022-virginia-statewide-rail-plan/>) stating that there will be periodic updates to the story maps online. Lastly, she noted that DRPT has been working on a "Discover Transit" campaign launched in mid-April.

11. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Memorandum

To: MPO Committees
From: Sandy Shackelford, Director of Planning & Transportation
Date: July 10, 2023
Reference: Update on the Toward 2050 Stakeholder Outreach

Purpose:

In June 2023, the MPO kicked off its broad public engagement to receive community input on transportation system priorities and identify issues. The purpose of the public engagement in this phase is to develop the relative importance of different factors in determining system priorities, and to hear from the public on where there are identified issues and opportunities. This feedback will guide the analysis of systemwide data and better understand conditions that are contributing to existing system deficiencies.

Discussion:

The MPO kicked off the public engagement with a virtual informational meeting, a drop-in open house, and a MetroQuest survey. Information about these opportunities to learn more and start providing feedback were directly emailed to more than 200 points of contact that included committee members, stakeholder discussion group participants, and community representatives, including all neighborhood association points of contact in the City of Charlottesville.

Information was (and continues to be) further distributed through the TJPDC monthly newsletter, through social media, through the Albemarle County newsletter, in communication to Albemarle County's Community Advisory Committees, and has been disseminated by two news sources.

Participation to date has been modest:

- Virtual Meeting was attended by four people;
- Open House was attended by six people;
- As of 7/10/2023, 97 people have taken the survey, and have left over 400 mapping comments.

MPO Staff is working to identify opportunities to get feedback about transportation priorities through public engagement with the community. Those efforts include:

- Coordinating additional engagement and outreach with The Center at Belvedere
- Tabling at the Downtown Transit Center (Scheduled for end of July)
- CACVB Board Meeting (Late August)
- Outreach at UVA to include disseminating information through Student Government Association newsletters and planning on-campus outreach (in-person outreach late August)
- Coordinating with Albemarle County on presentations to the Community Advisory Committees (later this fall)
- Considering opportunities to conduct outreach at parks
- Continue to work directly with community organizations and stakeholders

We want to provide as many opportunities for engagement at this point in the process most importantly to help us hear from the community about their identified issues and opportunities. However, there will be additional opportunities for the public to provide feedback later in the process when we start discussing discrete projects.

Actions: This information is being shared for discussion purposes. No action is requested at this time.

Memorandum

To: MPO Committees
From: Sandy Shackelford, Director of Planning & Transportation
Date: July 10, 2023
Reference: Commonwealth Transportation Board – SMART SCALE Program Review

Purpose:

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is undertaking a comprehensive review of the SMART SCALE program, including reviewing the application development process and analyzing the outcomes. While this evaluation process occurs after every round of SMART SCALE, substantive adjustments are being considered as part of the current review. These discussions began at the May 2023 CTB meeting, and are scheduled to continue through the fall.

CA-MPO staff is following the discussions and will provide a summary of key discussion items that have been covered in the CTB meetings to-date. However, the information shared at the CTB meetings goes into much more detail. No decisions regarding changes to the SMART SCALE application process have been made at this time.

Discussion:

At the May meeting, the CTB reviewed the history of SMART SCALE, feedback they received about the process after Round 5, and a high-level analysis of application performance. Office of Intermodal Planning & Investment (OIP) staff reviewed the items that were codified into State Code that cannot be adjusted, as well as the portions that the CTB has the authority to adjust and revise. OIP staff reviewed the main issues that were identified through their analysis of the program.

During the May meeting, the main topic that was discussed was identified issues related to the application process, and a review of potential program adjustments being considered to address those challenges.

- [Recording of the Presentation](#) (1:58:45)
- [Meeting Slides](#)

During the June meeting, the CTB discussed process biases, funding steps, and began the discussion on what is referred to in the CTB meeting as “One Factor Majority” issues, which is in reference to the influence the land use scoring factor has had on project funding recommendations.

- [Recording of the Presentation](#) (0:00:00)
- [Meeting Slides](#)

Actions: This information is being shared for discussion purposes. No action is requested at this time.