

MPO Policy Board Meeting – All Virtual Meeting

Minutes, December 17, 2025

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A video of this meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRN6TgTb0k>

| VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES | | STAFF | |
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| *Ann Mallek, Albemarle | x | *Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC | x |
| *Ned Gallaway, Albemarle | x | *Sara Pennington, Rideshare | x |
| *Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville | x | *Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC | x |
| *Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville | x | *Sarah Simba, TJPDC | x |
| *Sean Nelson, VDOT | x | *Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC | x |
| *Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate) | x | *Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC | x |
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| NON-VOTING MEMBERS | | GUESTS/PUBLIC | |
| *Jason Espie, Jaunt | x | James Higgins | |
| *Christine Jacobs, TJPDC | | *Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville | x |
| *Julia Monteith, UVA | x | *Sean Tubbs | x |
| *Garland Williams, CAT | x | *Tonya Swartzendruber | x |
| Steven Minor FHWA | | Donna Chen, MPO Tech | |
| Daniel Koenig, FTA | | *Peter Krebs | x |
| *Sarah Medley, CTAC | x | *Jen Fleischer | x |
| *Chuck Proctor, VDOT | x | *Yong-Yeol Ahn, CTAC | x |
| *Mitch Huber, DRPT | x | *Diantha McKeel | 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 4:00 p.m. Sarah Simba read the electronic meeting notice and then called roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 4:10)

Comments from the Public: None.

Comments provided via email, online, website, etc.: None.

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 4:37)

Approval of the Agenda

Motion/Action: Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Natalie Oschrin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.



Approval of October 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

Regional Transit Partnership Dissolution

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to move forward with the dissolution of the Regional Transit Partnership. Natalie Oschrein seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 6:39)

Statewide Transportation Funding

Stacy Londrey started the presentation by giving overview of the process. She began with a funding process overview. (listen) She explained the Six-Year Improvement Program (SIP) and what is involved. She presented a graph with the revenues in FY2026 and reviewed a number of the items.

She continued with a flow chart describing additional funding. She started with federal revenue. The estimated funding from federal funding is \$1.7 billion.

The next source of funding she discussed is major state revenues. The Code of Virginia establishes types and amounts of taxes and fees and how they are used. Tax on Motor Fuels which is \$.32/gallon for a total for \$1.6 billion). The next highest is retail sales tax (\$1.5 billion) and the third highest is motor vehicle tax (new car tax) at \$1.3 billion. Other state revenues are tolls on express lanes (i-66 and I-64) and Powhite Parkway. Tolls are expected to cease in December 2026. She continued by stating that there are bond programs that help generate other state revenues. Those bond programs vary from year to year and this year (FY2026) the estimate is \$74 million, which is lower than other years.

Ms. Londrey continued with regional revenues. She noted that they are essentially pass-throughs and most of them are urban. The Regional fuels tax goes to transportation authorities and to I-81. In all other localities, including all of Culpeper District, the revenue is for "supplemental DGP". The FY26 estimate is \$1.3 billion.

She moved on to the discussion of allocations. She presented a graph with the FY26 allocations. She continued by reviewing the Commonwealth Transportation Fund. She reviewed the highway maintenance and operating fund as the first part of this fund. She continued with the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) and gave numerous details on the revenue in it. She briefly covered the TTF Sub funds, the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF) and the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB).

She continued with state funding that gets distributed first to cover supporting other agencies, debt service, rail programs, overhead funding for several categories, capital outlay projects at VDOT, and the revenue sharing program. She continued by reviewing the federal funding pre-formula distributions that cover MPO distributions in TMAs, transportation alternatives set-asides (TAP programs), metropolitan planning (PL funds), state planning & research (SPR – VDOT planning), and rail and highway crossings.

The last part of the TTF is the Construction funding, which Ms. Londrey reviewed. The first is the State of Good Repair (SGR). The next two, the High-Priority Projects (HPP) Program and the highway construction district grant program, are the Smart Scale program. There will be \$25 million for unpaved road (from DGPs), and \$25 ITTF from (HPP). The next allocation goes to Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program (IEOP), and lastly, the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP).

Additional links include:

VDOT budget and financing at www.vdot.virginia.gov/about/budget-finance/ ;
How Projects are Funded www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/roads-funded/ ; and
Funding Program One-Pagers at www.vdot.virginia.gov/media/vdotvirginiagov/projects/how-projects-are-funded/funding-programs-fact-sheets-2025-updated_acc.pdf

There was a brief question and answer session.

SMART SCALE Round 7 (Minute 1:13:00)

Sandy Shackelford began by talking about the Smart Scale project selection principles. She said VDOT considers the alignment of a project with different funding programs and they consider the Smart Scale scoring methodology.

She noted that project cost matters (the higher the cost, the lower the score) and everything is relative. Scores are normalized against the highest score in each category every round. The project benefits are re-evaluated each round based on the most current data available. Lastly, she reminded the members that when resubmitting applications, past performance is an indicator, not a guarantee.

Ms. Shackelford continued by laying out how to align projects with funding programs including statewide, construction districts, regional, and local priorities.

Chuck Proctor picked up the presentation by reviewing the applications under consideration. The first application he reviewed was the Ridge/McIntire/W. Main/W. Water Street Intersection Improvement & Bikeway. There was a discussion about the bike line implications, the one-way roads, and the intersection.

The second project is the US250 & Old Trail Roundabout. The third project is the Barracks Road Corridor Study. That project will be a joint project with the MPO taking one part of it and the County taking the other. There was a brief discussion about the Old Trail Roundabout.

Mr. Proctor continued with the Ivy Road Corridor study as the next joint application. The MPO will take a part of the application with both the off-ramp and the on-ramp extensions at Ivy Road, and Albemarle County will take the two roundabouts that are included in the study (one at Boars Head and one at Canterbury Road).

The next project is the 5th Street Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). Last round it scored well, but it was too expensive. This round, VDOT is proposing changes/options that reduce the price for the project.

Mr. Proctor continued with the I-64 Exit 118 interchange. This application has been submitted numerous times. The project has been broken down into pieces and submitted them as separate projects. He presented the Round 7 preliminary alternative, but it is not complete yet. He is hoping to come back in February with another solution for it.

Taylor Jenkins presented the concerns of the MPO Tech committee. She said they did move to recommend the projects as presented noting that they had concerns/questions.

There was a discussion about which projects to recommend focusing VDOT's efforts on for the MPO's applications.

Ms. Jenkins noted that staff recommend that project #3 (the off-ramp at Ivy Road) being the 5th option.

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to accept the MPO Smart Scale projects as presented with project #3 (the off-ramp at Ivy Road) as the 5th option. Natalie Oschrein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:58:49)

Taylor Jenkins gave a brief overview of the adjustments to the TIP which were informational and did not require any action. There was an adjustment for a CAT project, one for Emmet Street for the debt service, and also for an Autism Sanctuary 5310 for the purchase of a vehicle. She also included a draft of the MPO's federal FY25 annual obligation report. She said that document is due December 29, 2025.

Ms. Taylor reported that the PDC offices will be undergoing renovations starting on January 5. The renovations are expected be completed in 6 weeks, but staff is looking for places to meet just in case the Water Street Center is not available for the next meeting.

Mr. Gallaway presented the 2026 meeting schedule, which consists of the fourth Wednesday of every other month at 4:00 p.m. starting on February 25, 2026.

6. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 2:00:25)

Stacy Londrey and Sean Nelson had nothing more to report.

Jason Espie reported that Jaunt is working with the TJPDC to submit a demo grant to get extended services for a Fluvanna and Louisa and are hoping to get an RTAP grant and/or a DRPT grant to extend commuter services up to Greene County. Jaunt also has a new Chief Operating Officer on staff and a new Senior Director of Operations. They are continuing to work on their software upgrades and are going to take on a demo ADA mobility on demand software next year.

Julia Monteith had nothing to report.

Sarah Medley did not have any updates. She is looking forward to the CTAC meeting in January with members of the Policy Board represented by the Chair Gallaway and Vice Chair Oschrein re: the future of CTAC.

Mitch Huber reported that grant season has started and to get applications in by February 1.

Ben Chambers said the City will be getting their Rose Hill Drive corridor repaving project underway in January. He said there will be an onboard survey through CAT in the spring. They will be engaging with the Capstone class at UVA to have the students help the City execute the onboard survey, which will take place in late February or early March.

Garland Williams did not have anything to report. He thanked staff for the TIP adjustment.

Christine Jacobs said the dates for the 2026 meetings are solid except for the December meeting which is scheduled for December 23. There will be an email sent out to members to get that date changed.

9. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:04:18)

Peter Krebs thanked Brian Pinkston for his service on the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

**Committee materials and meeting recording may be found at
<https://campo.tjpd.org/committees/policy-board/>**