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Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee
Draft Summary Minutes
January 22, 2025

A recording of this meeting can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuA_mH9fIM8

OFFICERS		STAFF	
Lee Kondor, Albemarle County, Chair	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Donna Chen, MPO – Vice-Chair	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	
		Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
		Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
VOTING MEMBERS		**GUESTS / PUBLIC**	
Stuart Gardner, MPO		Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x
Jose Gomez, Albemarle County	x	Chuck Proctor, VDOT	x
Patrick Healy, Charlottesville	x		
Ethan Heil, Charlottesville	x		
Sarah Medley, Charlottesville	x		
Marty Meth, Albemarle County	x		
Nathan Moore, Albemarle County	x		
Danny Yoder, Charlottesville			
Peter Thompson, Albemarle County	x		
Greg Weaver, Charlottesville			

This meeting was an all-virtual meeting held by Zoom.

Call to Order

Chair Lee Kondor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Sarah Simba read the notice of electronic meeting.

1. Attendance (Minute 3:11)

Sarah Simba took attendance.

2. Matters from the Public (Minute 4:25)

None from the public, but Mr. Kondor said he attended one of the public meetings for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and observed that one of the highest causes of serious accidents is roadway departures. He noted that most of those accidents happen in rural areas, and yet those types of accident are not frequent enough in any five-mile stretch to make any portion of those roads to make the list of high-hazard areas. He noted that fixing all those roads would be prohibitively expensive, but nevertheless they do have their problems.

3. **General Administration (Minute 6:50)**

Christine Jacobs introduced Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC's new Director of Transportation, and her roles and responsibilities at the TJPDC and MPO.

Acceptance of Agenda

Action: There was no objection to the agenda as presented, so Chair Kondor approved it with no motion.

Acceptance of the September 18 and November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Action: Patrick Healy made a motion to approve both meeting minutes. Jose Gomez seconded to motion, and it passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

According to the bylaws, there must be an election of officers at the first meeting of the new calendar year. Lee Kondor asked for volunteers to fill the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Sarah Medley was nominated as Chair and she accepted.

Action: Patrick Healy nominated Sarah Medley as Chair and she was approved unanimously through consensus.

Sarah Healy took over as Chair and asked for nominations for the Vice Chair position. Donna Chen volunteered to continue her position as Vice Chair.

Motion/Action: Lee Kondor made a motion to accept Donna Chen as Vice Chair. Ethan Heil seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. **New Business (Minute 18:52)**

Performance Safety Targets

Gorjan Gjorgjievski gave background on and purpose of the Performance Safety Targets requirements from both the federal and state governments. He provided recent and long-term trendline projections. He noted that establishing targets equals a commitment to pursuing projects/objectives that support the achievement of those targets. He reminded the committee that regardless of what safety targets get adopted, the goal is to remain fully committed to safety for everyone who uses the transportation system.

He presented the differences in aspirational safety targets between 2024, adopted aspirational targets, and 2025 proposed aspirational targets.

RAISE Grant

Christine Jacobs gave background on the RAISE grant and the reasons for re-applying for the grant this year. She was told that it scored very high the last time and was encouraged to submit an application again, and this application will be for the first 30% preliminary

engineering of the project to reduce some of the future contingencies in the second and third phases.

She shared that the TJPDC board has approved the submission. The application is due at the end of the month, and she hopes to be able to share in the future that an award was given. She will keep the committee posted.

5. Staff Updates and Meeting Schedule (Minute 35:08)

Safe Streets and Roads for All

Mr. Gjorgjievski reported that staff wrapped up Round Two of engagement which included asking the public what kind of projects they think would make the most difference in reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries. There were 12 pop-up events with approximately two events in each jurisdiction.

He reported that they did data analysis on the surveys received. He said they also included SS4A in the Let's Talk Albemarle podcast. He said staff is currently working on the coordination efforts for the City's Demo project at Easy High Street and Meade Avenue. There will be a survey launch in February to gather feedback which will run through March 7.

He said staff are planning a public meeting on February 25 at 5 p.m. to gather feedback on which of the three implementation plans the public thinks would work best for that intersection.

Mr. Gjorgjievski said Round Three will focus on gathering feedback on the draft comprehensive safety action plan.

When asked what committee members can do to help support SS4A, he said the committee members could be involved in providing feedback. Ms. Jacobs also said it is important to better position local governments to be able to apply for funding for implementation. She said it will be important for citizens to show interest in these projects when they come up for discussion at that level.

Ms. Simba said committee members can also share this information with their communities.

Next CTAC Meeting

Ms. Medley noted that the next CTAC meeting will be held on March 19 in person at the Water Street Center, 401 E Water Street, Charlottesville, VA from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

6. VDOT Updates on Projects (Minute 45:30)

MPO Smart Scale Projects

Sandy Shackelford presented the committee with background information on Smart Scale, the funding allocation process, and updates on Round 6.

She continued by reporting that Round 6 estimated funding allocations for the Culpeper District is $68 million, futher reduced by $6.6 million for projects covered in previous rounds.

She showed a comparison of funding amounts among rounds and noted that Round 6 is more in line with the funds available in Round 1.

She shared changed from Round 5 and initial scoring outcome observations. She noted that there were four total project out of 24 recommended in the Culpeper District. One project that was recommended for funding was the US 250/Peter Jefferson Parkway and Rolkin Road Pipeline bundle for $36.4 million. She shared the projects that were not recommended for funding as well.

Ms. Shackelford shared how the consensus scenario process works. She noted that the CTB has the opportunity to adjust the final list of funded projects. The consensus scenario will be presented to CTB on May 20, 2025 and public hearings on the recommendations prior to the final adoption.

Chuck Proctor note that Culpeper District is doing very well and reported that it brought in the third highest amount of funding in the state.

STARS and Pipeline Studies

Mr. Proctor gave an update on the STARS study including the corridor from Barracks Road through the intersection at Hydraulic into the County at Woodbrook. One of the studies is at the interchange at Hydraulic North and the other is at Ridge/Main Street intersection in the City.

Mr. Proctor said regarding the pipeline studies, the CTB is going to adopt the locations at their February meeting. VDOT is looking at the Exit 118 interchange at I-64 and the 29 bypass, and the other is to re-look at the 5th Street interchange (Exit 120) to potentially reduce the cost by amending the current project by moving the bike/ped facilities off the bridge.

He said they are also looking at the Park and Rid lot at Exit 118.

There was a question-and-answer session after Mr. Proctor's presentation.

7. **Round Table Updates (Minute 1:15:30)**

Peter Thompson said the Charlottesville Area Alliance is applying to get a grant through AARP Virginia to help with walkability. They have had walk audits and bus rider training in the past. They are looking at rural transportation needs now and will be working with Jaunt.

Sarah Medley said the Equity Center at UVA is co-hosting an MLK event that will be about increasing access to outdoor activities with a keynote and panel discussion. There was going to be a hike this weekend, but that has been postponed.

Nathan Moore shared an update on the Eastern Connector bridge and road in Crozet to

connect the neighborhoods in 240 to be connected to the neighborhoods near 250 at the grocery store. He said there was a developer who was going to proffer some of the land to get started on building part of that road, but it did not get recommended for approval.

8. **Additional matters from the public (Minute 1:20:24)**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.