

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Minutes, October 17, 2023

Recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QTHesvNLw4>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville		Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	X
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	X	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	X
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Alb Co	X	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	X
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle (alternate)	X	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	X
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC			
Charles Proctor, VDOT *	X	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)		Tony Cho FTA	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	X	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt			
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	X	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Taylor Jenkins, DRPT (alternate)		Peter Krebs, PEC	X
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT *	X	Will Cockrell, EPRPC	X
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	X	Alan Simpson, EPRPC *	X
Richard Duran, FHWA		Tray Biasolli, Charlottesville *	X
		Sean Tubbs *	X

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Alberic Karina-Plun called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Ryan Mickels called roll. Sandy Shackelford noted that there was no quorum present in person.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. **Comments by the Public:** None

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Since there was no quorum present in person, the agenda was not able to be approved, and the minutes will be approved at the next meeting.



4. MOVING TOWARD 2050

Alan Simpson, EPRPC, presented the committee with a review and update of the Moving Toward 2050 public engagement process to date, and some of the engagement takeaways on public transit, bike/ped infrastructure, land use and environment, and roadway safety & efficiency improvements.

Sandy Shackelford continued the presentation by discussing transportation needs prioritization goals. She continued by offering evaluation metrics and asked the committee for feedback on those metrics.

5. SMART SCALE ROUND 6

Ms. Shackelford presented the committee with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Smart Scale process review updates including summary of discussions from the September CTB meeting. She noted that economic development will be impacting transportation decisions.

She reviewed projects that would increase in score and the top reasons for those increases.

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the survey responses on the proposed changes to Smart Scale.

6. TRANSPORTATION ANALYSES ZONES (TAZs)

Chuck Proctor said VDOT will be using the existing TAZ model and will use the updated model in the future.

Ryan Mickles presented the committee with information on the current TAZs. He noted there are 249 TAZs within the MPO. There is an effort to develop a new methodology for creating/redrawing the TAZs in the region. Staff is determining how to best get the info off the census to redraw those new boundaries for the MPO Tech and Policy Board's consideration for approval.

7. ROUNDTABLE:

Rideshare

Working through the FY and planning for Rideshare month in October.

Albemarle

Alberic – There is a joint meeting of all of Albemarle's Community Advisory Committees being held later tonight focusing on transportation programs. The new microtransit service has launched, and so far is functioning even better than anticipated.

Charlottesville

Charlottesville is now part of NACO. CAT is doing alternative fuel study as well as continuing work on the transit strategic plan. Public works is currently working on re-stripping West Main. Tommy Safranek is developing a bike parking inventory. The City is also in the process of developing an ADA transition plan and has evaluated all of sidewalks. The next step will be to complete the evaluation of buildings.

UVA

Bill Palmer did have any updates to share.

CAMPO

Curtis Scarpignato provided some updates on the Safe Streets and Roads for All project. TJPDC is working with the consultant team to plan a Regional Safety Summit, which will be held in City Space.

DRPT

Tiffany Dubinsky reported that DRPT will be sending out updated representation letters this week. They are hosting their coordinated service plans meetings this week. DRPT is transitioning to a new grants administration platform on December 1. Training is scheduled for October 30 and Oct 31.

VDOT

VDOT staff is making rounds with localities to plan for the next round of SMART SCALE. They have met with Albemarle and Charlottesville and will follow up next month with each locality to see if they have decided what projects they want. The Commonwealth Transportation Board meets tomorrow, and a Virtual Town Hall is scheduled at the end of the month to receive feedback on the proposed changes to SMART SCALE. The CTB will be taking action in December on the proposed changes.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Peter Krebs, PEC, said PEC is concerned following the existing changes to the SMART SCALE program. He said he has been told not to make assumptions on where the CTB is going. He is disappointed that this MPO is accepting and adapting to the changes already. He said he has sent comments to the CTB about how the changes are not in line with the goals of the localities. Pay attention to when decisions will be held and also focus on goals for the localities.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Karina-Plun adjourned the meeting at 11:56 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at the Water Street Center, 407 E Water Street, Charlottesville on November 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Monthly meetings will occur in FY24 until approval of the long-range transportation plan is complete.