

MPO Technical Committee Meeting
 Minutes, September 19, 2023

A video recording of the meeting can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNZtS-JiTwo>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville		Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	X
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	X	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	X
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC	X	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	X		
Charles Proctor, VDOT		NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Michael Barnes, VDOT (alternate)	X	Tony Cho FTA	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	X	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt	X		
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	X	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Taylor Jenkins, DRPT (alternate)		Peter Krebs, PEC	X
Tiffany Dubinsky, DRPT		Will Cockrell, EPRPC	X
Sara Pennington, Rideshare *	X	Alan Simpson, EPRPC *	X
Richard Duran, FHWA			

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Rory Stolzenberg called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Ryan Mickles called roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

- a. **Comments by the Public:** None
- b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Motion/Action: Ben Chambers made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15 meeting. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. MOVING TOWARD 2050

Will Cockrell, EPRPC, presented the committee with the public engagement strategies used thus far for the “Moving Toward 2050” (Long-Range Transportation Plan).

Alan Simpson, EPRPC, presented the committee with the initial findings from all the engagement efforts. He noted that there were a number of open-ended comments regarding safety, efficiency, connection, multi-modal, land use, economy, and others.

He noted that multi-modal concerns dominated the comments, followed by safety, connection, and efficiency. The public comments themes in Albemarle County 2044 survey were dominated by land use, particularly parking. There was a great deal of comments in the Cville Plans Together Survey about multi-modal (bike lanes, bus routes, etc.) In the Regional Transit Vision Survey, multi-modal also dominated the comments.

Regarding the MetroQuest Survey, Mr. Simpson noted that it had 1100 comments on the map portion of the survey. When ranking priorities, safety dominated the answers. He continued by reviewing the rest of the MetroQuest survey results.

There was a discussion about the interactions with the public and the survey results.

5. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT:

Ryan Mickles explained that the TIP adjustments moved money from FY23 to FY24.

6. SMART SCALE

Michael Barnes said there is a meeting on Thursday on the Ivy corridor and Barracks Road corridor projects. He gave an update on some of the feedback on the projects. He noted that getting a shared-use path for the Barracks Road corridor will be difficult. He noted that they had very good responses for their surveys. Their consultant is working on interpreting the data points.

Mr. Barnes continued by saying that Ivy Road corridor is a challenge. Multi-modal is proving to be difficult to integrate. He said that they have a corridor focus group (business owners, HOAs who are directly in the project zone) to help them get to a resolution on what to study in the second phase.

7. ROUNDTABLE:

CAMPO

Sandy Shackelford said there is no additional information to report. There is another CTB meeting tomorrow to discuss the previous success of Smart Scale, and updates to the economic development methodology. She noted that the meeting will be streaming live tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. There is a portal desk set up for any public comments.

Ms. Shackelford said that this afternoon there will be a meeting of the VDOT and Kimley Horn consultants to discuss the data received so far.

City of Charlottesville

Rory Stolzenberg noted that the City is in the home-stretch of their comp plan.

Ben Chambers noted they are learning a lot about paint for the Safe Streets and Roads for All and Safe Routes to School projects. There is also a parking inventory going on and the bike count is also ongoing. Re: Transit, Mr. Chambers reported that the City is working through their Transit Strategic Plan, and also the Alternative Fuel Study for CAT. He noted they are working with DRPT for bus shelters in the City.

Albemarle County

Jessica Hersh-Ballering reported that they are in the process of submitting for numerous grants.

Alberic Karina-Plun reported that the Prioritization project is in the home stretch and he will be making the maps tomorrow with the data they have received. He noted that October 4 will be the day they present it to the Board for approval. He also noted they are looking at a truck-ban on the corridor between Route 29 and Batesville on Plank Road.

DRPT

There was no report.

VDOT

Michael Barnes said that Smart Scale will start in earnest next year. He noted that the project selection component will be very important. He said the Smart Scale projects will be in pipeline studies, Potential Safety Improvement projects, and "other." Their respective consultants will be reaching out in late October to talk about those types of projects.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington reported that Rideshare is celebrating the second anniversary of the Afton Express. There are numerous celebrations scheduled.

CAT

No additional report.

Jaunt

Zady Lacie provided the committee with updates.

UVA

Bill Palmer reported that there is a new Director of Parking and Transportation. He also said the Ivy Corridor has three projects under construction that are starting to coalesce. He reported that the Fontaine Park project is currently in the planning and design phase.

VDOT

David Cook said are new initiatives underway, a state trails program. They will be sending out a survey starting tomorrow. The survey can be found here:

He also said there is a new contract with Michael Baker International for data collection, existing conditions analysis and existing conditions analysis.

He is also working on bike/ped initiatives.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Stolzenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

NOTE: Joint meeting with SAW-MPO is scheduled for September 27, 2023 in Waynesboro at 10 a.m.

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