

**MPO Policy Board Meeting**

Minutes, October 22, 2025

**DRAFT**

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VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	x	Sara Pennington, Rideshare	
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC *	x
Natalie Oschrein, Charlottesville	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Sean Nelson, VDOT		Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC *	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Jason Espie, Jaunt *	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	x
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Michael Barnes, Albemarle County	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Garland Williams, CAT		Sean Tubbs *	x
Steven Minor FHWA		Paul Grady	x
Daniel Koenig, FTA *	x	Donna Chen, MPO Tech	
Sarah Medley, CTAC		Neil Williamson *	x
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x	Jen Fleischer *	x
Mitch Huber, DRPT *	x		
Mike Murphy, Jaunt			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		
Wood Hudson DRPT (alternate)			

\* attended online via Zoom

**1. CALL TO ORDER (MINUTE 0:00)**

The MPO Policy Board Chair, Ned Gallaway, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Sarah Simba called roll.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:00)**

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None.

**3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 2:12)**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion/Action:** Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ann Mallek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.



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Approval of August 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Motion/Action:** Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the minutes. Ann Mallek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 2:57)**

CA-MPO FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

TIP Amendment #12: TJPDC03 – Operating Assistance and TIP Amendment #13: Autism Sanctuary

Taylor Jenkins while the Policy Board’s previous actions stand, the public needs to have an opportunity to comment.

Public Hearing

No comments.

**Motion/Action:** Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve TIP Amendment #12. Ann Mallek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek moved to approve the TIP Amendment #13. Brian Pinkston seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

TIP Adjustments: CAT and Autism Sanctuary

Ms. Jenkins said they are working with the local jurisdiction staff and will have an updated TIP guidance document for any adjustments in the near future. There will be a presentation on this at the next meeting.

SMART SCALE Round 7 (Minute 6:30)

Sandy Shackelford gave a background on the reasons for considering the projects they have for Smart Scale Round 7. She shared a “decision flow chart” to identify the suggested applications. She shared the CA-MPO VTRANS priority needs with Priorities 1 – 4. VTRANS is the first part of the prioritization process.

The second part of the prioritization process is for projects that are either considered High Priority Program (HPP) which funds projects of statewide/regional significance, or District Grant Program (DGP) which funds projects of local significance.

Ms. Shackelford described the features required for HPP eligibility. She noted that all projects require a safety plan, concept sketch and a cost estimate.

She noted that the pre-applications will open on March 2, 2026.

There was a question-and-answer session in the middle of the presentation. There was some clarification about the project applications and their eligibility.

Mr. Gallaway asked if there is a change in governorship, would there be a change in scoring or the weighted system or HPP requirements. The answer was “no” because the requirements will be in place before any leadership change.

Mr. Gallaway asked for a full presentation on how the state funds Smart Scale, which VDOT confirmed they could do.

Ms. Shackelford continued with the project scoring process. There are six factors they consider: safety, congestion mitigation, accessibility, land use, economic development, and environmental quality.

Ms. Shackelford noted that maintenance programs get funded first, said the supplemental fuels tax introduced in 2020 is fully phased in, and noted that VDOT anticipates similar funding levels to what was available in Round 6.

She continued with the project cost and benefit takeaways from Round 6.

Given all the information presented, Ms. Shackelford presented the HPP eligible projects:

1. Old Ivy Road Ramp Extension
2. NB 29/250 Bypass Ramp to Barracks Road (option 1)
3. NB 29/250 Bypass Ramp to Barracks Road (option 2)

It was recommended by Ms. Jenkins to delay making a decision so as to get additional information on the projects presented.

Mr. Gallaway expressed his frustration with applying for smaller projects and needing larger projects. He said he sees a lot of money spent on the small pieces of the larger projects that may take “30 years” to get the projects completed. He said he is frustrated with the state-level funding for transportation.

Brian Pinkston left the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

#### **5. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (MINUTE 1:08:00)**

##### CA-MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee

Mr. Gallaway gave a brief background on the presentation at the last meeting. He said there will need to be a decision about whether to only convene the CTAC members during the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Gallaway said it will be important to touch base with the Chair and Vice Chair and meet with them before the next Policy Board meeting. He asked to invite them to the next Policy Board meeting and that the decision should be made then.

##### Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) and CARTA Transition

Taylor Jenkins gave a background on RTP and its purpose to get it to a Regional Transit Authority. She covered the significant projects completed through the RTP and noted that it is time to dissolve the RTP in December 2025. Ms. Jacobs noted that the MOU will be brought before the PDC Board for their approval.

#### **6. VDOT UPDATE ON PROJECTS (MINUTE 1:17:35)**

##### Pipeline

Chuck Proctor gave a presentation on the Culpeper District projects, US29 from I-64 interchange (Exit 118) to Fontaine Avenue interchange, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Pinehurst Court to Harris Road. He proceeded to review the study facts, a summary of the needs identified through public outreach, and a safety summary of both projects.

##### STARS

Mr. Proctor reviewed the STARS studies that include US29 Corridor: Hydraulic Rd to Woodbrook Rd, and US29/250 Bypass Interchange with Emmet Street. He presented an overview of preliminary ideas at Seminole Court to Branchlands Boulevard. He reviewed the alternative development at Fashion Square Drive to

Woodbrook Drive. He continued by sharing the alternative development at the US250 Bypass interchange study area.

He shared the US29 high frequency/high-capacity transit service feasibility components. The task deliverables would be corridor-level description of potential high-frequency and/or high-capacity service option on US29 and parallel corridors, and evaluation for all transportation alternatives for compatibility with future transit options.

Mr. Proctor reviewed the next steps and the schedule.

Julia Monteith left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

## **7. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE )**

### **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**

Taylor Jenkins said they have officially closed out the SS4A grant, and they are doing the wrap up with invoicing, a video, etc. and staff are waiting for final approval. Ms. Jacobs said the MPO can submit applications for implementation of the results if the jurisdictions so choose.

### **CA-MPO and SAW-MPO Joint Meeting**

Ms. Jenkins thanked everyone who came to the meeting.

### **RAISE/BUILD Grant Application Update**

Taylor Jenkins said there was a debrief meeting on why the project was not funded. Ms. Jenkins gave details on the awards that were given. She said the overall merit criteria were scored high. There was a medium grade given for innovation. It was recommended to re-submit the project in future years.

### **Travel Demand Management Study**

Ms. Jenkins gave an update on the TDM study stating that staff are working on pulling together previous plans reviewing regional existing efforts, collecting census data, the Wahoo Commute program data from UVA, and the bike/scooter data.

### **Alternate Dates for the Regular Policy Board Meeting Date**

Mr. Gallaway noted that the alternative dates for the December meeting are December 10<sup>th</sup> or the 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a conflict with Albemarle County on the 10<sup>th</sup>, so the preference is for the 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be an all-virtual meeting at 4:00 p.m. The meetings will be pushed back to 4:00 p.m. for the meetings moving forward. The meeting schedule will be proposed for Calendar year 2026 at the next meeting.

## **8. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 1:48:13)**

Jason Espie said Jaunt hit its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in September 2025. They will be embarking on some celebrations in the next year. He reported that Mike Murphy will be presenting to City Council in November.

Mitch Huber said to meet with DRPT by the end of October for Smart Scale if there are any transit primary applications for Smart Scale. He reported that November 19 is the webinar for grantees. They will be sending invites for that in the coming weeks.

Mr. Huber said DRPT is meeting with MPOs for the coordination of the next STIP cycle, which includes TIPs as well, for the FY27-30. He said the statewide rail plan will be kicking off early next year. He said the 2025 Coordinated Human Services Mobility (CHSM) plan update should be complete by the end of the year.

Mr. Huber also shared that the NOFO for inner-city passenger rail apps are due by January 7, 2026. He noted that this round includes crossings.

Stacey Londrey said the Hydraulic bundle is at the punch list stage. There will be a ribbon cutting on November 15 at 10 a.m. She said the Fontaine bundle received technical proposal earlier this month. VDOT will be taking the package to CTB on December 10. She reported that the Exit 107 Park and Ride is set for spring construction.

Ben Chambers said the Rivanna Trail festival was celebrated at the end of September. He said the City completed the Rugby Avenue shared-use path. He reported that the City's lawsuit related to zoning code is settled and will generate some transportation work. He noted that 2026 will be a big year for starting of a lot of big construction projects and staff will have to determine how to make them all work cohesively.

Michael Barnes said there is a lot of work with the STARS and Pipeline studies. There are also several revenue-sharing projects that they are working on as well. He reported that the Three Notch'd Trail study is also ongoing. He also reported that the comprehensive plan has been approved.

Christine Jacobs summarized the requests from the Board mentioned at this meeting. She also noted that the PDC board has approved building improvements. The renovations will be happening sometime in the near future and if it is in December, the meeting is already virtual.

#### **9. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:02:03)**

Paul Grady, citizen just outside of Crozet, said when the section of the 250 bypass was repaved, he watched a car drive down the ramp, drive on the shoulder all the way to Barracks Road. He said, "You are already planning to extend the ramp to Leonard Sandridge Road, why not make it a third lane all the way to Barracks?"

He also said he hopes CTAC is not disbanded. He has several ideas he would like to present to the committee.

Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council, said the transportation paradigm in the US29 Corridor is about to change. He said the MPO needs to be thinking about 29 not only as a regional connector, but something that has major employment at the north and the south end of the County. He said CARTA will be working through the implications of that, but he noted that VDOT needs to be aware of it and be on board with the solutions for it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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