

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, December 11, 2023

Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wsn-AwZWlo>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	
Sean Nelson, VDOT	x	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Ted Rieck, Jaunt		Peter Krebs, PEC	x
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Jessica Hersch-Ballering, Albemarle County	x
Garland Williams, CAT		Paige DeBold, FHWA *	x
Steven Minor, FHWA *	x	Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson *	x
Dan Koenig, FTA *	x	Grant Sparks *	x
Lee Kondor, CTAC *	x	Tommy S, City of Charlottesville	x
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x		
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)			
Daniel Wagner, DRPT			

* 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 10:00 a.m. Sandy Shackelford called roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (1:25)

a. **Comments by the Public:** none

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION* (1:56)

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda

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

Approval of the October 24 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Action: Lloyd Snook made a motion to approve the minutes. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER NOMINATION COMMITTEE (3:10)

Brian Pinkston explained the nomination process. He noted that Sean Nelson, Julia Monteith, and Ann Mallek both volunteered to be on the committee.

5. REGIONAL TRANSIT GOVERNANCE STUDY (5:36)

Dr. Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson presented the committee with an update on the regional transit governance study for Region 10. She reviewed the background and summarized the main goals. She continued by reviewing the collaboration with the localities, including UVA. She shared the potential characteristics for a regional transit authority including how to establish it, who would be part of the membership, and who might be on the board.

Brian Pinkston said given where the study is and that there is already a carta, he feels it is time to act to get the RTA formally established. There was a discussion about how to best move forward. It was noted that there would be bylaws that need to be created perhaps from previous drafts.

Ann Mallek said it will be important to take the results of the Transit Governance Study and get approval or a resolution from the Board and the Council to state that they want to move forward towards the creation of the RTA.

6. SMART SCALE PROGRAM UPDATES (32:40)

Ms. Shackelford presented the committee with a summary of the decision from the December 4 CTB meeting. She noted that the CTB approved a 7-year future congestion factor; approved the update of the economic development measure; approved the High-Priority Program (HPP) eligibility and eliminating step two with modifications from what was previously presented; the three-tier application limit failed and the application caps will remain unchanged from Round 5; and Land Use was removed completely as a scoring factor; and there was an approval of an alternate weighting scenario from what had been previously presented.

There was a discussion about the elimination of land use as a scoring factor.

Ms. Shackelford continued by explaining the revisions to the HPP definition.

She continued by reviewing the potential eligible MPO Projects. It was noted that both the City and the County will need to decide which projects they would like to submit for pre-application in March relatively soon. This information will be reviewed in meetings in the near future.

7. VDOT PROJECT PIPELINE UPDATES (1:05:03)

Chuck Proctor said the Barracks Road project will have a public meeting in January. They will be selecting a final preferred alternative in February.

The Ivy Road project will have a public meeting in late January or early February, and they will have a preferred alternative in March.

8. MOVING TOWARD 2050 UPDATES (1:13:17)

Sandy Shackelford presented the committee with the travel demand outputs. She noted that two model scenarios were run, both the 2021 baseline and 2050 existing + committed.

She shared maps for numerous areas in the localities for various types of access (auto, bicycle, and pedestrian).

9. STAFF UPDATES (1:27:55)

2024 RAISE Grant Application

Sandy Shackelford said they received the notice of funding for the RAISE grants. She said they are due on Feb 28, 2024. She noted that there is interest in resubmitting the Rivanna Bike/Ped bridge. She reviewed the next step options in the event that the RAISE grant was approved for that project. It was the consensus that the MPO should move forward with the application for the engineering. The notice of funding award will be in June of 2024.

Safe Streets & Roads for All Grant

Curtis Scarpignato briefly reviewed the grant and gave information on the current status. He noted that Kimly Horn is the consultant on this project with the MPO. The first working group meeting is planned for December 14. He noted that there will be a regional safety summit on January 10.

Upcoming TIP Modifications

Sandy Shackelford noted that in January, she will be presenting the Policy Board with substantive changes to the TIP. She said the Jaunt does not receive federal funding, only state funding, so they will be removed from all the federal funding references. She also said staff are looking to simplify the document for the future as well.

Annual Obligations Report

Ms. Shackelford said the report has been provided to the committee for review in the agenda packet. There was no other discussion.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (1:37:22)

VDOT – Sean Nelson reported that there is a public hearing for the 5th street station trail tomorrow at the Albemarle County office building on 5th Street.

He continued by saying there were concerns about the Fontaine Avenue intersection improvements. He noted that all of the alternatives do not fix the concerns. He will come back to the Policy Board to discuss alternatives for direction from the board on how to move forward.

Stacy Londrey noted that Michael Barnes is leaving VDOT and will begin working for Albemarle County, so they will be looking to fill his position. She also said there is a junior level planner position which is currently open as well.

Albemarle – Jessica Hersh Ballering said the county is currently working on determining projects to submit for Smart Scale. She said they are also working on their Budget. She gave a more detailed report on the Free Bridge Lane promenade project and noted that the Three Notch'd project has passed legal review and will be starting soon.

City – Ben Chambers said the painting is on pause because there are too many leaves on the ground for painting. He said the bike parking study is complete and they are looking for a place to put new bike parking. Ben said he is looking at different scopes including a great deal of parking. He also said that CAT is working on its transit strategic plan. He said they are also working on their alternative fuel study that should be wrapped up in January. He also said the City is finishing up its ADA transition plan. He said following that plan, the sidewalk priorities list will be created.

UVA – Julia Monteith did not have anything to report.

TJPDC – Christine Jacobs did not have anything more to report.

FHWA – Steven Minor said Paige DeBold is a new employee who will be working on projects involving the MPO. Ms. DeBold introduced herself to the group.

10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

The next meeting will be on January 24, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Water Street Center.

Committee materials and meeting recording may be found at
<https://campo.tjpd.org/committees/policy-board/>