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MPO Policy Board Meeting

Minutes, March 20, 2026

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A video of this meeting can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAzMAeb5MV0

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		**STAFF**	
Ann Mallek, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Ned Gallaway, Albemarle	x	Sara Pennington, RideShare	
Jen Fleisher, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	
Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	
Sean Nelson, VDOT	x	Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC*	x
Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle County	x
Julia Monteith, UVA	x	Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle County	x
Garland Williams, CAT		Kevin McDermott, Albemarle County	x
Ivan Rucker, FHWA		Michael Barnes, Albemarle County	x
Daniel Koenig, FTA		Darrell Byers, Commonwealth Transportation Board	x
Chuck Proctor, VDOT	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 3:02 p.m. Sarah Simba called roll.

   Ned Gallaway welcomed Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Culpeper District representative Darrell Byers.

2. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (02:15)**

   Matters from the Public:

   There were no matters from the public and no comments provided via email, online, or through the website.

3. **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 02:35)**

Approval of the Agenda

Motion/Action: Ann Mallek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jen Fleisher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of February 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

4. **NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 03:52)**

Opening Remarks

Sean Nelson presented opening remarks for the Special Meeting, covering what better regional coordination, a regional infrastructure strategy, and regional project prioritization could look like. Jessica Dimmick asked how applicants can influence the SMART SCALE Policy. Board members and staff held discussion on how projects are evaluated and how to better align priorities with funding sources.

SMART SCALE Round 7 Projects Under Consideration (Minute 36:55)

Taylor Jenkins, Jessica Dimmick, and Ben Chambers jointly presented information on SMART SCALE projects under consideration for Round 7. Taylor Jenkins began the presentation with foundational SMART SCALE information on project eligibility and evaluation.

Ben Chambers presented information on the SMART SCALE project that will be submitted by the City of Charlottesville at the intersection of W Main St and Ridge/McIntire. He reviewed project background from the ongoing STARS study, the current concept under consideration, and the preliminary project cost.

Taylor Jenkins and Jessica Dimmick jointly presented information on the Albemarle County and CA-MPO projects under consideration, since they are geographically located closer together. While covering projects for Albemarle County, Jessica Dimmick explained the potential strategy behind submitting two projects for US 250 (Ivy Road), one with one roundabout (partial recommendation) and the other project with two roundabouts (the full recommendation).

Board members held discussion about project safety data, VTrans Needs, and challenges. Julia Monteith requested additional coordination and correspondence for the Barracks Road project location. Board members held additional discussion on the two Ivy Road ramp project locations, including VTrans Needs and the purpose of the projects. For the project location at I-64 and 5th Street, Taylor Jenkins stated that this project location was a value-engineered re-submission of a previous SMART SCALE project.

Taylor Jenkins closed the presentation by covering next steps for the SMART SCALE projects in Round 7, including submission deadlines, future Committee meetings, and the selection timeline.

5. **STAFF UPDATES)**

A written staff update was included in the meeting packet.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS: ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

Due to time constraints, the Committee skipped roundtable updates for this meeting.

7. **ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:10:00)**

There were no additional matters from the public.

Committee materials and meeting recording may be found at
https://campo.tjpdc.org/committees/policy-board/