

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, June 18, 2024

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
James Freas, Charlottesville		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC *	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Alb Co *	x	Laurie Jean Talun, TJPDC *	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	x		
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC			
Charles Proctor, VDOT *	x	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Jason Espie, Jaunt *	x	Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison	
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x		
Wood Hudson, DRPT *	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Peter Krebs, PEC	x
Steven Minor, FHWA		Sean Tubbs *	x
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x		
Garland Williams, CAT			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Christine Jacobs called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Christine Jacobs called roll. Those online stated their reason for participating online.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to approve those who are online to participate remotely. Tommy Safranek seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

a. **Comments by the Public:** None

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION



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Review and Acceptance of the Agenda

Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to approve the agenda. Ben Chambers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to approve the minutes, Ben Chambers seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. VDOT UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Barracks Road Pipeline US29/US250 Interchange and Shared Use Path

Chuck Proctor reviewed the Pantops pipeline 1 in Albemarle. There were no questions or comments from the committee. He continued with review of the Barrack Road & Georgetown Road roundabout in Albemarle. He noted that there will be raised crosswalks for this project with rapid flashing beacons in the future for pedestrian crossings.

He moved on to the Barracks Road interchange and SUP. He said they will have to move and rebuild some retaining walls for this project. They will also need to rebuild the Millmont Street intersection because it does not yet meet ADA compliance. He said he talked with the engineers about a mid-block crossing and because of several limitations, it will not be included. There will be other crosswalks added, one about 300 feet away from the trailhead.

Ben Chambers asked about the requested crossing at Surry Road (Georgetown project). Mr. Proctor said there is no extra width to accommodate the refuge area. They are considering a 10-foot shared use path and buried utilities so as not to take any of the houses along the route which does not allow for a crosswalk at Surry Road.

There was a discussion about the different types/tiers of intersections and details about the projects.

Mr. Proctor finished by reviewing the entire CA-PO Barracks Road project.

He noted that the MPO Policy Board has already approved the project. He noted that there are opportunities to make some changes in the future, but he said it will be important to get the cost estimate as close as possible with the current project.

He reminded the committee that July 15 is the deadline for supporting documentation due for all Smart Scale applications and August 1 is the deadline for the full application submissions.

5. FY25 MPO TECH CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Christine Jacobs presented the committee with a potential calendar of meeting dates for FY25. The change includes a meeting schedule that is for the third Tuesday of every other month starting in August. She noted that the December date is still TBD because of the proximity to the holiday that month.

6. MPO TECH OFFICERS (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024)

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to nominate Ben Chambers as Chair. Ben Chambers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to nominate Alberic Karina-Plun as Vice Chair. Ben Chambers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

Charlottesville

Ben Chambers said the City adopted the Transit Strategic Plan. They are also looking to wrap up their sidewalk priorities. That should be completed by the end of the month.

Tommy Safranek said the City is continuing to do their neighborhood walks. He said their next walk is July 14 through Belmont. He said their walk audit went very well with five VDOT staff in attendance.

Albemarle

Alberic Karina-Plun said they are working with the comp plan. They have a new intern who will be helping with that project. He noted the walk audit was very helpful for their staff as well.

Jessica Hersh-Ballering said the Albemarle Move Safely Blue Ridge has been completed.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said Bike Month was a success. They are working on their CAP Strategic Plan. They are working on the final chapters and will have a final draft in July.

VDOT

Sandy Shackelford said the CTB is currently meeting to approve the six-year improvement program (SIP). She thanked the committee for their work with the Smart Scale application project. She also noted that the RAISE grant awards will be announced next week.

DRPT

Wood Hudson said the communications team has a marketing campaign for rail infrastructure. For additional information, he suggested going to www.ConnectingVirginia.org. He also reported that there is a new Virginia Breeze bus line and Charlottesville will be one of the stops on the East-West route. He said the EPA has a NOFO out for EV vehicles and there is \$400 million available especially for those areas with heavy vehicles. Lastly, he announced that the Director of DRPT has retired and their new Acting Director is Zach Trogon.

CAT

Ben Chambers said they are continuing their facility evaluations and other items for the Transit Strategic Plan (TSP). They will be reviewing bus shelters for future build outs.

Jaunt

Jason Espie said Jaunt is wrapping up their three studies.

UVA

Bill Palmer said there is ongoing construction at Fontaine with blasting going on for the next few weeks for the parking garage. He gave a brief update on the North Grounds parking garage (near the JPJ basketball arena). He noted that it will be a multi-modal hub.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Peter Krebs noted that since this body is transitioning to a bi-monthly meeting schedule, he said he will be reaching out to Ms. Jacobs to continue the work on the bike ped plan with the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Karina-Plun adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.