CA-MPO

Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes
May 21, 2025

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OFFICERS		STAFF	
Sarah Medley, Charlottesville, Chair	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
Donna Chen, MPO – Vice-Chair	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
		Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
		Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC *	x
VOTING MEMBERS		**GUESTS / PUBLIC**	
Stuart Gardner, MPO		Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x
Jose Gomez, Albemarle County	x	Rob Tieman, PE, UVA	x
Patrick Healy, Charlottesville	x	Elieen Bartells	x
Ethan Heil, Charlottesville		Danielle McCray *	x
Lee Kondor, Albemarle	x		
Marty Meth, Albemarle County			
Nathan Moore, Albemarle County	x		
Danny Yoder, Charlottesville	x		
Peter Thompson, Albemarle County			
Greg Weaver, Charlottesville	x		
Vacant, MPO			

** online participant*

Call to Order

Chair Sarah Medley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. **Attendance (Minute)**
   Sarah Simba took attendance.

2. **Matters from the Public (Minute)**
   Lee Kondor said at the last meeting there were still some issues at the Exit 118 intersection and he was not allowed to share his model with the group. He thought that was strange and forwarded it directly to VDOT.

   Sarah Medley said that the intersection improvements could be discussed at the public comment portion of the meeting but adding it to the agenda was not allowed.

   Patrick Healy said warning lights might be a cost-effective solution to that intersection.

Ms. Medley said she would bring that to the Policy Board.

Elieen Bartells, resident of the City of Charlottesville, said a 2nd street and Elliot Avenue crosswalk is desired by citizens in that area. It has been denied because the City says it is too dangerous at that intersection. She said the City is showing their disdain for pedestrian safety by not approving the crosswalk – a legal place to cross the road. She noted that recently a citizen took it upon himself to paint a crosswalk there and was arrested for it.

3. **General Administration (Minute)**

Motion/Action: Patrick Healy voted to allow Nathan Moore to participate remotely while he was in the car on the way to the meeting. Jose Gomez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Greg Weaver said the issue that the citizen raised should be discussed and potentially brought to the City. Ms. Medley said that perhaps the committee could draft a letter and present it more formally.

Donna Chen noted that perhaps a request could be made of the City to find out why the decision was made not to create a crosswalk.

Ms. Medley said perhaps there could be a subcommittee created to draft a letter to the City.

Motion/Action: Greg Weaver made a motion to create a subcommittee. Patrick Healy seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Patrick Healy, Donna Chen, Sarah Medley and Greg Weaver volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

Taylor Jenkins said she needs to determine if she needs to get approval from the Policy Board on how to proceed.

Nathan Moore joined the meeting in person at 7:18 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion/Action: Lee Kondor made a motion to approve the agenda. Greg Weaver seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of the Minutes of January 19, 2025 and March 19, 2025 minutes

Motion/Action: Lee Kondor made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Patrick Healy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business (Minute)

CTAC Bylaws Discussion

Sarah Medley reviewed the current bylaws and noted that any changes would need to be approved at the next meeting and then they would be presented to the Policy Board for approval.

Mr. Kondor said he thinks the committee should be able to submit planning and propose transportation design for VDOT's consideration and that should be added to the bylaws.

Ms. Medley said that "Providing advice to the MPO…" has not been something she has seen in action in her two years on the committee. She would like to see that happen more often.

Mr. Moore said there doesn't need to be a change to the verbiage in section 2, there just needs to be more action on the things that are described therein.

Donna Chen suggested that there be a comment section on the website for citizens to submit their feedback and suggestions.

Mr. Moore suggested a brief presentation be given to CTAC at a future meeting on how all the committees for the MPO work, who staffs them, and how they are connected.

Section three covers Membership. Ms. Medley read the current bylaws. There were no suggestions for changes or additions.

Section four, regarding recruitment and tenure, was reviewed and it was suggested that in item D, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)" be removed. There was a discussion about adding term limits, adding "two terms lasting three years each."

Regarding subcommittees, there was a discussion about how best to meet and whether it would be considered a "meeting" if it was only a discussion by email. Taylor Jenkins said she would ask David Blount, Legislative Liaison for TJPDC, about the FOIA regulations on that matter.

It was suggested that the latest information on in-person quorum and online participation should be included so as not to cause any confusion.

In Section 10, it was suggested that there be more detail on what is expected from the members.

Taylor Jenkins said there could be a "track changes" document of the bylaws to the committee members for their feedback for discussion at the next meeting in July.

Mr. Moore suggested that in Section Two the word "citizens" be changed to "people" and in Section Ten, "his/her resignation" changed to "their resignation."

Safe Streets and Roads for All Presentation and Draft Plan

Sarah Simba presented the committee with the draft regional Move Safely Blue Ridge plan. She noted that there will be no action plan at this meeting in terms of its adoption.

She gave a brief background on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) plan. She presented the planning process, the public engagement process, and the next steps.

5. Informational (Minute)

CA-MPO Safe Streets and Roads for All FY25 Grant Application

Ms. Jenkins introduced Rob Tieman to the committee. Mr. Tieman is a PE working with UVA. He presented an overview of the grant application. He presented the partners who will be collaborating

on this initiative. He identified the problem they will be trying to solve with this work and the genesis of the grant application. He also noted that CA-MPO would be the grant applicant/recipient and would be working with the collaborating partners.

Mr. Teiman proceeded with the objectives of the project, and the diverse talents of the UVA research team. He noted that it is not common for these key leaders to come together for something like this.

He continued describing the approach methodology noting that much of it will be done in virtual reality.

Mr. Tieman said the primary deliverable is to enhance TJPDC's comprehensive action plan with data-driven VRU safety action plan for the area. He also enumerated several additional benefits.

He continued with next steps, noting that the final application is due on June 26, 2025.

There was a brief question and answer session after the presentation.

6. <u>Staff Updates and Meeting Schedule (Minute)</u>

<u>FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)</u>
Ms. Jenkins presented an update on the latest version of the UPWP. She gave an overview of the background and purpose of the UPWP. She presented a brief overview of the changes to the draft UPWP and gave additional information on the funding. She noted that most of the funding is in Task 3: Short-Range Transportation Planning this year because it is not a long-range transportation plan year. She continued by reviewing the program administration, and the short- and long-term funding. She noted she is waiting on final updated numbers from the CTB and hopes to have them soon.

<u>Next CTAC Meeting</u>
Ms. Simba noted that the next CTAC meeting will be held on July 16 in person at the Water Street Center, 401 E Water Street, Charlottesville, VA from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

7. **<u>Roundtable Updates (Minute)</u>**
Ms. Medley explained to the committee what might be shared during the roundtable portion and opened the meeting up to the members.

Sandy Shackelford gave an update on VDOT's projects and followed up with a summary email:

- Construction to begin on roundabout at 250/240 intersection in Crozet. Will be completed by 2026. A portion of 680 will be closed for about two months and the bridge over Lickinghole Creek is also being replaced.
    - Other projects in the bundle include:
        - A roundabout at Route 631 (Rio Road East) and John Warner Parkway
        - A continuous green-T intersection at Route 631 (Rio Road East) and Belvedere Boulevard
        - A roundabout at Route 20 (Scottsville Road) and Route 53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway)
        - A roundabout at Route 780 (Old Lynchburg Road) and Route 631 (5th Street)
    - Estimated completion date for entire bundle is Fall/Winter 2027

- Public hearing for the Hydraulic-Fontaine design-build bundle and is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 5 pm at the Virginia Department of Forestry. Estimated completion date Fall 2029.
    - U.S. 29 Bypass at Fontaine Avenue interchange improvements
    - Fontaine Avenue streetscape improvements
    - Hydraulic Road and District Avenue roundabout
- STARS Projects:
    - Ridge-McIntire/W. Main/Water Street intersection project – completed the public engagement and held the initial alternatives working group meeting on May 19th. The consultants will begin to do some high-level analysis to gauge the relative benefits of the alternatives. Will be planning the second round of public engagement, which will include a community meeting and a survey, for mid to late-July.
    - US 29 interchange/corridor combined study – Public survey is currently running and will wrap up this week. Field visit was held on 4/29. Had a follow-up meeting with the City since they were unable to attend. Project is considering multi-modal access, including infrastructure to support transit operations along the corridor.
    - Project Pipeline Studies:
        - Two studies in the CA-MPO area:
            - US 29 at I-64 Exit 118 – looking mostly at solutions to address the SB left turns to get onto I-64 EB and improving the Park and Ride lot at Teel Lane
            - I-64 Interchange at 5th Street – Value Engineering the DDI to try to develop a more competitive SMART SCALE application.
        - Held site visit on 5th Street on 5/20.
        - Surveys for both Pipeline Studies will launch in early June.

Mr. Moore said Albemarle is working on its comprehensive plan that recently included the transportation chapter. He said he feels the County is taking its responsibility on that issue very seriously.

8. <u>Additional matters from the public (Minute)</u>

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.