

MEMORANDUM

To: CA-MPO Policy Board
From: Taylor Jenkins, Director of Transportation
Date: March 20, 2026
Subject: CA-MPO Agenda Overview and Staff Updates

Purpose: To review current agenda items under consideration and inform Policy Board members of CA-MPO programs and activities.

1. Call to Order

- a. Call to Order, Roll Call – *Chair Gallaway & Sarah Simba*

2. Matters from the Public – *Chair Gallaway*

- a. Comments by the public are limited to three minutes per speaker.

3. *General Administration – *Chair Gallaway*

- a. *Review and Acceptance of the Agenda
- b. *Approval of the Draft February 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes

4. New Business – *Chair Gallaway*

- a. Opening Remarks – Sean Nelson, VDOT
- b. SMART SCALE Round 7 Projects Under Consideration – Ben Chambers, Jessica Dimmick, Taylor Jenkins
Staff from the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO will present information about projects under consideration for submission for SMART SCALE Round 7.

5. Staff Updates - Staff Report– *Chair Gallaway and Taylor Jenkins*

• **FY27-30 TIP Development**

In coordination with VDOT, DRPT, and Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT), staff have completed a comprehensive update of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) covering FY27-30. In accordance with the adopted Public Participation Plan (PPP), a public comment period and public hearing will be held prior to Policy Board action on April 22, 2026. The TIP is a document used to schedule spending federal transportation funds within the metropolitan region, in coordination with significant state and local funds. The TIP is a prioritized listing/program of transportation projects that is developed and formally adopted by the CA-MPO as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process.

• **FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development**

Staff have developed and presented a draft of the FY27 UPWP, an annual document identifying major metropolitan transportation planning programs and activities to be performed with federal funds next fiscal year. Staff will present the final FY27 UPWP for adoption at the April 22, 2026, Policy Board meeting.

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

Staff continue to coordinate with VDOT, Albemarle County, and Charlottesville staff to identify projects from the adopted Safety Action Plan. The TJPDC is actively coordinating with all jurisdictions to gauge interest in pursuing implementation funding through the upcoming round of this federal grant application program.

- **SMART SCALE Round 7 Applications**

Staff continue to coordinate with VDOT and local staff to identify projects for this round submission and offer technical support to local jurisdictions. The SMART SCALE Technical Guide has been published for Round 7 and is available at [SMART SCALE](#) website. The pre-application period closes on March 31, 2026.

- **Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA)**

The CARTA Board will hold its next meeting on March 25, 2026, at 9am. Agenda items include:

- a. Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) appointment*
- b. Transit Prioritization Study: Prioritization Methodology
- c. Transit Agency Governance and Operations: Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT)
- d. CAT Bus Stop Inventory Update
- e. Roundtable

- **Travel Demand Management Study (TDM Study)**

Staff continue to draft an existing conditions report for the TDM study. The study intends to identify opportunities to reduce vehicle miles traveled in the region.

- **2026 Statewide Rail Plan**

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) launched a public input survey to help guide the development of the 2026 Virginia Statewide Rail Plan. The agency is seeking feedback to ensure the updated plan reflects the needs and priorities of passengers, freight partners, and communities across the Commonwealth. The survey will be open from March 13 through March 27. Residents, business owners, farmers, and commuters are encouraged to participate in the survey, which takes approximately five to ten minutes to complete. [Access the survey here.](#)

In the coming months, DRPT will partner with the University of Virginia's Institute for Engagement and Negotiation to host a series of public meetings. These meetings will provide an opportunity to review survey findings and gather additional feedback on how Virginians would like to see the rail system evolve. Participants may provide their email address at the end of the survey to receive updates and invitations to these upcoming events.

- **TJPDC Office Improvements**

TJPDC office renovations began on January 5, 2026, and are ongoing. As such, TJPDC staff will work remotely for the construction period. Staff are continuing to arrange for public meetings to be held electronically or temporarily off-site for the duration of the project.

6. Other Business – Chair Gallaway

- i. Roundtable
- ii. Next Regular Meeting: April 22, 2026, from 4-6PM – *Virtual Meeting*

7. Additional Matters from the public – Chair Gallaway

- i. Comments by the public are limited to three minutes per speaker. Sign up is not required.

8. Adjournment – Chair Gallaway