

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, April 15, 2025

A recording of this morning can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ecl5uhHZDgk&t=2s>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC		Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Alb Co		Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Lonnie Murray, Albemarle PC	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
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		
Mitch Huber, DRPT	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Sean Tubbs	
Steven Minor, FHWA		Dr. Michael Fontaine, VDOT	
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x		
Garland Williams, CAT			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		
Kellie Brown, Charlottesville			
Daniel Wagner, DRPT			
Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle	x		

* *attended online via Zoom*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Ben Chambers called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Gorjan Gjorgjievski called roll.

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

Motion/Action: Sara Pennington moved to allow remote participation of members to participate virtually. Tommy Safranek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:20)**

- a. **Comments by the Public:** None
- b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None



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3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 2:30)

Agenda

Motion/Action: Christine Jacobs made a motion to accept the agenda. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of February 18, 2025 Minutes

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

4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 3:09)

FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Taylor Jenkins gave background on the UPWP and covered the FY26 work program funding. She gave a brief review of the administrative changes in the FY26 UPWP. She presented the FY26 work program funding by source. She said there are some items that do not yet have funding approved, but that will be coming in the near future.

She reviewed the tasks, including program administration, long range transportation planning, short range transportation planning, and the next steps and approval timeline. She noted that it has been posted on the TJPDC website for public comment and will be posted in the paper this week.

Christine Jacobs noted that there may need to be a better date and time to align with MPO PB and CTAC and the CTB meetings.

Motion/Action: Tommy Safranek made the motion to approve the UPWP as presented with the understanding that the budget numbers will be included as soon as they are received. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Safe Streets 4 All FY25 Grant Application (Minute 9:50)

Rob Tieman, PE PMP with UVA, presented the committee with an overview of the SS4A grant. The grant is for \$4.26 million and the 20% match will be provided by Honda and UVA.

He presented the committee with the organizations involved in the strategic collaboration including TJPDC, UVA Research, UVA Health, Honda, Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC), the City of Charlottesville, the County of Albemarle, and VDOT.

He gave the objectives for the SS4A grant and presented the UVA Research Team and its key leaders. He continued with the approach methodology – data collection, alignment with VR tools, collate and analyze data, VRU trajectory model, injury consequence model, new insights to create better holistic understanding of VRU safety and effective mitigation designs.

He continued presenting with the primary deliverables and additional benefits. He said Honda will take the information back and integrate them into their vehicles.

He gave next steps and said the goal is to submit the application by late June.

Lonnie Murray said many cyclists, runners, and pedestrians would have direct information about specific safety issues on the roads. He recommended that the group use STRAVA data.

Mr. Tieman said they will be working with CAMPO to get information about these groups.

There was an extended question and answer session after the presentation.

Motion/Action: Tommy Safranek made a motion to recommend to the Policy Board that this grant application be approved as presented. Lonnie Murray seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 39:56)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (Move Safely Blue Ridge)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski reported that they have received the draft safety action plan and is currently under review. That draft plan will be presented to all of the jurisdictions' councils and boards in the near future. He said they will be asking them to adopt the plan, if there are no objections, by June 30.

Next CA-MPO Tech Meeting

Mr. Chambers noted that the next MPO Tech meeting will be on June 17 from 10 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

6. VDOT PROJECT UPDATES (MINUTE 41:51)

STARS and Pipeline Studies – Update

STARS

Ms. Shackelford said the survey closed for the interchange at 250 Bypass and Emmet Street. She gave an update on the ongoing status. She continued with the update on the US29 North of Hydraulic to Woodbrook in Albemarle County. She said there were some delays initially on the latter projects, but she said they are still planning to meet their deadline.

Pipeline

Mr. Proctor said they met with the consulting firm last week and will meet onsite soon. The projects include the interchange project at Exit 118 and the growing issues with the southbound left-turn movement, and 5th Street interchange with a shared-use path separate from the bridge.

7. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 49:12)

Charlottesville

Ben Chambers said the City had their public engagement for demonstration project associated with the SS4A. They are going to be implementing temporary access designs at East High and Meade, East High and Stuart, and Meade and Stuart to see if changing the access makes it safer for folks using those intersections. He said they are going to deploy them for 60 days over the summer.

He continued by reporting that they are working on the 5th St Road diet and bikeway project. They did public engagement for that last week. There is also a survey for that on their website through April 30. They will make decisions on that design from the feedback received.

Mr. Chambers said the City is also identifying transportation improvements and locations for traffic calming devices. He also noted that they hired a new transit planner, Zoë Macomber whom he introduced to the committee.

Tommy Safranek said they installed 13 new bike racks at the transit center. There will be additional bike racks installed throughout the city in the near future.

Mr. Safranek reported that the City is working on a bike/walk program – mainly a website – getting Bike Cville up and running by Saturday, prior to Bike Month. He noted that the City has also built “quiet” bike routes.

There will be staff-led bike rides starting from the Farmers Market on Saturdays in May. He reported that they are looking for help at their Bike Ballet at Fridays After Five (April 25 and May 30).

He said the neighborhood walks are continuing. He said the next one is through Wollen Mills on Mothers' Day. He said there are already 1,000 subscribers to their newsletter. He said the voucher program is still open and there will be another 25 vouchers offered.

Albemarle

Tonya Swartzendruber said the County just launched their transportation chapter on their comp plan. Lonnie Murray said he is pleased with the way the chapter looks and what it includes. They will be presenting it to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission in the next few weeks.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said Bike Month starts in May and Rideshare is gearing up for the Bike Month business challenge. She explained the rules for the competition. She said the CAP Strategic Plan has been approved. She continued by reported that staff is continuing with the DRPT campaign in connecting commuters. She said there is currently digital and radio advertising ongoing for that effort.

VDOT

Ms. Shackelford had no other updates.

DRPT

Mitch Huber said they have extended their UPWP budget approval process to June 2nd. He said their MPO webinar is on their YouTube channel. He said there is a joint procurement with VDOT on a management software. Lastly, Mr. Huber reported that the VTA meeting is on May 28-29 in Richmond.

FHWA

There was no report.

FTA

There was no report.

CAT

Ben said last night the City Council adopted the CAT budget. He said he has a meeting today about FY27 budget today.

Jaunt

Jason Espie said Jaunt has been updating their TDP. One of their goals is to do customer/ridership satisfaction surveys in the Spring. He said they would like to find out barriers for why folks are NOT riding. He said another goal is to update their technology software, and they have applied for a grant through DRPT.

UVA

Bill Palmer reminded the group that graduation is from May 16 – 18. He also said RWSA has a major project to upgrade their raw water lines between O Hill water treatment plant and the Ragged Mountain Reservoir. That will affect Hereford Drive and will be closed for most of the summer.

8. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:06:52)

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Chambers adjourned the meeting at 11:08 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>

