

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

Minutes, May 26, 2022

The recording for this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ui8C4hHmqv4>

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	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Neil Sherman, DRPT		Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
Hal Morgan, Jaunt Rural	x	Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x
Lucas Ames, Jaunt Urban	x		x
Becca White, UTS			
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x	Trevor Henry, Albemarle County	x
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Albemarle County	x
Charmane White, Alb County PS	x	Sean Tubbs, Charlottesville Community Engagement	x
Sally LeBeau, UVA Hospital		Scudder Wagg, JWA	x
Peter Thompson, CAA	x	Tim Brulle, JWA	x
Sandy Shackelford, CAMPO		Will Cockrell	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Peter Vorhees	x
Ted Rieck, Jaunt	x	Vlad Gavrilovic	x
Juwhan Lee, CAT	x	Rick Seaman	x
Wood Hudson, DRPT	x	Michael Barnes, VDOT	x
Kendall Howell, UTS	x	Emily Yen	x
		Neil Williamson	x
		Jody Saunders	x
		Mark Marcilla	x
		Jason Adle, JWA	x
		Susan Elliott	x
		Michael Payne	x
		Ben Chambers	x
		Sam Sanders, DCM	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 May 27, 2022 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ui8C4hHmqv4>



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.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 3:40)

Approval of Agenda

Motion/Action: On a motion by Lloyd Snook, seconded by Hal Morgan, the committee unanimously approved the May 26, 2022 meeting agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/Action: Diantha McKeel noted that on page 2, she asked that the word “Next” in “next meeting” be changed to “the June meeting.” Bea LaPisto-Kirtley made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Lloyd Snook seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting in Person in July

Lucinda Shannon reported that traditionally the July meeting is skipped. She asked the committee if the Board wants to skip the next meeting in July.

Motion/Action: Bea LaPisto Kirtley made a motion to dispense with the July meeting. Lloyd Snook seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

July MPO meeting presentation from Association of MPOs on federal funding opportunities from Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Diantha McKeel noted there will be a presentation in the July MPO Policy Board meeting. Lucinda Shannon shared that is July 27, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

June Meeting Location – Remote Participation Policy

Christine Jacobs reminded the board that there needs to be quorum in person of voting members. There will be a hybrid option and online option for the public to participate.

3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 9:20):

Dr. Emily Yen, resident of the City of Charlottesville, strongly supports expanding the CAT service, but has reservations about the implementation plan. She is concerned about the bus driver shortage at CAT. As the drivers has previously brought before the localities, here are concerns about the wage scale and they wish to have collective bargaining rights. She said this would be important to implement now, including increasing wages for the bus drivers. This is the most expeditious way to improve service, as well as retain and attract bus drivers.

Caetano with C3, suggested it would be useful if community input could be allowed at the beginning and the end of the presentations during the meeting or for the public to drop questions into the chat as the presentation is happening. He also stated he hopes the climate vision is incorporated into the transit vision plan.

4. UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION STUDY (MINUTE 13:35):

Tim Brulle started the presentation with an overview of the project and the process. He explained difference between the Transit Vision Study and the Transit Governance Study. The project website is located at <http://www.tinyurl.com/transivision>.

He continued with the vision statement, goals, objectives, and measures.

Scudder Wagg presented the Vision Concepts to show the range of transit expansion possibilities.

Will Cockrell presented on the three-phase engagement process. He noted that the findings from Phase I is on the project website now and they have moved into the Phase II of the process. He reported that there will be focus group discussions the week of June 13 and a public open house event on June 23.

This presentation is in the meeting packet located online at: <https://campo.tjpd.org/wp-content/uploads/RTP-Meeting-Packet-202205-26.pdf>.

There was time made for questions and discussion throughout the presentation.

5. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:42:15)

Jaunt: Ted Rieck reported that there was a meeting last week between the other local transit providers and Ms. Jacobs with TJPDC. There was an overlay of the bus routes presented at that meeting including school bus routes to see how to maximize the busses and help with the driver shortage issues. He also reported that they are leveraging a scope by CAT to study alternative fuel for Jaunt. He also said they are having a consultant come in next week to look at their parking lot, but she may be looking at the connection between local mixed-used development/affordable housing and transit.

Albemarle County Public Schools: Charmane White reported that ACPS found some opportunities to possibly collaborate with the other local transit providers at the Jaunt meeting last week. She is in conversation with her supervisor and the superintendent now and notes that there is work to be done to get the community ready for any changes. The ACPS has had numerous job fairs in the past few months. In addition to recruitment, they have been doing retention as well. Lastly, ACPS will be purchasing four Type A (14 passenger or less) busses that do not require CDL licenses.

UTS: Kendall Howard announced that UTS purchased four battery/electric busses. UTS is looking for ways to hire drivers who do not need a CDL license. UTS staff will be brainstorming ways to get past that barrier.

CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools: Garland Williams reported that CAT launched their study on alternative fuel vehicles. They are hoping to get through the study so they will be ready for the upcoming grant application cycle. They are also looking at alternative fuel busses for the school system as well.

He noted they are aggressively recruiting drivers and mechanics. He reported that the City may have a surplus, and there could be additional drivers for CAT with that money. He also noted that the City kicked off efforts to get a consultant to look at collective bargaining.

Mr. Williams said that the schools are interested in helping to alleviate the driver shortage. The schools are looking at the Type A bus model.

Lastly, Mr. Williams reported that there was an issue at Crescent Hall, but they have gone to the site to figure out something to do help remedy that issue.

DRPT: Wood Hudson reported that the FY23 Six-Year Improvement Program (SIP) is in draft and available on their website. It will be going to the CTB for their June 21-22 meeting for final approval. After that meeting, projects should start being approved, including capital and operating grants.

6. OTHER BUSINESS (MINUTE 1:56:08):

None.

The next meeting will be on June 23, 2022 in person at the Water Street Center, 407 E Water Street, Charlottesville, at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.