Long Range Transportation Meeting
Water Street Center
407 East Water Street
Charlottesville, Virginia
September 11, 2013 Minutes
Noon

County Commissioners Present
Mr. Calvin Morris-Chair
Mr. Russell (Mac) Lafferty
Mr. Bruce Dotson
Mr. Richard Randolph
Ms. Julia Monteith, AICP, Senior Land Use Planner for University of Virginia

City Planning Commissioners Present
Mr. John Santoski
Ms. Lisa Green
Mr. Dan Rosensweig, Chair
Mr. Kurt Keesecker
Mr. David Neuman

Staff Present:
Missy Creasy, Planning Manager
Elaine Echols, Principal Planner
Andrew Sorrell, Senior Planner
Sarah Rhodes, MPO Program Manager, TJPDC
David Blount, Acting TJPDC Executive Director
Marie Sheetz, Transportation Planner, TJPDC

Chair Cal Morris from Albemarle County and Chair, Dan Rosensweig, from Charlottesville Planning Commissions called the meeting to order for their respective commissions. The meeting was then turned over to Sarah Rhodes, the MPO Program Manager from the TJPDC who gave a brief presentation on the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan update. She explained how this is federally funded and what items needed to be included in the plan. She explained how the plan was developed and the process in which data was collected and analyzed.

The two Commissions asked questions and made the following recommendations:

a) Remove the widening on US 250 at Pantops since it only increases the trips trying to cross Free Bridge.
b) Keep the widening of US 250 at Shadwell. This would make the stretch from N. Milton Road to the I-64 Interchange at Shadwell 4-lanes.
c) Reevaluate the US 29/US 250 widening and determine if other projects being considered could improve this area without this project, given that this would expend the bulk of the funding expected.
d) Remove the Milton Road and Black Cat Road projects since these roads do not seem sustainable in the County.

e) Model a second connection for vehicles across the Rivanna River from S. Pantops Drive to High Street to reduce the congestion on Free Bridge. Not only would this provide a straight shot to Martha Jefferson Hospital but it will help connect the municipal lines.
f) Keep Berkmar Drive Extended.
g) There was minimal discussion on the BRT routes/transit to the airport but consensus suggested studying BRT on US 29 North is important.
h) There did not seem to be support for an additional interchange on Interstate 64 east of Shadwell.

Adjournment

With no further items, the Albemarle County Planning Commission adjourned at 1:35 p.m. to the Tuesday, September 17, 2013 meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the County Office Building, Second Floor, Auditorium, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia.

V. Wayne Cilimberg, Secretary

(Submitted for approval by Sharon C. Taylor, Clerk to Planning Commission & Planning Boards)