

MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, June 23, 2021

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Video of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMYFua4oxFo&t=226s>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Michael Payne, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x	Sean Tubbs	x
Karen Davis, Jaunt		Allison Wrabel, Cville Tomorrow	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Chris Gensic, City of Charlottesville	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Amanda Poncy, City of Charlottesville	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x	Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x
Richard Duran, FHWA		Kevin McDermott, Albemarle County	x
Ryan Long, FTA		Tony Edwards, City of Charlottesville	x
Tristan Fessell, CTAC			
Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x		

Note: The Governor has declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the nature of this declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission to assemble in a single location. This meeting was held utilizing electronic virtual communication with the Zoom software application, and in accordance with virtual meeting procedures and policies as outlined in Item 4.0-01 of the Virginia state budget (HB29), as effective April 24, 2020. A recording of the meeting was made available to the public on July 6, 2021 at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-kfKHk5PKM&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=TJPDC-MPO.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The MPO Policy Board Committee Chair, Michael Payne, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. He read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol and Sandy Shackelford took attendance.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 3:47)

- a. **Comments by the Public:** Mr. Lee Kondor said regarding the roundabout at Hydraulic Road and District Avenue and the Extension of Hillsdale Drive to Route 250, the cost of those combined



projects is over \$50 million but those projects do “almost nothing to reduce traffic congestion on US 29 at both Hydraulic and Angus Roads.” He suggested an alternative for that for the same \$50 million that reduces the vehicles at those intersections from 56,000 vehicles a day to 20,000 vehicles per day on US 29. He suggested carrying forward monies from Smart Scale’s Round 4 into Round 5 to achieve this. He asked the Policy Board to consider that option.

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 6:05)

Ms. Shackelford explained that since the Governor’s state of emergency meeting regulation will expire at the end of June. There will be a return to in-person meetings in July.

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda (Minute 7:00)

Motion/Action: Ms. Mallek made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Gallaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of March 24, 2021 meeting minutes (Minute 7:34)

Motion/Action: Ms. Mallek made a motion to approve the March 24 meeting minutes. Mr. Gallaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of May 26, 2021 meeting minutes (Minute 7:44)

Motion/Action: Ms. Mallek made a motion to approve the May 26 meeting minutes. Mr. Gallaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (MINUTE 8:05)

Chris Gensic reviewed the Charlottesville Parks TAP Grant application re: the Meadow Creek shared use path and bridge project.

Motion/Action: *Review and Acceptance of the Resolution for the TAP Grant:* Mr. Gallaway made a motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Snook and the motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Poncy reviewed the Safe Routes to School Transportation Alternatives Program grant (*minute 12:48*).

Motion/Action: *Review and Acceptance of the Resolution for the Safe Routes to School Transportation Alternatives Program Grant:* Mr. Snook made a motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Gallaway and the motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Hersh-Ballering reviewed the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant (*minute 15:30*) to create a Charlottesville Regional Multimodal Transportation Station Master Plan for Charlottesville Union Station.

Motion/Action: *Review and Acceptance of the Resolution for the Grant:* Mr. Snook made a motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Gallaway and the motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATES (MINUTE 19:50)

Lucinda Shannon reviewed the prepared updates to the Public Participation Plan for initial consideration. The name has been changed to “MPO Engagement Plan.” It is currently listed on the TJPDC website for comments (<https://campo.tjpd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-Public-Participation-Plan-Public-Draft-7-24-20sm.pdf>) If there are any questions or comments, please forward them to Sandy Shackelford or Lucinda Shannon via email. There will be public hearing and vote scheduled for July 28, 2021.

6. SMART SCALE ROUND 5 APPLICATION REVIEW OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS (MINUTE 25:15)

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the list of the potential projects that are being considered for Round 5 of the Smart Scale process.

7. VDOT PROJECT PIPELINE INITIATIVES (MINUTE 1:12:12)

Mr. Proctor discussed VDOT initiatives to develop a project pipeline to continue to identify projects for funding applications from the VTRANS process. He said they identified Pantops/250 from the end of Hansen’s Road east to the interchange. That would complete that area they have been working on for the last several rounds of Smart Scale. They also identified the 250 and 22 intersection in Shadwell and the 250 and 729 intersection just adjacent to it. VDOT feels those locations need to be studied. These may be projects that the TJPDC is requested to submit for the next Smart Scale round.

8. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT (MINUTE 1:15:16)

Ms. Shannon presented the research TJPDC staff conducted on the need for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in the region, including recommendations to better support adoption of personal EVs.

9. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:29:53)

Ms. Shannon provided the Board with TIP adjustments. The adjustments were administrative and no action was required.

Ms. Londrey reported that John Lynch has moved to Northern Virginia’s VDOT location. Michelle Shropshire will continue to serve in the interim until a new District Engineer is named. Ms. Londrey will be the voting member on the Policy Board and Ms. Shropshire will be the alternate for now.

10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:37:06)

Ms. Lee Kondor said he would be happy to provide more information on the Hydraulic/29 flyover project discussed earlier in the Smart Scale portion of the meeting. He shares Mr. Snook’s concern that there is a lot of money being spent that may have very little effect on easing congestion.

The next meeting date is scheduled for July 28th from 4 – 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Payne adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Committee materials and meeting recording may be found at

<https://campo.tjpd.org/committees/policy-board/>