

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

Draft Minutes, January 25, 2024

The recording for this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uL962T-hZQo>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Mike Pruitt, Albemarle	x	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Katy Miller, DRPT	x		
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x		
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban	x		
Kendall Howell, UTS (alternate)			
Scott Silsdorf, UTS	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x
Charmane White, Alb County PS		Ann Wall, Albemarle	x
Vicky Marsh, UVA Hospital			
Peter Thompson, CAA	x		
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Trevor Henry, Albemarle	x		
Peter Krebs, PEC	x		
Mike Murphy, Jaunt	x		

* Remote attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

She invited those at the meeting to introduce themselves.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (00:)

Approval of Agenda

Motion/Action: Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the agenda. Hal Morgan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/Action: Scott Silsdorf made a motion to approve the October 26, 2023 minutes. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 00:):

None.

4. APPOINTING NEW VICE CHAIR (MINUTE 00:09:40):

Lloyd Snook is no longer on the RTP, so a new Vice Chair needed to be appointed. This will be a short-term appointment because a new Chair and Vice Chair will be chosen in July.

Motion/Action: Brian Pinkston moved to nominate Natalie Oschrin. The nomination passed unanimously.

5. REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP RTP ORIENTATION (MINUTE 00:47:43):

Lucinda Shannon presented the committee with background on the RTP's history, mission and vision and accomplishments.

She continued by reviewing the RTP Committee and the Transit Planning's webpages to show the resources available to the committee and the public.

Diantha McKeel gave additional details on the history, background, and formation of the RTP.

6. 2024 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE (MINUTE 00:47:43):

Diantha McKeel explained the schedule of meeting dates for

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to approve the scheduled dates. Natalie Oschrin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 00:00)

Albemarle County Public Schools – Charmane White was not at the meeting, so no report was given.

University Transit Services – Scott Silsdorf said UTS buses are back on full academic schedule. They have hired new student drivers and have also added an additional academic bus. Additionally, UTS issued an RFP and are in the selection process for fixed route tracking software.

There was a discussion about the software and that it will be important to have inter-operability for the other transit providers. There was continued discussion about how to make that happen and the issues that may arise.

Mr. Silsdorf said the on-demand service will become an in-house service. The hope is that there will be a migration of drivers from on-demand to fixed route.

CAT – Garland Williams said CAT provided a recommendation to the City Council re: their alternative fuel study. There will be continuing conversation with the council in the future. It was recommended to do two pilots, one with EV and the other with hydrogen. They have funding from FTA and will be

ordering the vehicles. They could take up to two years to be delivered. They have also secured funding to support both infrastructure and mechanics for these buses in the future.

The Micro CAT transit project's numbers are growing. Micro CAT ridership is over 100 rides a day as of today, and that is without any major advertising. There is interest from the public in expanding the model. The number of vehicles is also growing to meet the demand of increasing ridership.

CAT Charlottesville Public Schools – Mr. Williams reported that the schools are taking care of all the students to get them to school on time. More drivers are needed for next year.

Jaunt – Mike Murphy reported that he has been busy with the inclement weather. There is a lot of work to do on policy, practices and relationships. There will be a big hiring phase upcoming. There are several studies in place and a new grant they just received. They are looking to electrify their fleet and there are some obstacles to overcome with that transition. Mr. Murphy said there was an update on the rural transit study and they will be meeting in March to discuss it further. He also said their micro-transit study is ongoing. He said Dominion Virginia has a program called Sync and Jaunt will be a part of that program in the future.

DRPT – Katy Miller reported that the rail team will be studying passenger rail on the east-west corridor. There will be a webpage on that in the future as it moves forward. Virginia Breeze is moving from Barracks to Alderman Drive. The needs assessment for VA Breeze is underway as well. She also noted that the grant cycle closes on February 1.

7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE)

Safe Streets and Roads 4 All Grant Update

Sandy Shackelford gave background on the grant program, including the action plan components. She said they have been working with the project team and had a regional summit earlier this month to get additional information from the public and key stakeholders.

The next step is to go to the jurisdictions to set targets and get buy-in on the project.

Long Range Transportation Plan

Sandy Shackelford gave a brief update on the LRTP. The plan must be adopted by May. Staff is ready to put all the information they have gathered and will be prioritizing the projects they will be submitting to VDOT for the Smart Scale program. Staff will be working with locality staff on their concerns for their jurisdictions.

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the Smart Scale scoring process and the changes in criteria.

TIP Updates

Ms. Shackelford explained what the TIP is and that any changes need to be approved by the MPO Policy Board (which they did last night). Mr. Williams said there are two projects for CAT that are now on the TIP and will be moving forward soon. Ms. Shackelford said they add in the money for the Mobility Management Program.

Mobility Management Program

Lucinda Shannon said the Mobility Management Program opened the call center for the public. There is a toll free number (888-879-7379), staff and a website. She is working on getting funding for FY25. She is asking for an additional staff member for FY25.

8. OTHER BUSINESS (UPDATES AND REMINDERS) (MINUTE 01:)

Sara Pennington said that VDOT had an open house about a Park and Ride lot in Crozet at Patterson Mill Lane. Comments are being taken through February 5. Please contact Ms. Pennington for additional information on how to comment.

Mr. Williams said CAT is at a point in their Transit Strategic Plan that they can make an update to the City Council and to the RTP. They should be ready to present to the Council in March and then to RTP in April.

Ms. McKeel reminded the committee that VDOT is beginning work on the Hydraulic project.

9. ADJOURN

Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

The next meeting is on February 22 at the Water Street Center from 4 – 6 p.m.