

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, January 24, 2024

Video of the meeting can be found here:

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

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC *	x
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Natalie Oschirin, Charlottesville	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	
Sean Nelson, VDOT *	x	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)		Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Sean Tubbs *	x
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x	Neil Williamson *	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Paul Grady *	x
Garland Williams, CAT *	x	Daniel Koenig *	x
Paige DeBold, FHWA *	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	X
Dan Koenig, FTA		Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	X
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	X
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	X
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT *	x	Kevin McDermott, Albemarle *	x
		Michael Barnes, Albemarle	x

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER (0:00)

The MPO Policy Board Chair, Mr. Brian Pinkston, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:01 a.m. Sandy Shackelford called roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:30)

a. Comments by the Public:

Paul Grady, a citizen who lives just outside of Crozet, presented the board with an option for a revenue sharing project in November between Albemarle County, UVA, and VDOT that involved Leonard Sandridge Road. He said it is an important project and should not be “put on a shelf” like the other ideas he has brought to the board in the last 25 years. He continued by saying he has a second revenue sharing project between Kroger, the City, and VDOT that would build a portion of Hillsdale Drive between Hydraulic Road and Holiday Drive. He continued by elaborating on how that could be possible. He also noted that he thought the maximum amount of money that VDOT contributed to revenue sharing projects needs to be raised substantially. He said if localities are willing to pay half of the project, then VDOT should be allowed to pay the other half without restrictions.

Lee Kondor said he had offered an alternative design for 29 North ramp to I-64 that doesn’t impact



Fontaine Avenue and doesn't require traffic to cross the southbound US29 lane. He sent a copy to Sean Nelson and said he could mention it if he would like during the meeting.

Peter Krebs invited the Board to sign up for the Active Mobility Summit to be held on March 21. It is open to all who are interested in a more connected community. It is at the Wool Factory. There will be breakfast and lunch provided. There will be a special focus on the Blue Ridge safety action plan. There will be collaborative work sessions. Please sign up at www.PECVA.org/mobiliitysummit. There will be a meeting next Tuesday at 4:00 pm at the Water Street Center if you want to get involved.

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION* (MINUTE 6:55)

Introduction of new members

Natalie Oschrein introduced herself. Jason Espie, with Jaunt, is a new member but was not present at that time.

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the December 11 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the minutes. Ned Gallaway seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Ned Gallaway abstaining.

4. OFFICER ELECTIONS (MINUTE 9:30)

Ms. Shackelford noted that the nominating committee, Julia Monteith, Sean Nelson, and Ann Mallek, recommended that Ned Gallaway be nominated as the new Chair. They also recommended Brian Pinkston as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the nomination of Ned Gallaway as Chair. Brian Pinkston seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the nomination of Brian Pinkston as Vice Chair. Natalie Oschrein seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

5. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024 (MINUTE 12:04)

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the altered meeting schedule for calendar year 2024. She also asked the Board to consider whether they would like to keep monthly meetings after the Long-Range Transportation Plan is approved or switch to meetings every other month. There was a discussion about dates that worked for all the committee meetings.

Mr. Gallaway suggested to leave the meeting schedule as every month and if the meeting needs to be cancelled for lack of action items or content, that decision can be made prior to the meeting for that month.

The consensus was reached to have the March meeting on the 26th at 4:00 p.m. It was also approved that December 3rd would be the meeting for both November and December due to conflicts with holidays. The December meeting will be revisited in the summer to make sure that the date still works for everyone.

Motion/Action: Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the dates as proposed on the agenda with the

March meeting scheduled for the 26th and the December meeting tentatively scheduled for the 3rd. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR RIVANNA RIVER BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE RAISE GRANT APPLICATION (MINUTE 18:15)

Ms. Shackelford gave a background on the Rivanna River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge RAISE grant. She explained the application process and the proposed project scope.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to provide a resolution of support for the RAISE grant as presented. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. VDOT PROJECT PIPELINE UPDATES (MINUTE 25:50)

Chuck Proctor and Sean Nelson gave a brief update on the numerous pipeline projects. Mr. Nelson noted that VDOT hopes to get viable projects for the MPO or other localities for Smart Scale applications in the future.

7. SMART SCALE ROUND 6 PROJECT SELECTION (MINUTE 29:20)

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the potential eligible MPO projects, including the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) at I-64/5th Street (Exit 120), Hillsdale South Extension, Round 5 pipeline studies (Peter Jefferson Parkway/Rolkin Road improvements and Louisa Road/Milton Road improvements). She also reviewed the two VDOT pipeline projects as well but noted that the MPO would be limited to either submitting an entire package of projects as identified in the pipeline process or just submitting applications for eligible elements from those pipeline studies.

There was a discussion about which projects to have the MPO submit for Round 6. Mr. Proctor noted that five pre-applications are allowed to be submitted, and then when it is time for full applications to be submitted, you can drop the one that seems like it would score the lowest.

8. US29 AND FONTAINE AVENUE INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DISCUSSION (MINUTE 49:40)

Ms. Shackelford gave background on the project before handing the discussion over to Sean Nelson.

Mr. Nelson presented the committee with the US29 and Fontaine Avenue Interchange Improvements Project. He shared the feedback from the community about the current design. There was a discussion about getting clarification about the design.

He continued by providing the alternatives development created by consulting firm Michael Baker and there was discussion about alternatives and clarifications given. Ms. Jacobs summarized by stating the options. The first is to leave it the way it is. The second is if there is a change to the project, it would be scored the way it was scored the first time it was submitted, not under the new scoring metrics just adopted by the CTB. The third option is to reject all the projects reviewed so far, not receive the funding, and go back to the “drawing board.” The project would be resubmitted under the new CTB rules for Smart Scale, knowing that some of the aspects that made it competitive in Round 4 may not make it competitive now.

Mr. Nelson said he will need to hear from the Policy Board about the direction in which to move by the end of February.

9. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS (MINUTE 1:45:15)

Ms. Shackelford gave an explanation of the TIP. The first TIP amendment updates the financial allocation for FY24 for the replacement rolling stock amount that CAT has received. As they receive rolling stock funding allocations earlier than originally anticipated, they adjust what they will be spending in the future.

The second TIP amendment is a new TIP block being proposed by CAT for a capital improvement project, adding an operations annex to their current facility, and improvements to the administrative offices. There is funding allocated in 2024, none in 2025 and those projects would begin in 2026.

The third TIP amendment is the inclusion of the federal money for TJPDC's new Mobility Management Project.

The fourth through tenth TIP amendments remove boxes referencing Jaunt spending allocations since Jaunt is not a direct recipient of federal funding, therefore, they do not need to be programmed into the MPO's TIP.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to accept the amendments and modifications to the TIP. Brian Pinkston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. MOVING TOWARD 2050 (MINUTE 1:50:35)

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the needs prioritization outputs including evaluation metrics. She noted that these needs prioritization was based solely on data, but she said staff will be going back through public feedback they received to see if there are additional needs. They will also be looking at PSI locations and the Travel Demand Model separately to determine if there are additional needs.

She continued by explaining the different levels of the needs identified in the study.

She noted the next steps which include committee members providing feedback on the needs outputs presented, comparing the needs prioritization data outputs to public feedback, determining candidate projects that meet needs, creating a short list of candidate projects for consideration in the long-range plan, identifying gaps between needs/candidate projects developed, and scheduling stakeholder meetings to review initial findings.

11. STAFF UPDATES (1:58:02)

Section 5310 Mobility Management Grant Application

Lucinda Shannon reported that she is applying for funding for the Mobility Management Program that started on January 1. The toll-free number is in place. People are getting assistance through JABA's counselors. She said she is applying for funding for 2025 to add a staff person for the program.

Regional Safety Summit

Curtis Scarpignato briefly gave an update on the Regional Safety Summit and thanked both Councilor Pinkston and Jessica Hersh-Ballering for coming. He said staff will be going to all of the jurisdictions in the coming weeks to seek letters of commitment as part of the requirement of the grant.

12. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:59:42)

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on February 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Water Street Center.