

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

DRAFT Minutes, December 8, 2022

The recording for this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9w4IpR4ADg>

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
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Albemarle	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	
Wood Hudson alternate for Neil Sherman, DRPT*	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x	Michael Barnes, VDOT	x
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban	x		
Becca White, UTS	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle County	x
Charmane White, Alb County PS*	x	Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson, AECOM*	x
Sally LeBeau, UVA Hospital		Kristin Lam Peraza, FAMS*	x
Peter Thompson, CAA	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x	Peter Voorhees, AECOM*	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Ethan Tate, CCF*	x
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x	Ryan Davidson, Albemarle County*	x
Juwhan Lee, CAT	x	Sean Tubbs, Cville Community Engagement*	x
Kendall Howell, UTS (alternate)		Wyatt Burttschell*	x
		Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x

* Remote attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

The members of the meeting introduced themselves at the request of Ms. McKeel.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 6:07)

Approval of Agenda

Motion/Action: Brian Pinkston moved to approve the agenda. Becca White seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



Approval of Minutes

Motion/Action: Hal Morgan made a motion to approve the October 27, 2022 minutes. Bea LaPisto-Kirtley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 7:09):

None.

4. FOOTHILLS AREA MOBILITY SYSTEM (FAMS) (MINUTE 7:35):

Lucinda Shannon gave an overview of the Foothills Area Mobility System and then introduced Kristin Lam Peraza with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission and turned over the presentation to her.

Ms. Lam Peraza presented the committee with how the Mobility Management System got started and how it grew and continues today.

Christine Jacobs noted that the system that FAMS has will not necessarily be what the MPO area would start with. Lucinda Shannon also reminded the committee that TJPDC will not be providing vehicles for the mobility, but would partner with the transit agencies for transportation.

Committee members asked numerous follow up and clarifying questions.

5. GOVERNANCE STUDY INTRODUCTION (MINUTE 1:02:40):

Ms. Shannon gave a background on the Governance Study. She introduced Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson, PhD, AECOM to the committee. Dr. Amoaning-Yankson presented the committee with an introduction to the governance study.

Dr. Amoaning-Yankson reviewed the study's goals and approach. She reviewed the background of the transit providers who would be affected by the governance, CAT, Jaunt, and UTS.

She continued with the next steps including the peer study. The criterion included service area demographics, number of transit providers in the region and agency size, and operating characteristics, governance structure and funding.

Becca White noted that UTS is supportive of the Jaunt connect services and they invoice UTS for that support. She noted that they haven't been invoiced since prior to the pandemic.

Dr. Amoaning-Yankson noted that Phase I of the study includes a legislative review.

Committee members provided feedback, made suggestions, and asked clarifying questions. It was noted by Ms. McKeel that additional thoughts and feedback should be sent to Lucinda Shannon via email.

6. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:40:14)

Jaunt: Ted Rieck said Jaunt has received a draft of their Transit Development Plan. They would like to get public input. It will be on their website next week. They are also wrapping up their Alternative Fuel study to be presented next week. He also noted that they are reviewing how to be a more efficient operation.

Ms. McKeel asked Mr. Rieck to present the Alternative Fuel study to the RTP. She also said she would like to add the TDP to a future agenda for the RTP as well.

Albemarle County Public Schools: Charmane White reported that the schools are trying to recruit new drivers and retain current employees. She noted that she will be presenting a transportation plan for Albemarle transportation to the superintendent and his cabinet. She also reported that she will be submitting an RFP for a portion of their transportation needs.

Ms. Jacobs asked for a link to the RFP so the TJPDC can distribute it widely.

UTS: Becca White said she is interested in the RFP from Albemarle County. She noted that the exam period is over and the holiday break has begun, so the student routes are altered, but employee services are still ongoing.

CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools: Garland Williams reported that CAT is finalizing their IFP to get their transit strategic plan which will go out in the next few weeks. He noted that CAT is looking to put some alternative fuel busses in the fleet. He is not sure how many because of their limitations. He went on to say there are going to be additions to routes, including The Center, in the near future. He said the issue continues to be a lack of drivers.

Re: the City Schools, Mr. Williams said they will be doing a revised commercial to recruit more drivers.

Mr. Williams reported that they have funding to create shelters and other amenities, but the person on CAT's staff who was in charge of that left the organization. Once they have that position filled, they can move forward with getting those projects completed.

DRPT: Wood Hudson reminded that DRPT's grant season opened on December 1 and ends on Feb 1. He noted that guidelines and applications are available on their website. He also reported that there is a 5310 project management position open at DRPT.

Mr. Williams said he will be working with the County on the micro-transit project. He reported that they are aiming to start services July 1.

7. OTHER BUSINESS (UPDATES AND REMINDERS) (MINUTE 1:54:17)

None.

8. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:56:29)

Tabled due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.