

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

DRAFT Minutes, January 27, 2022

The recording for this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqoJ6SDxe4k>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Lloyd Snook, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Albemarle	x	Isabella O’Brien, TJPDC	x
Neil Sherman, DRPT	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x		
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban	x		
Becca White, UTS	x		
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x	Neil Williamson	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Peter Krebs	x
Charmane White, Alb County PS	x	Jody Saunders, Jaunt	x
Sally LeBeau, UVA Hospital		Erik Olsen, Balcksburg Transit	x
Peter Thompson, CAA	x	Ryan Davidson	x
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO	x	Kelly Forloines	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering	x
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x	Michael Barnes	x
Juwhan Lee, Jaunt	x	Ethan Tate	x
		Ryan Davidson	x
		Kelly Fomenko	x
		Caetano, C3	x
		Trevor Henry	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 February 9, 2022 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqoJ6SDxe4k>.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regional Transportation Partnership Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol. Lucinda Shannon took attendance by roll call, and certified that a quorum was present. Ms. McKeel introduced Charmane White and Brian Pinkston as new members of the committee, and Ryan Mickles as the new Planner for TJPDC.



2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 6:04): None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MINUTE 6:26)

Motion/Action: On a motion by Becca White, seconded by Neil Sherman, the committee approved the December 7, 2021 meeting minutes, with Brian Pinkston, Neil Sherman and Ted Rieck abstaining.

4. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – TED RIECK (JAUNT) AND PETER THOMPSON (CAA) (MINUTE 8:13):

Mr. Rieck introduced himself and talked about his background and the reason for his interest in transportation.

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5. PEER CITY SPEAKER – BLACKSBURG TRANSIT (MINUTE 16:21):

Lucinda Shannon introduced Erik Olsen with Blacksburg Transit. He presented the committee with the history of Blacksburg Transit, examples of collaboration within its region, and several programs and efforts that will be happening in the future.

There were several questions and a discussion that followed the presentation.

6. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPLICATION FOR DRPT’S TECHNICAL ASSISTANT GRANT (MINUTE 1:13:13):

Lucinda Shannon reported that the Regional Transit Vision Plan identified the need for additional funding and collaboration to meet the communities’ expectation for the future of transit. It was decided that there needs to be a study for governance structure to facilitate regional transit coordination and generate additional funding, among other things.

Motion/Action: The motion was made to support the technical assistance grant to create the governance study as presented. Lloyd Snook made a motion to support the resolution, Bea LaPisto-Kirtley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:24:33)

Jaunt: Ted Rieck reported that Jaunt is still under-staffed and looking for new drivers. He reported that he spoke with Garland Williams about how to collaborate in the future.

Albemarle County Public Schools: Charmane White reported that they, too, are struggling to recruit drivers as well. She said she, too, talked with Mr. Williams about collaborating. They are in the planning stages of a “mega” job fair. More information will be forthcoming.

UTS: Becca White reported that when the academic session started on Jan 19, there was a new delivery model for service that includes a fixed route complements by an on-demand service. They, too, have a driver shortage.

CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools: Garland Williams reported that he has productive conversations with Mr. Rieck and Ms. White. He reported that CAT also has been hit by Covid and is

looking forward to getting back to services soon. He also reported a shortage of drivers. He also said that Albemarle County has given CAT the go-ahead to apply for a micro-transit demonstration grant to implement the services recommended in the Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study. Regarding the schools, they are short on drivers despite heavy recruiting efforts.

6. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:37:30):

Rideshare Update: Sara Pennington gave an update on Afton Express. She also reported on the grant processes in which she is currently engaged.

MPO Update: Sandy Shackelford said the Policy Board met last night and approved support for the transit governance study. Most of the MPO's focus has been on Round 5 of the Smart Scale application process and also the Rivanna Bike/Ped project.

Ms. Shackelford also introduced Ryan Mickles as the new Transportation Planner with TJPDC.

Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study: Lucinda Shannon reported that the study recommended micro-transit service for Pantops and Route 29 areas, and also the Monticello area secondarily. There will be a final report at the next meeting in February.

DRPT: Neil Sherman reported that all of the grants are due on Tuesday, February 1, and there has been issues with the website, so they are working hard on getting it up and working before that time.

10. OTHER BUSINESS (MINUTE 1:45:50):

None.

The next meeting will be on February 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.