

MPO Policy Board

Minutes: July 24, 2019

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Committee – Voting Members

Ann Mallek, *Albemarle County*
John Lynch, *VDOT – Culpeper District*
Mike Signer, *City of Charlottesville*
Kathy Galvin, *City of Charlottesville*
Ned Gallaway, *Albemarle County (absent)*

Staff

Sandy Shackelford, *TJPDC*
Gretchen Thomas, *TJPDC*
Sara Pennington, *Rideshare*
Chip Boyles, *TJPDC (absent)*

Non-Voting & Alternates

Brad Sheffield, *JAUNT (absent)*
Karen Davis, *JAUNT*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT-Culpeper District*
Julia Monteith, *UVA Office of the Architect*
Travis Pietila, *CTAC*

Juwhan Lee, *CAT (absent)*
Becca Sial, *DRPT*
Tony Cho, *FTA (absent)*
Mack Frost, *FHWA (absent)*

Call to Order:

Ms. Mallek called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Matters from the Public:

Sean Tubbs with the PEC thanks the partnership for the work they and the staffs are doing. He noted there was a funding agreement signed last month between the City and the County “that really sets up Albemarle to take control of its own destiny re” the routes that may be coming through it.” He went on to say that the work that JAUNT is doing with the Crozet bus route is exciting. He emphasized the importance of keeping the partnership going.

He mentioned that Greene County met the night before this meeting re: Greene County transit re: the growth happening there. He also encouraged the Board to look at the growth happening in Louisa as well. He would like to see other modes of transportation to support the growth in those regions.

Response to Matters from the Public:

None

Review and Acceptance of the Agenda:

Mr. Gallaway moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Signer seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Signer moved to approve the May 22, 2019 minutes and Mr. Gallaway seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Resolutions of Support

Ms. Shackelford explained that there are two Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) grants that need letters of resolution from the Policy Board. She introduced Chris Gensic from the City and Kevin McDermott from the County to explain the projects under consideration.

Mr. McDermott explained that the projects are being considered in the budget and are not final, but he wanted to get the resolutions started in case they do get approved. He went on to present the proposed sidewalk connection in Crozet from Tabor to Hilltop to Crozet Park.

He also presented the revenue sharing project with the City to pave the existing greenway trail/shared-use path along Moore's Creek on the County side and under I-64 bridges to connect to another shared-use path there, which connects to Azalea Park.

Mr. Gensic presented the project which will pave a path along Hydraulic Road and either up Hillsdale or connect to the Meadowcreek Trail system. It depends on the cost of the project.

Mr. Gallaway made a motion to approve a resolution of support the projects. The resolutions will be drafted and signed at a later time. Mr. Signer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CTAC Update

Mr. Pietila reported that he was unable to attend the last CTAC meeting. He said one of the things they have been talking about doing is taking at least a couple of their meetings each year offsite and target communities and neighborhoods that may not have been as involved in the past to solicit more feedback and to educate the community members. They are not quite ready to do that in September, but are planning on a location and subject matter for a future meeting.

Mr. Pietila also reported that there is one MPO seat open on CTAC and two County spots are open. Mr. Gallaway asked for an updated list because he thought the County had appointed two new members recently. Ms. Shackelford said she would send it along to him.

Staff Reports

Smartscale FY22 – August 2020 Applications

Ms. Shackelford noted that since Chip Boyles was not available at this meeting that the technical discussion about the projects would be deferred until he could present it at a later time. She noted that the projects being considered are being discussed with CTAC and with the MPO Technical committees to evaluate how they might score on Smartscale applications.

She reported that the County will be submitting the Zan Road project and the MPO will submit the Hydraulic/29 projects. That leaves the MPO with three additional projects to submit.

Ms. Mallek and Ms. Galvin stated they did not want to start the process all over again.

Mr. Proctor asked if there were any more projects to submit because the Zan Road project may not score well on Smartscale in the areas of congestion and safety. He asked if the Policy Board would be interested in any other part of the Hydraulic/29 project that could be submitted that may score better, in addition to the Zan Road project.

Mr. Gallaway said that his understanding was that each of the individual projects work with one another and to cherry pick them wouldn't make the entire project work. The Zan Road project,

because it is not attached to the intersection project, seems best as an independent project and could be funded based on the remaining \$18 million that remains from the state, which needs to be allocated or lost.

Ms. Mallek, Ms. Galvin and Mr. Gallaway all agreed that the work has already been done on this and that is the reason that Zan Road was chosen.

Ms. Shackelford said that when Mr. Boyles returns, he will be more able to receive and respond to concerns. Until then, she wanted to present the opportunity for the MPO to submit additional projects if the Policy Board saw fit to do so.

FY18-21 TIP Adjustments

Mr. Proctor said that for information purposes only, there was an adjustment to maintenance systems and preservation. There were projects added to those groupings. The monies have just moved from one project to another in those groups.

MPO Technical Committee

Ms. Shackelford said the committee had a similar discussion re: the Hydraulic Road intersection and the options for Smartscale submissions with the same result as the Policy Board.

Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)

Ms. Pennington reported that the City and the County voted to pass an MOU re: funding for transit. The committee will meet again in August.

DRPT

Ms. Sial reported that the department is offering technical assistance for all Smartscale application submissions until September 1.

JAUNT

Ms. Davis reported that JAUNT is simplifying their fare structure. The ADA fare remains the same at \$1.50. She reported that there will be a public comment opportunity about their rate change on August 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Northside Library. There are opportunities to call or email with comments as well as in person.

Other Staff Updates

Ms. Shackelford reported that the TJPDC will have two new staff members beginning in August and another in September.

Mr. Proctor noted that there will be a VTRANS workshop on August 22 for the Culpeper District. No location has been decided yet. Ms. Sial said it will be important for folks to show up to talk about what is most needed.

Additional Matters from the Public

None.

Ms. Mallek adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.