

**Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting**

Draft Minutes, October 26, 2023

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
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	
Katy Miller, DRPT *	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x	Michael Barnes, VDOT	
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban *	x	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Kendall Howell, UTS (alternate)	x		
Scott Silsdorf, UTS	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Allison Day, UTS	x
Charmane White, Alb County PS		Nick Addamo, Kimley Horn *	x
Vicky Marsh, UVA Hospital		Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x
Peter Thompson, CAA *	x	Patrick Hart, UVA	x
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x	Lucas Muller, Kimley Horn *	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x		
Peter Krebs, PEC *	x		
Trevor Henry, Albemarle	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.

**Motion/Action:** Lloyd Snook moved to allow Lucas Ames to join remotely. He is in Washington, DC for business. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

She invited those at the meeting to introduce themselves. Scott Silsdorf and Peter Krebs (currently in Montreal and joining remotely) gave background information on themselves

**2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (00:07:00)**

Approval of Agenda

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the agenda. Hal Morgan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



## Approval of Minutes

**Motion/Action:** In the comments from Jaunt, on page 2, the blank should read “Transit Needs Assessment” under the Transit Provider Updates. Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the September 27, 2023 minutes as amended. Brian Pinkston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 00:08:51):**

None.

### **4. MICROCAT – ALBEMARLE COUNTY MICROTRANSIT SERVICE LAUNCH (MINUTE 00:09:40):**

Garland Williams presented the committee with the presentation also given to the City Council and the Albemarle Board of Supervisors. He noted the soft launch started on Monday, October 23. Monday, October 30, will be the official launch. The wraps on the vehicles are being completed and will be ready by Monday.

He continued by presenting the background of the transit expansion study and the funding. He gave information on Via, the organization awarded to work on the new route.

He showed the committee the MicroCAT service area. Trevor Henry gave additional details on Via and their thinking about the routes. The routes include Albemarle HS and Loaves and Fishes and Martha Jefferson Hospital, even though the online map does not include the high school. The modification was made after the presentation was given. The marketing material reflects the updated route.

Mr. Williams gave an overview of the MicroCAT app for your phone. It will allow a person to book a ride as long as it is in the covered zone/area. He noted the four core marketing tenets of the service: convenient, accessible, affordable, and easy.

He noted that CAT, including MicroCAT, is a no-fare service until June 30, 2026. It will be determined in the future whether fares will return for the service.

He continued by presenting the timeline of the project. He said there will be six wrapped vehicles launched on Monday.

There was a question-and-answer session at the end of the presentation.

**Motion/Action:** Katy Miller joined the meeting via zoom. She is in Richmond. Ann Mallek made a motion to allow Ms. Miller to join the meeting. Hal Morgan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **5. CAT TRANSIT STRATEGIC PLAN (MINUTE 00:47:43):**

Garland Williams introduced Nick Addamo and Lucas Muller from Kimley Horn. Mr. Muller presented the committee with the project overview and the work completed to date. Mr. Addamo continued by

sharing their outreach and engagement efforts. He presented the stakeholder workshop and public survey findings. After a robust evaluation of the system, they were able to come up with existing conditions snapshots, which he shared.

Mr. Muller presented how they are developing recommendations using the 2021 system optimization plan, the regional transit vision plan, and additional recommendations.

Diantha McKeel asked for the data given by the public surveys.

There was a question-and-answer session after the presentation.

## **6. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 01:16:00)**

**Jaunt** – Ted Rieck reported that Jaunt is currently working on their FY25 budget. They noted that Buckingham has a hard time paying for the service. Jaunt may be asking for a subsidy from the County to help them keep the service.

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

**UTS** – Kendall Howell introduced Patrick Clark to talk about Commute Club. Mr. Clark said he and others won an internal grant re: transit with a focus on sustainability. The vendor will provide a commute management platform and the users will log in and say how they commuted – anything that includes not driving yourself. Each user gets a reward for their entry. At the end of the cycle, they will get their “bank” put onto a paycheck. This program will be live on April 1. “You pay to park. We pay you not to park.” Everyone except students are eligible for this program.

**CAT** – Garland Williams said that at some point in time, it would be helpful to bring an update to the RTP committee about the alternative fuel study they have been conducting. He said whatever fuel type they choose, it will be labor intensive and expensive. There will need to be infrastructure put into place to implement it.

**CAT Charlottesville Public Schools** – Mr. Williams reported that they almost have all the drivers they need for the student transportation.

**DRPT** – Katy Miller reported that they are waiting on the corridor ID announcements for the FRA (passenger rail) grant. She also said the Virginia Breeze Needs Assessment has kicked off and work is being done to see the impacts of adding a new Breeze route. There will be stakeholder engagement opportunities for that in the near future.

## **7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:27:40)**

### **Safe Streets and Roads 4 All Grant Update**

Sandy Shackelford gave background on the grant program, including the action plan components. Staff will need to begin with a leadership commitment from the various MPO committees. She reviewed the other components for the members of the committee.

She continued by explaining the benefits of a comprehensive safety action plan. She presented the benefits of the multi-jurisdictional project.

She gave the project scope including the reward amount and the consulting organizations (Kimley Horn & Avid). She said there will be upcoming activities and she will keep the committee apprised of them in the future.

#### Governor's Transportation Conference Debrief

Sandy Shackelford gave a brief overview of the Governor's Transportation conference. She said one of the sessions focused on transportation. She said each of the panelists agreed that transit needs to be governed locally and was important to economic growth of the localities.

#### Regional Transit Governance Study

Lucinda Shannon presented on the Regional Transit Governance Study noting that they are in Phase IV (out of five phases). They are currently engaging the jurisdictions on what will work best for them. There will be final recommendations at the end of the calendar year and the TJPDC Board would be asked to approve those recommendations.

#### Mobility Management Program

Lucinda Shannon reported that the transportation helpline will start taking calls in January. The Fiscal Year 2025 grant application is due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If anyone has any comments or ideas for future program projects to let her know before the grant deadline.

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

Ms. McKeel reminded the committee that the construction at the Hydraulic/29 roundabout will begin in January, and to remind the community to be patient.

Sandy Shackelford reported that the CTB will be hosting a town meeting online on October 31 at 1:30 p.m.

Lucinda Shannon reported that the Nov/Dec meetings will be combined on December 14 from 4–6 p.m.

### **9. ADJOURN**

Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.