

**CA-MPO Policy Board Meeting**

Minutes, June 24, 2026

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A video of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9Aok7jYlyg>

| VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES       |   | STAFF                                       |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------|---|
| Ann Mallek, Albemarle             | x | Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC                      | x |
| Ned Gallaway, Albemarle           | x | Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC                      | x |
| Jen Fleisher, Charlottesville     | x | Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC                  |   |
| Natalie Oschrein, Charlottesville | x | Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC                       | x |
| Sean Nelson, VDOT                 | x |                                             |   |
| Stacy Londrey, VDOT (alternate)   | 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 | Carrie Shephard, VDOT *                     | x |
| Garland Williams, CAT             |   | Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council | x |
| Ivan Rucker, FHWA                 |   | Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle County           | x |
| Daniel Koenig, FTA                |   | Ann Wall, Albemarle County                  | x |
| Chuck Proctor, VDOT               |   | Paul Grady                                  | x |
| Mitch Huber, DRPT *               | x |                                             |   |
| Mike Murphy, Jaunt                |   |                                             |   |
| Sandy Shackelford, VDOT           | x |                                             |   |
| Wood Hudson, DRPT (alternate)     |   |                                             |   |
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\* All-virtual meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER (MINUTE 00:31)**

The MPO Policy Board Chair, Ned Gallaway, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Taylor Lowery called roll.

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

**Comments from the Public:**

Paul Grady spoke during the public comment period. His comments are attached as Appendix A.

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



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### **3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 3:54)**

#### Approval of the Agenda

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

#### Approval of April 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

#### CA-MPO Bylaws and Public Engagement Plan Revisions

**Motion/Action:** Natalie Oschrein made a motion to approve the changes to the CA-MPO bylaws and public engagement plan. Jen Fleisher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

#### SMART SCALE Round 7 CA-MPO and Rural Projects (Minute 7:50)

Taylor Lowery presented the board with the Smart Scale Round 7 project updates and the next steps for CA-MPO projects. She noted the final application deadline is August 3, 2026. She also shared the process for the next round of Smart Scale.

Ms. Lowery continued by presenting the rural jurisdiction Round 7 projects and briefly described each.

#### STARS and Project Pipeline Study Process (Minute 19:40)

Sandy Shackelford presented the process by which STARS and Project Pipeline locations are chosen. She continued by sharing both program guidelines. She presented the phases of the studies including technical analyses and public engagement. Ms. Shackelford shared the roles and responsibilities of TMPDC VDOT/OIPI staff, VDOT District Staff, and non-VDOT members. Lastly, she shared the next steps for the next round of studies. The studies will kick off in the Fall.

#### STARS and Project Pipeline Study Locations (Minute 43:15)

Ben Chambers presented the City of Charlottesville's STARS Study recommendations for consideration in the next round of studies.

(Minute 51:22) Jessica Dimmock presented Albemarle County's STARS Study recommendations for consideration in the next round of studies. There was a discussion about the reasoning behind the choices presented. While she detailed several locations, she also offered six other options to be considered as well.

Ms. Lowery noted that project capacity will allow the City of Charlottesville only one project for consideration. She noted that the project has to be decided at this meeting.

**Motion/Action:** Ann Mallek made a motion that the CA-MPO approve the following candidate locations for consideration in the upcoming STARS and Pipeline study cycle: US29 and Airport Road, US250 at Freebridge, I-64 Exit 118 at US29, and Preston Ridge McIntire intersection as presented. Jen Fleisher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### US29 STARS Study Update (Minute 1:14:49)

Sandy Shackelford presented an update on the current US29 STARS study update on the US 29 corridor from Hydraulic to Woodbrook. She noted that they are in Phase 2 which is considering advanced alternatives. There was extensive discussion about this project.

She continued by sharing an update on the US29/250 Bypass interchange with Emmett Street. She shared the goals, the advanced alternatives that will be presented to the public for review. There was extensive discussion about the project.

FY24-FY27 TIP Adjustments (Minute 1:58:56)

Taylor Lowery presented the TIP adjustments (included in the agenda packet) as information only. There was no action necessary.

**5. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 2:00:00)**

A written staff update was included in the meeting packet. Ms. Lowery highlighted some of the items in the report.

The FY27 Meeting Schedule (typically the fourth Wednesday of the month except in December) was presented and agreed upon by the Board. December is typically a virtual meeting.

**6. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 2:02:22)**

The voting and non-voting Policy Board members shared updates from their organizations.

**7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:08:01)**

Paul Grady spoke at the public comment portion of the meeting. (His comments are attached in Appendix A.)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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

## APPENDIX A

I have to say that I am disappointed that City Council approved the bad design for the West Main/ Ridge/ Water/ Etc. intersection. I attended the public information session where that idea was presented along with a round about option. The only problem was that the round about design was even worse. I have been an advocate for a round about at that intersection for almost 10 years. I asked one of the VDOT employees who was there what they thought of the round about design and they said that it was awful.

That's two bad designs that got presented to the public to choose between. I could create a better round about design having been an amateur transportation planner for almost 40 years. When you make car movement in the city more difficult you risk hurting your tourism industry. I have lived here for almost 60 years. I have always hated driving in the city and I do it as little as possible. Traffic lights have never been coordinated. I hope you don't get the funding. Anything less than a round about and a two way Water St. is a waste of money.

Thank You

I have been thinking about the demise of the ~~CHART~~<sup>CTAC</sup> Committee. There has to be some option for the public to present transportation ideas that they have. In 1999 to 2001, approximately, I presented almost 10 ideas for transportation projects to the CHART Committee of which Ann was the Chairman. I was astonished that one of my ideas made it into the 2025 Plan even though it turned out to be unnecessary.

I think part of the problem is that Smart Scale is a two year cycle and the fact that the MPO only meets every other month in the off years. Staff time has something to do with it as well as retaining committee members who might not meet often in the off years.

The other option would be for the MPO to change its bylaws to allow the public to make presentations that are longer than three minutes and during which the MPO can ask questions and interact with the presenter. The problem with that is, who chooses which ideas get presented. Again, we are back to a screening committee.

At the last public meeting, Chairman Galloway asked me to make a list of the projects I want to present. These are the ones that popped into my head and are in no particular order. Some are just round about locations that are fairly inexpensive all the way up to multi-million dollar projects. I did not check my old CHART Committee presentations to see if any more of those were worth representing again other than the ones I indicated on the list.

When Smart Scale was first introduced, it was my impression, that if a project scored high enough, that it would be built regardless of the cost. Obviously, that does not seem to be the case, otherwise, Crozet would have its Lickinghole Creek bridge by now.

Thank You

## MY TRANSPORTION PROJECTS

- The “Mickey Mouse” solution for the Grady Ave/ Preston Ave/ 10<sup>th</sup> St. intersection
- The Eastern Bypass and a new route for Rt. 53 {presented as two separate projects 25 years ago but with a different northern end}
- “Transit Rail” from Crozet to C’ville {advocate for 25 years}
- Round about at West Main/ Ridge/ Water, Etc. intersection
- Round about at Owensville Rd/Ivy Rd/Morgantown Rd intersection
- Three laneing the 29-250 Bypass from Old Ivy Rd to Barracks Rd
- Interchange on the 29-250 Bypass at Leonard Sandrige Rd
- Connect Dickinson Rd with Rio Mills Rd with round abouts at that intersection and at the intersection of Rio Mills Rd and Berkmar Drive
- Create a parallel road east of Seminole Trail north of the Rivanna River {if it is still possible}
- Elevated expressway directly over Hydraulic Rd from just north of its intersection with Seminole Trail with a tri-level interchange where it intersects with the 250 Bypass with a reworking of the interchange of the 250 Bypass and Emmet St {it solves all the problems of all three intersections}
- Solution for the intersection of Jarmans Gap Rd and Crozet Ave
- My original design for the Western Bypass almost 40 years later {it can still be built as a surface road with round abouts}
- Two way elevated transit down the median of Emmet St/ Seminole Trail from JPJ Arena to Ruckersville {in spite of the Rioll Rd interchange}

- Extend Rio Mills Rd from Berkmar Dr east back to Seminole Trail with an interchange with Seminole Trail and Polo Grounds Rd
- Round about at the intersection of Rio Rd /Earlysville Rd/ Townwood Rd
- Round about at the intersection of Ivy Rd/ Canterbury Rd/ and the 29-250 Bypass off ramp
- The connection of Rt 20 south with Rt 20 north