

AGENDA
Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)
Thursday, August 26, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86196340792?pwd=UGxUZFlvbm9UMVZ4eHpHNVplMnQxQT09>

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Item	Time	Description
1	4:00-4:05	Notice of Electronic Meeting and Attendance
2	4:05-4:10	Matters from the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker <i>Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transit-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda – limit three minutes per speaker</i>
3	4:10-4:15	Welcome of Change of Leadership - Supervisor McKeel (Chair)
4	4:15-4:20	Staff changes – Sandy Shackelford (TJPDC)
5	4:20-4:25	Approval of draft meeting minutes* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 2021 RTP Minutes DRAFT
6	4:25-4:35	Member Spotlight – Lucinda Shannon (TJPDC) and Councilor Snook (Vice Chair) <i>An opportunity to get-to-know voting and non-voting members of the RTP – specifically, what inspired their interest in transit, what they love working on now, and what are they most excited about regarding transit's future</i>
7	4:35-5:05	Transit Provider Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaunt (Karen Davis) • Albemarle County Schools (Jim Foley) • UTS (Rebecca White) New schedule • CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools (Garland Williams)
8	5:05-5:25	Intern Project Report - Samuel Pittman (TJPDC Intern) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver Appreciation Report • Peer Cities
9	5:25-5:35	DRPT Grants Update – Lucinda Shannon (TJPDC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study • Transit Vision Plan
10	5:35-5:40	Rideshare Updates- Sara Pennington (TJPDC RideShare) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try Transit Week
11	5:40-5:55	Staff Updates – (TJPDC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan Update (Lucinda Shannon) • North 29 Corridor Study (Lucinda Shannon) • Smart Scale MPO update (Sandy Shackelford) • VDOT Project Pipeline (Sandy Shackelford) • Joint MPO meeting with Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro (Sandy Shackelford)
12	5:55-6:00	Other Business (Updates and Reminders) – Supervisor McKeel (Chair)
13	6:00	Adjourn

* A vote is expected for this item

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NOTICE of ELECTRONIC MEETING:

This meeting of the Regional Transit Partnership is being held pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.2, which allows a public body to hold electronic meetings when the locality in which it is located has declared a local state of emergency, and the catastrophic nature of the emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location, and the purpose of the meeting is to provide for the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

This meeting is being held via electronic video and audio means through Zoom online meetings and is accessible to the public with closed captioning and there will be an opportunity for public comment during that portion of the agenda.

Notice has been provided to the public through notice at the TJPDC offices, to the media, web site posting and agenda.

The meeting minutes will reflect the nature of the emergency, the meeting was held by electronic communication means, and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held.

A recording of the meeting will be posted at www.tjpd.org within 10 days of the meeting.

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

Minutes, July 22, 2021

The recording for this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLIe9rPGpFk>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Nikuyah Walker, Charlottesville	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Albemarle	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Neil Sherman, DRPT	x		
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x		
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban			
Becca White	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Kelly Forloines	x
Jim Foley, Albemarle County PS	x	Juwhan Lee	x
Sally LeBeau, UVA Hospital		Sam Sanders, Charlottesville Deputy for Operations	x
Peter Thompson, CAA	x		
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		

Note: The City of Charlottesville has declared a local 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 in the city. This meeting was held utilizing electronic virtual communication with the Zoom software application, and in accordance with virtual meeting provisions contained in Code of Virginia § [2.2-3708.2](#). A recording of the meeting was made available to the public on August 1, 2021 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLIe9rPGpFk>.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol. Jessica Hersh-Ballering took attendance by roll call, and certified that a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (MINUTE 3:34): Becca White made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Nikuyah Walker. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 4:20): None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MINUTE 4:58)

Motion/Action: Becca White said for the letter from the Mr. **Caetano de Campos Lopes**, C3 Director, needs to be added. Regarding that letter, there is a comment in it stating that UVA will be at 100%



electric vehicles (EV) within a certain number of years. She wanted to clarify that UVA does not have a timeline for this goal, but that UVA is exploring EV transit busses and is exploring that option to meet their Sustainability Goals.

On a motion by Karen Davis, seconded by Becca White, the committee approved the minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting, with the additional of Ms. White's comments, with Nikuyah Walker abstaining.

5. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – NEIL SHERMAN (DRPT) AND GARLAND WILLIAMS (CAT) (MINUTE 7:37):

Mr. Sherman introduced himself, gave his background with both VDOT and DRPT. He has worked throughout the state and several areas of transit and transportation and is looking forward to continuing to do so in the future.

Mr. Garland introduced himself and his role and background in transit. He introduced the new Deputy of Operations for Charlottesville.

Mr. Sanders introduced himself to the committee.

Karen Davis mentioned that Hal Morgan is new to the committee, replacing Randy Parker as the Rural Jaunt representative, and he introduced himself to the committee.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (MINUTE 21:10):

Lloyd Snook said that on behalf of the nominating committee, he made a motion to nominate Diantha McKeel to continue to chair the RTP. Bea LaPisto Kirtley seconded the nomination and the committee approved the motion unanimously.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley nominated Mr. Snook as Vice Chair. Ms. McKeel seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley left the meeting.

7. MOVE 2 HEALTH EQUITY COALITION (MINUTE 26:33)

Pete Krebs introduced himself and presented on the Move 2 Health Equity Coalition. It is led by Martha Jefferson Hospital, the Blue Ridge Health District, and UVA. The focus areas include: access to healthcare, active communities, health food systems, and healthy spaces.

They created a survey whose fundamental question was "What transportation barriers prevent getting what you need to thrive?" The survey is located at <https://tinyurl.com/M2HE-survey>

Additional information can be found here: <https://move2healthequity.org/>

8. TRANSIT NEEDS DISCUSSION FOR N29 BETWEEN AIRPORT ROAD AND RUCKERSVILLE (MINUTE 36:32)

Lucinda Shannon noted that the MPO is working on a North 29 Corridor Study. She presented the study with the updated goals and objectives to the committee and asked for feedback regarding multi-modal needs in the area.

Ms. McKeel said the Frays Mill intersection is dangerous and the County has been talking about it. Ms. Shannon mentioned options that the study team discussed.

There will be public meeting in mid-September. More info will be posted on the website in the future.

9. RIDESHARE WORK PLAN (MINUTE 46:52):

Sara Pennington presented the committee with an update on RideShare and its projects and promotions, including the Afton Express, Try Transit/RideShare Week, Telework!VA, Earth Week, and Clean Commute/Bike Month. Another task they will be undertaking will be marketing research and an implementation proposal.

10. AFTON EXPRESS UPDATE (MINUTE 56:40):

Ms. Pennington described the new Afton Express, a transit service connecting the communities west of Afton Mountain to Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The partners include the City of Staunton, the City of Waynesboro, Augusta County, Albemarle County, the City of Charlottesville and UVA. There will be six stops on the east side of Afton Mountain. The service will begin on September 1. The website for additional information is at <http://www.aftonexpress.org>.

Ms. McKeel asked Ms. Pennington to share the presentation with the committee.

11. DRPT GRANTS UPDATE (MINUTE 1:04:18)

Jessica Hersh-Ballering gave an update on the Regional Transit Vision Plan. There is a public engagement for in draft form and website work has begun. The consulting tem will update the RTP at an upcoming Fall meeting.

Ms. Hersh-Ballering also updated the committee on the Albemarle County Transit Expansion grant. The public engagement plan has been drafted and reviewed and work on early deliverables is underway. The website is live and linked at <https://tjpc.org/our-work/transit-planning/>

There will be a public meeting (via Zoom) on July 26 and July 28 at 6:00. The links can to register for the meetings can be found here: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Meetings-for-the-Albemarle-County-Transit-Expansion-Study-Announced.html?soid=1101145461433&aid=4jROlfdV_k

There will be stakeholder meetings on July 28, 29, and 30 and they are invite-only meetings.

12. MPO UPDATES (MINUTE 1:11:14):

Sandy Shackelford updated the committee on the Public Engagement Policy. It will be presented to the MPO Policy Board next week.

She reported that Nick Morrison, TJPDC Staff, has been working on an Equity Study that includes an analysis on transit accessibility. He will be presenting the information to the MPO Policy Board on July 28 at 4 p.m.

Ms. Shackelford said she will be talking with the Policy Board next week to see if they are interested in continuing to do joint meetings with the CSPDC. She will let the committee know the response to that at the next meeting.

She went on to present an update on the Smart Scale applications.

13. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:21:47)

Jaunt: Karen Davis reported that the main facility is now open. Their telecommuting policy has helped with their tight parking lot. They have returned to full capacity on all of their busses. The Crozet Connect will be back up and running the second week of August. There will be press release coming out soon with additional information.

Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS): Jim Foley reported that they are trying to fill open driver positions. He is still waiting on the grant re: the two electric school busses. Dominion Virginia said they would help with charging stations if they do get the grant. One more week of summer school and there are now HEPA filters on all of the school busses. They will be at full capacity next school year.

UTS: Becca White said UTS has 60% capacity and the mask mandate remains. There are critical open bus driver positions that is very significant. First year students move in on August 18 and there are football games three weeks in a row.

CAT: Garland Williams reported that CAT has been holding public meetings for their FTA requirements. They will put a FAQs page on their website. The second week of September is the goal for the new changes to the routes. Re: the City Schools, there is a bus driver shortage, and a mechanic shortage, as well. The school bus and CAT drivers and technicians and other staff will be getting a \$2,400 sign-on/retention bonus. Additionally, part-time drivers will pay the difference so they get the equivalent of full-time benefits.

DRPT: Neil Sherman reported that the CTB approved the new Trip Program, which will start on August 1 and run through September. DRPT will be holding a webinar on Thursday, July 29, for all of the transit systems.

The General Assembly approved an Equity and Modernization study. It will involve buses, bus service, access to bus services, and fuel systems.

They may be lifting the social distancing requirement on the Virginia Breeze with the mask mandate still intact. There will be a new bus route that will run from Bristol up the 81 corridor to Dulles.

Nikuyah Walker expressed concerns about how to track Covid cases with the lifting of the requirements.

14. OTHER BUSINESS/REMINDERS (MINUTE 1:46:05):

None.

The next meeting will be on August 26, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Background:

- In accordance with CDC and UVA policy, masks requirements, passenger limits, and loading by back door continues for public transit.
- Bus drivers cannot enforce mask mandate and passenger limits, particularly during the loading that typically occurs during class change on McCormick Road.
- The distance between Chemistry Building and Garrett Hall is walkable in less than 5 minutes.
- The distance from UTS end points like Hereford, Faulkner/Copeley, and Madison Preston requires a transit trip.
- Transit trip generation on weekdays before 6PM is adjacent to classroom space.
- Transit trip generation on weekdays after 6PM/weekends shifts to student programming space.
- Due to special licensing and training, recovery from bus driver shortage created by loss of student and part time drivers during COVID will take at least five-ten months.

Service Recommendation:

- Use UTS to support end point connections to Whitehead Road and JPA at Brandon during the day. Hold UTS off of McCormick Road before 6PM.
- Return UTS to McCormick Road after 6PM and on weekends.

Route Alignment and Service Weekdays before 6PM (see map):

- Routes doubled at end points and connected to Whitehead Road (not McCormick Road).
- Start time unchanged compared to pre-COVID (M-F, 7:30AM).
- Time between buses increased from 10 to 15 or 20 minutes. Staggered departure times at end points maximize number of trips.
- CAT becomes the transit provider on McCormick Road during the day via the Free Trolley.
- Copeley I and II are served from Massie Road and JPJ.

Route Alignment and Service Weekdays after 6PM and Weekends (see map):

- Same routes as weekdays before 6PM. Transit hub shifts from Whitehead to McCormick Road.
- Start time unchanged. End time shifts to Midnight (previously 12:30AM or 2:30AM).
- Time between routes increased from 15 minutes to 20 or 30 minutes. Staggered departure times for buses at end points maximize number of trips.
- Extended late night provided each night by Safe Ride starting at 12AM, not the pre-COVID time of 12:30AM or 2:30AM.
- CAT is the transit provider on westbound JPA via the Free Trolley. UTS Orange route serves the opposite direction.

Communications:

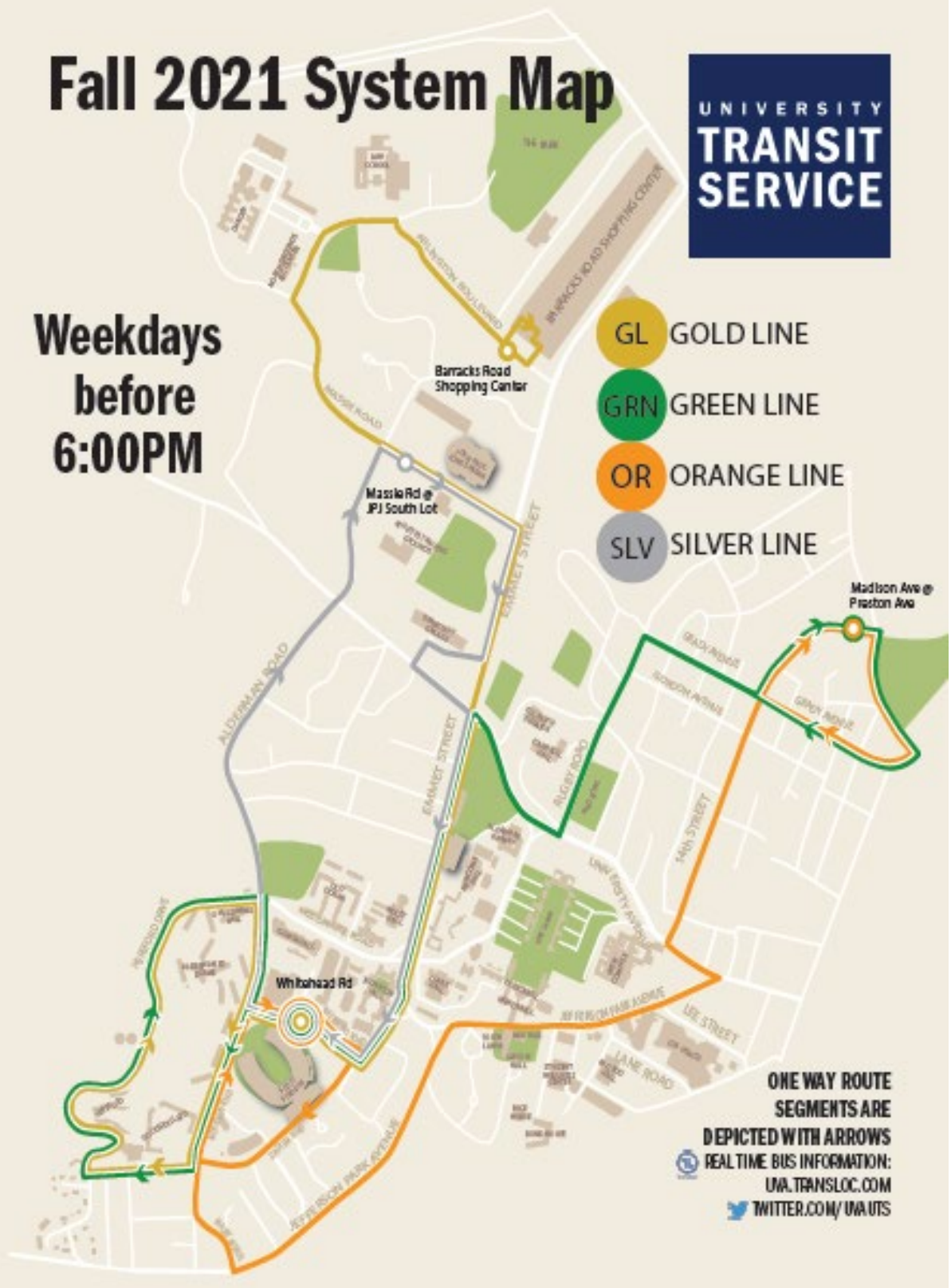
- Electronic communications via UTS Twitter Account, P&T Web site, Transloc alerts.
- Direct communication with student groups including:
 - Housing/Residence Life
 - Student Affairs and Dean of Students
 - Athletics and Intramurals
 - Contact with Cavalier Daily
- Direct communication with U-Heights management team on alternative transit approach.

Fall 2021 System Map



**Weekdays
before
6:00PM**

- GL GOLD LINE
- GRN GREEN LINE
- OR ORANGE LINE
- SLV SILVER LINE



**ONE WAY ROUTE
SEGMENTS ARE
DEPICTED WITH ARROWS**
REAL TIME BUS INFORMATION:
UVA.TRANSLOC.COM
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