

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

Minutes, March 23, 2023

The recording for this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YknlaM2j-bA>

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	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Neil Sherman, DRPT		Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x	Michael Barnes, VDOT	x
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban		Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Becca White, UTS	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Garland Williams, CAT		Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle	x
Charmane White, Alb County PS		Peter Voorhees	x
Vicky Marsh, UVA Hospital		Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x
Peter Thompson, CAA		Wyatt Burttschell, PEC	x
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x	Mark Frank, AECOM	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare *	x	Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson, AECOM	x
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x	Trevor Henry, Albemarle	x
Juwhan Lee, CAT		Jenn Fleischer, BRHD, CHIP	x
Kendall Howell, UTS (alternate)	x	Scott Baker, AECOM *	x
Katy Miller, DRPT (alternate) *	x		

* Remote attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

There was no quorum at the beginning of the meeting, so Ms. McKeel began the meeting by asking the members of the meeting to introduce themselves. Brian Pinkston arrived at the meeting at 4:10 and aided in creating quorum.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 4:25)

Approval of Agenda

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



Approval of Minutes

Motion/Action: Hal Morgan made a motion to approve the January 25, 2023 minutes. Ann Mallek seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 5:16):

None.

4. REGIONAL TRANSIT GOVERNANCE STUDY UPDATE (MINUTE 5:38):

Presentation and Discussion

Lucinda gave a brief presentation on the background and benefits of the Regional Transit Governance Study for Region 10.

Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson, AECOM, gave an overview of the project, their findings, and provided next steps. There were numerous comments and suggestions from the committee. Dr. Yankson said they will take this information and incorporate them into the next steps.

5. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:10:43)

Jaunt: Ted Rieck said they are currently working on their FY24 budget.

Albemarle County Public Schools: Charmane White was not able to attend the meeting due to illness, but Ms. McKeel reported that ACPS are continuing their work on recruiting and hiring new drivers.

UTS: Kendall Howell reported that Becca White will be retiring in June. He also reported that they are currently in full-service mode and will be switching to recess-service mode on May 2. During the summer, he said they recruit and train drivers. He reported that UTS is about 15-18% down in drivers, which is better than the 25-30% they were at in the past.

City of Charlottesville: Ben Chambers reported that both Juwhan Lee and Garland Williams are at the state rodeo for drivers. He reported that the City is currently conducting an alternative fuel study. He said they will be rolling out the results of that study in the next month or so.

Albemarle County: Trevor Henry reported that the County is currently working on a micro-transit study in Pantops, and also the 29N area. Kendall Howell said UTS would like to help with that.

DRPT: Katy Miller said DRPT has done all the internal scoring for grants, and they are finalizing the SIP.

7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:15:35)

Afton Express

Sara Pennington reported that the Afton Express has a new schedule. She reported that the average ridership is up in February and on par from last Fall. They have increased their marketing. CSPDC staff is looking at forward-planning for the service and are looking for feedback and suggestions for a five-year plan. She noted that the Crozet Park-and-Ride is on their radar, but it will not be implemented for a few years, but once it is, they are looking to add a stop in Crozet.

MPO Updates

Sandy Shackelford gave an update on the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and stakeholder meetings, and noted that they are working on a project website.

She also reported that TJPDC was awarded the Safe Streets for All grant and gave an update on how that is proceeding thus far.

Ms. Shackelford noted that TJPDC submitted a RAISE grant application for the bicycle and pedestrian bridge near Free Bridge. The award for that grant will be forthcoming in the next few months.

She reported that Staff are working on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

She continued by saying that Staff has begun paring down the projects for the next round of Smart Scale, and gave an update on the latest Smart Scale.

Lastly, she said that DRPT has asked for a letter of support for a Corridor Identification Project for a future train connection in Charlottesville. TJPDC has provided that letter of support.

8. OTHER BUSINESS (UPDATES AND REMINDERS) (MINUTE 1:26:04)

Ms. McKeel noted that Albemarle County continues to work with VDOT, DRPT, and CAT on trying to get approval for transit shelters. She noted that every shelter needs to get building permit approval if it is on a VDOT road. She noted that it is taking a long time.

9. ADJOURN

Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting is April 27 from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Water Street Center, 407 E. Water Street, Charlottesville, VA.