

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, December 10, 2024

A recording of this morning can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pG9jBD2LeEk&t=2s>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Alb Co	x	Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Luis Carrazana, Albemarle PC		Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Charles Proctor, VDOT *	x	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Tony Cho FTA	
Jason Espie, Jaunt		Donna Chen, CTAC Liaison *	x
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x		
Mitch Huber, DRPT *	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Sean Tubbs *	x
Steven Minor, FHWA *	x		
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x		
Garland Williams, CAT			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		
Kellie Brown, Charlottesville	x		
Daniel Wagner, DRPT			

* attended online via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Ben Chambers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Gorjan Gjorgjievski called roll. Those online stated their reason for participating online.

Chuck Proctor stated that he is outside of the 60 miles radius from the meeting and is joining virtually. He noted Sandy Shackelford is representing VDOT in-person at this meeting.

Mitch Huber stated that he is outside of the 60 miles radius from the meeting and is joining virtually.

Motion/Action: Jessica Hersh-Ballering moved to allow Mitch Huber to participate virtually. Christine Jacobs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:17)**



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

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 2:24)

Agenda

Mr. Gjorgjievski noted that the agenda has to be amended because Lucinda Shannon has an update on 5310.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, including the additional information to be presented by Lucinda Shannon. Rory Stolzenberg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of October 15, 2024 Minutes

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to approve the minutes, Kellie Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Performance Safety Targets (Minute 3:25)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski gave background on and purpose of the Performance Safety Targets requirements from both the federal and state governments. He provided recent and long-term trendline projections. He noted that establishing targets equals a commitment to pursuing projects/objectives that support the achievement of those targets. He reminded the committee that regardless of what safety targets get adopted, the goal is to remain fully committed to safety for everyone who uses the transportation system.

He presented the differences in aspirational safety targets between 2024, adopted aspirational targets, and 2025 proposed aspirational targets.

Motion/Action: Rory Stolzenberg made a motion to recommend that the Policy Board approve the Performance Safety Targets as presented. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TIP Adjustment (Minute 12:10)

Lucinda Shannon presented the committee with the TIP adjustments. There was no need for action as it is only an administrative move.

PATH Transportation Program (Minute 13:23)

Lucinda Shannon presented the background of the PATH program (aforementioned 5310 program in the amended agenda item). She is applying for a grant to continue funding for the program and is looking for a resolution of support from the Policy Board at their next meeting. There is no need for action from this committee. This agenda item was presented as a courtesy.

RAISE 2025 Grant (Minute 17:28)

Christine Jacobs gave a background on former applications submitted for the RAISE grant and reported that staff will be submitting another application for funding. There is no change in the scope of the project. She is looking for a resolution of support. Jessica Hersh-Ballering said their staff is pursuing a resolution of support from the County's Board of Supervisors.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to recommend a resolution of support, Kellie Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Rory Stolzenberg abstaining.

5. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 24:01)

SS4A Update

Gorjan Gjorgjievski gave a background on the Move Safely Blue Ridge study and the actions taken to date. He reviewed the "emphasis areas" and detailed the corresponding data within those areas.

He reviewed the activities to date including working group member meetings, partner coordination meetings, six (6) in-person public meetings (one in each jurisdiction), one (1) virtual meeting for all jurisdictions, 21 pup-up events across the TJPDC jurisdictions, and the project team conducted site visits in each of the six participating jurisdictions.

He gave a brief overview of the survey results, noting that driver behavior is the top issue.

He noted that staff is in Round II of public engagement presenting roadway-specific solutions. There is a survey currently active until December 14.

He continued by reviewing how the High Injury Network (HIN) methodology was developed and the criteria options.

February Meeting Date/Time

Mr. Gjorgjievski noted that the February meeting will be on the 18th from 10 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

6. VDOT PROJECT UPDATES (MINUTE 42:25)

Sandy Shackelford gave updates on the STARS and Pipeline Studies. There was a kick-off meeting with the City of Charlottesville and the MPO stakeholders at the end of May. There will be kick-off meeting on the two STARS studies on US29 corridor study in the near future. That stakeholder meeting will be held on Friday.

Ms. Shackelford reported that the pipeline studies to be considered in the MPO region include 1) US29 corridor predominately at the Exit 118 area, including impacts from the Fontaine interchange, and 2) the 5th Street diverging diamond intersection (DDI) project.

She said VDOT is in the process of validating scores for Smart Scale. She reported that there will be a list of projects that are recommended for funding shared in mid- to late-January.

7. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 47:35)

Albemarle

Alberic Karina-Plun said they are planning their mobility summit next year and they are planning to have some programming regarding the Three Notch'd Trail.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said they have completed a state-wide campaign for connecting communities. They are reviewing the draft of the CAP strategic plan and may be looking for some feedback on it and hope to have that complete in February. The DRPT grant deadline is coming up at the end of January.

VDOT

Ms. Shackelford had no other updates.

DRPT

Mitch Huber said the grant cycle just opened up. He reported that DRPT has a new Director, Tiffany Robinson. He continued by saying that the 5310 pre-application webinar is online for rewatching.

In addition to the transit grant cycle, there is a rail application cycle now open as well. He noted that Virginia won three CRISI (Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement) grants which affect the Charlottesville and Buckingham branch with 83 miles of track improvement. He noted that Bedford won part of another CRISI grant for preliminary engineering and NEPO phases of their potential stop. Staples Mill also won part of the grant as well.

Mr. Huber said if there are any FY24 5303 contract extensions that need to get in, please let him know ASAP.

FHWA

There was no report.

FTA

There was no report.

CAT

There was no report .

Jaunt

There was no report

UVA

There was no report.

City of Charlottesville

Ben Chambers said he will be having a budget forum with the community at 6:00 p.m. at Carter Rec on Thursday night after the Regional Transit Partnership meeting. Mr. Chambers also said he will be going before City Council and Albemarle Board of Supervisors to get CARTA (Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit Authority) set up.

Tommy Safranek said the draft for parks and rec's master plan is going before the City Council on the December 16th. There is an open house for the same on the 17th at Carter Rec Center.

Rory Stolzenberg reported that he will be presenting the Capital Improvement plan to City Council tonight.

Ms. Jacobs noted that the resolution for CARTA goes before the Albemarle Board of Supervisors tomorrow, the 11th.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 53:23)

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Chambers adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

DRPT AGENCY UPDATE – OCTOBER 2024

DRPT Connects Communities Campaign

The “DRPT Connects Communities” initiative aims to enhance and promote the benefits of local transit agencies across VA. The campaign is focused on increasing awareness and usage of public transportation options, highlighting their role in creating connected and thriving communities!

Key messages

- Enhancing connectivity
- Economic benefits
- Accessibility
- Sustainability

Partner Toolkit: Customizable ads available for partners - password for marketing toolkit is CC24.

Upcoming TSDAC Meeting on 10/8/24

DRPT will host an upcoming meeting of the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC).

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Time: 10:00am

Location: Virtual Only

You may register your attendance [here](#). DRPT will place all meeting materials on its [website](#) prior to the meeting date.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact [Jayla Parker](#).

FY26 Grant Application Workshop

DRPT will host our annual grant application workshop on November 13th at 11am. Additional details and registration will be released closer to the event.

TDP/TSP Agency Feedback Survey

DRPT is engaging all our transit agencies on their most recent TDP/TSP development process. From the collaboration to the usefulness of individual chapters, DRPT is seeking to enhance our planning requirements for our agencies. To take the survey you can follow the link here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TDP-TSPfeedback>

