

Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting NOTES: July 19, 2023

Video of this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SicMkldKQGQ>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Lee Kondor, Albemarle County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC/CAMPO	x
Stuart Gardner, MPO	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC/CAMPO	
Lucas Beane, City of Charlottesville		Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC/CAMPO	
Donna Chen, MPO	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC/CAMPO *	x
Nicholas Garber, Albemarle*	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC/CAMPO	
Greg Weaver, City of Charlottesville	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC/CAMPO	x
Ethan Heil, City of Charlottesville *	x	Chuck Proctor, VDOT Culpeper District	
Marty Meth, Albemarle County		Michael Barnes, VDOT Culpeper District	x
Karim Habbab, City of Charlottesville PC	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Patrick Healy, City of Charlottesville	x		
Chapman Munn, MPO	x		

* attended virtually via Zoom

0. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Mr. Lee Kondor called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. A quorum was not present.

1. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE :17).

None

2. APPROVAL OF DRAFT CTAC MEETING MINUTES (MINUTE 1:00)

There was no quorum in person, so approval of the various minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

3. MOVING TOWARD 2050 (MINUTES 1:24)

Sandy Shackelford gave a background on Moving Toward 2050 (MPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan) and information on the public engagement feedback received to date. There were stakeholder meetings with 25 participants, a virtual information webinar with 4 attendees and 19 views on the recording, there was a drop-in open house with 6 attendees (weather was a factor), and there was MetroQuest survey with 143 comment and over 550 map comments. The survey closes in mid-August.

She continued by reporting on the planned public intercepts, including the Downton Transit Center, the Center at Belvedere, Convention and Visitors Bureau Board meeting, and Community Advisory committee meetings. There are other events that Staff is exploring in the region.

Ms. Shackelford reported on the feedback given thus far and the demographics of those who have responded. She noted that there is work to be done on reaching out to more minority and typically underserved communities. There was a suggestion to reach out to C3 and Habitat for Humanity.

Nicholas Garber suggested that there be an option for mixed race on the survey.

She noted that there will be more specific questions and evaluation once the process continues.

She noted that there is a place on the TJPDC website that shows a map of the Moving Toward 2050 that shows a visual story of the locality and the projects that are being considered.

3. SMART SCALE (MINUTE 31:34)

CTB Discussions about Changes in Round 6

Ms. Shackelford gave a brief background on Smart Scale. She noted that there was a presentation at the CTB May meeting around the two-hour mark for an in-depth explanation of Smart Scale.

She noted that there has been evaluation of the process at the state level and they have noted that there are numerous opportunities for improvement. She said they are having ongoing discussions on changes that may be made and nothing has been set yet, but there are going to be changes in the future on the process.

Ms. Shackelford went on to describe the two funding programs, the District Grant Program (DGP) and the High Priority Program (HPP). Localities, MPOs, PDCs, Transit Agencies are eligible applicants for the HPP.

Round 6 Project Development

Ms. Shackelford reviewed numerous potential process changes and the impacts that those changes may have on future projects, particularly bike/ped projects.

It was suggested that a letter be drafted for acceptance to voice its opinion on the impact on bike/ped projects. Ms. Shackelford said they could draft one and bring it to the next meeting. She noted that there needs to be an in-person quorum for it to be approved.

VDOT Pipeline Projects

See MPO Tech minutes from July 18.

Michael Barnes presented on VDOT's project pipeline with the Barracks Road and Ivy Corridor projects. They are currently in Phase I, which includes a broad analysis to understand problems and the causes. Phase 2 starts later this fall and will sketch level analysis to narrow down solutions.

He continued by speaking about how best to move forward. There will be data collection, a multimodal framework, a public survey (last two weeks of July into August), develop list of potentially viable alternatives, Corridor Focus Group (County-led), and develop a Phase 2 scope.

4. FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE (MINUTE 1:17:00)

a. RAISE – Ms. Shackelford reported that CAMPO was not awarded the grant. There will be debriefing information presented to Staff who will share it with the MPO committees.

b. Safe Streets and Roads for All - Ms. Shackelford gave background on the grant's scope of work. Staff is currently in the process of procuring a consultant team. The consultant should be chosen by September 2023. Once there is a qualifying safety action plan in place, Staff can apply for implementation of the grant.

Greg Weaver asked the best way to submit opinions to CTB. Ms. Shackelford said the more influential voices will be from elected officials, but it will be important to hear from citizens as well. She will be letting the localities' staffs know about the potential changes as well.

5. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:23:30)

None

There being no further business, Mr. Kondor adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. The next CTAC meeting is scheduled for September 20 at 7:00 p.m. at 401 East Water Street.