

MEMORANDUM

To: Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO) Policy Board
From: Taylor Lowery, Director of Transportation
Date: June 24, 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 & Taylor Lowery*

2. Matters from the Public – *Ned Gallaway, Chair*

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

3. *General Administration – *Ned Gallaway, Chair*

- a. *Review and Acceptance of the Agenda
- b. *Approval of the Draft April 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- c. *Approval of CA-MPO Bylaws and Public Engagement Plan Revisions

4. New Business – *Ned Gallaway, Chair*

- a. SMART SCALE Round 7 CA-MPO and Rural Projects – *Taylor Lowery*
CA-MPO staff will provide an update on Round 7 SMART SCALE projects for the CA-MPO, and provide an overview of pre-applications submitted by rural jurisdictions in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District.
- b. STARS and Pipeline Study Process – *Sandy Shackelford*
VDOT staff will present an overview of the STARS and Project Pipeline study process. The presentation will focus on location selection, differences between the STARS and Project Pipeline studies, study phases, and roles and responsibilities associated with each program.
- c. **STARS and Pipeline Study Locations
Staff from the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County will present the proposed study locations for their respective jurisdictions.
- d. US29 STARS Study Update – *Sandy Shackelford*
VDOT staff will provide a presentation on the US 29 Corridor and US 29/250 Bypass Interchange STARS studies. Key elements of the presentation will include the study goals and objectives, preliminary/advanced alternatives evaluated, and alternatives for the public surveys.
- e. FY24-27 TIP Adjustments – *Taylor Lowery*
CA-MPO staff will present adjustment requests received from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the PATH Mobility Management program and an urban bridge replacement project. The TIP adjustments are presented as informational and do not require action.

5. Staff Updates

a. Staff Report – *Taylor Lowery*

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

TJPDC/CA-MPO staff collaborated with two jurisdictions to submit applications for the FY26 round of SS4A. TJPDC applied in partnership with Greene County, VA, and the Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department to purchase critical fire and rescue equipment. Staff also collaborated with Albemarle County on the development of application materials for a County-submitted project for the Hydraulic Road Corridor including the following improvements:

- Construction of a continuous Green-T intersection configuration near Georgetown Green;
- Improvements to the existing substandard shared-use path;
- Pedestrian safety and accessibility upgrades;
- Access management improvements along Hydraulic Road;
- ADA-related improvements and corridor safety enhancements.

• **TJPDC Rural Transportation Advisory Committee**

The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) held its final meeting of the fiscal year on May 5, 2026. RTAC members received a presentation from the VDOT Office of Land Use on Access Management Principles, Regulations, Standards, and Innovative Intersections. Meeting materials can be accessed at <https://tjpd.org/our-work/rural-transportation-program/advisory-committee/>.

As part of the FY27 rural work plan, TJPDC staff are preparing to begin an update to the rural long range plan (RLRP).

• **Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority**

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) held a special meeting on Friday, June 5th. The CARTA Board hosted Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Director Mariia Zimmerman and had presentations on the following topics:

1. Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Overview (Chet Parsons, CVTA)
2. Statewide Transit Funding Overview (Grant Sparks, DRPT)
3. General Discussion
4. Transit Agency Remarks

Meeting materials can be accessed at <https://ca-mpo.org/carta/>.

• **CA-MPO Regional Travel Demand Model**

CA-MPO staff received the first draft of the regional travel demand model and participated in a one-day training on Thursday, May 21st. The travel demand model has entered the “testing” phase and will tentatively be approved for use by the end of June.

• **Partnership for Accessible Transportation Help (PATH)**

Operated by TJPDC, PATH is a mobility management program dedicated to improving access to transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Virginia’s Region 10. In May, the PATH program launched outreach to Volunteer Driver Programs (VDPs) operated nationwide with a goal of developing guidance for establishing VDPs in the TJPDC region. VDP operators will complete a short survey about their programs, and selected operators will participate in follow-up discussions with PATH staff.

• **Commonwealth Transportation Board**

At the April 22nd action meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), the Board approved a change in SMART SCALE eligibility to allow innovative intersections as an eligible feature type for the High Priority Projects (HPP) Program. At the June 17th action meeting, the CTB approved the Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) including VDOT and DRPT budgets. The TJPDC RideShare and PATH programs were approved for FY27 funding, as well as Revenue Sharing project selections.

- **Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) Quarterly MPO Meeting**
CA-MPO staff attended an OIP Quarterly MPO coordination meeting on April 23, 2026. At the meeting, OIP staff provided a presentation on SMART SCALE Round 7 changes following action taken by the CTB at its April meeting.
- **VDOT Statewide Multiuse Trails Plan**
In May, the VDOT State Trails Office released the Statewide Multiuse Trails Plan. The plan assesses the state of the multiuse trail network in Virginia, which includes more than 1,500 miles of existing multiuse trails and more than 2,900 miles of planned multiuse trails. The plan establishes a foundation for the development of a system of connected multiuse trail networks across Virginia. Access the ArcGIS StoryMap and PDF versions of the plan [here](#).
- **TJPDC Office Improvements**
TJPDC office renovations began on January 5, 2026. Staff have returned to an in-office schedule, with the week of May 4, 2026, marking the first full week of office reopening.
- **DRPT June Update**

b. FY27 Meeting Schedule

- i. August 26, 2026
- ii. October 28, 2026
- iii. December 16, 2026 [third Wednesday to accommodate winter holiday]
- iv. February 24, 2027
- v. April 28, 2027
- vi. June 23, 2027

6. Other Business – Ned Gallaway, Chair

- i. Roundtable
- ii. Next Regular Meeting: August 26, 2026, at 4pm

7. Additional Matters from the public – Ned Gallaway, Chair

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8. Adjournment – Ned Gallaway, Chair