

MPO Technical Committee Draft Minutes: July 16, 2019

Committee – Voting Members

Kevin McDermott, *Albemarle County*
Julian Bivins, *Albemarle Planning Commission*
Becca Sial, *DRPT*
Rory Stolzenberg, *City of Charlottesville*
Charles Proctor, *VDOT*

TJPDC Staff

Sandy Shackelford, *TJPDC*
Chip Boyles, *TJPDC*
Gretchen Thomas, *TJPDC*
Harrison Premen, *TJPDC*

Call to Order

Mr. McDermott called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

Matters from the Public

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Mr. Bivins moved to approve the May 21st draft minutes, Mr. Proctor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hydraulic Road and Route 29 Improvement Prioritization

Mr. Boyles reported on the three configurations being considered to improve traffic flow and safety at the Hydraulic Road and Route 29 intersection. He went on to say the Staff has gone back to the County and the City to determine how best to pursue requesting funding in the future. Albemarle County has sent the MPO Policy Board a letter of recommendation for the Zan Road crossing as a priority project.

Mr. Boyles said there is \$18 million from VDOT for one of the projects at Hydraulic. The money needs to be spent or the money will be reallocated.

Mr. Proctor said that if the project is not on next year's Smart Scale application, the money will disappear.

There was further discussion about the pros and cons of the Zan Road crossing project and where to shift the project if necessary, perhaps to lower the cost by creating less "property-taking" and more construction.

Mr. Proctor said the preliminary application for Smart Scale is in March and closes on June 1. The final application is due in August.

Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Applications

Ms. Shackelford said she needs a resolution of support from the MPO Policy Board prior to October 1 for two projects.

The first, for Charlottesville, is the Hydraulic Road Shared Use Path for which there will be design and construction of the continuation of the 250 Bypass Share Use Path along Hydraulic Road to connect to existing Hillsdale Drive Shared Use Path, future Meadow Creek Trails and possibly Holiday Drive, depending on funding and project costs.

The second project, for Albemarle, is the Tabor/Hilltop Pedestrian Improvements which will connect pedestrians from Downtown Crozet to the Claudius Crozet Park, providing ADA/pedestrian accommodations and crosswalks from Crozet Avenue to the existing sidewalk along Hilltop Street leading to the Claudius Crozet Park.

Mr. McDermott said the second project may end up costing too much money (utilities and retaining walls are involved) but that remains to be seen.

Revenue Sharing Application

Mr. McDermott said an option for revenue sharing would be either to construct a shared use path greenway trail from Sunset Avenue to Old Lynchburg Road including a pedestrian crossing at Old Lynchburg Road to connect to Azalea Park path. It would also include sidewalk and bike facilities south on Old Lynchburg Road to Doncaster Lane. Mr. McDermontt said this is the beginnings of a Moore's Creek Greenway that would connect the City to Biscuit Run to Food Lion to Wegmans and Fifth Street Station. The City owns it, but it is in Albemarle County. This is not an overly expensive project but there will need some maintenance agreements between the City and the County.

Even though these projects are not being considered for revenue sharing and would be Albemarle County-only projects, Mr. McDermott said another project they are considering is the Eastern Avenue southern extension across Lickinghole Creek. It connects to the north all the way to Park Ridge. The other project is connecting Berkmar to Airport Road with a roundabout.

Mr. Stolzenberg asked what kind of projects that would qualify for the revenue sharing and Mr. Proctor said it applies to any kind of project however, Ms. Sial said she was unsure about transit revenue sharing.

Mr. Proctor said if the City wants a resolution of support from the Policy Board, they should forward the projects to them for consideration.

Staff Updates

Regional Transit Partnership

Mr. Boyles reported that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the City and the County. The next project will be working to adopt a similar MOU between the University and the City.

CAT

Mr. Stolzenberg reported that the new CAT director has not yet been chosen, but the process is continuing.

DRPT

Ms. Sial said there are new requirements from the General Assembly that changes many Transit Development Plans into Transit Strategic Plans which will require a lot more community engagement and will have more stringent requirements.

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no additional matters from the public.

Mr. McDermott adjourned the meeting at 12:12 PM