

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, October 7, 2025

A recording of this morning can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFBA3sPJwvI>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle	x	Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	
Lonnie Murray, Albemarle PC	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
Charles Proctor, VDOT *	x	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Daniel Keoning, 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	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	
Steven Minor, FHWA		Zoë Macomber	x
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x		
Garland Williams, CAT			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		
Kellie Brown, Charlottesville			
Wood Hudson, DRPT			
Barry Herring, CAT (alternate)	x		

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ben Chambers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mr. Chambers asked attendees to introduce themselves. Mitch Huber noted that he is located in Richmond, VA and he is based more than 60 miles away from the meeting. Chuck Proctor said he is in Warrenton, VA and is based more than 50 miles away from the meeting location.

Motion/Action: Ben Chambers made a motion to allow the members online to participate remotely. Tommy Safranek seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 4:33)

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



3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 3:49)

Agenda

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to approve the agenda. Lonnie Murray seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of August 5, 2025 Minutes

Motion/Action: Tonya Swartzendruber made a motion to approve the August 5, 2025, minutes. Lonnie Murray seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. CA-MPO FY24-27 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MINUTE 5:25)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski said the two TIP amendments have been presented previously and nothing has changed. He noted that there was not a public hearing for those amendments. There is no need for a new resolution for the first amendment (Item #12 – operating assistance for the PATH program) unless there is input from the public. He said there has been an adjustment to the second TIP amendment (Item #13), so there is a new resolution with new dollar figures.

He said the adjustment regarding CAT is only administrative and does not need a resolution or motion.

Because of the oversight, Taylor Jenkins said the CA-MPO staff is creating a TIP procedures document for amendments and adjustments in the future. She requested that the members provide her or Mr. Gjorgjievski feedback by the next meeting.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to make a recommendation to approve the TIP amendments 12 and 13. Tonya Swartzendruber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. SMART SCALE ROUND 7: CA-MPMO PROJECTS (MINUTE 14:13)

Chuck Proctor gave a brief overview of the Smart Scale program and the project scoring process. He explained the features required for High Priority Project (HPP) eligibility. He noted that \$1.6 billion got shifted from construction to maintenance by the CTB. He shared the amount of funding awarded among rounds in the past and shared some Round 6 takeaways. Overall, application in the Culpeper District scored better than the rest of the state.

He continued by sharing Round 6 takeaways for both the District Grant Program and the High Priority Grant Program.

He reviewed VTRANS needs and the proposed Smart Scale schedule. The application process starts in March, 2026 and final submissions are in August, 2026.

He briefly covered the VTRANS Priority 1 & 2 needs and top 50 PSI locations. He reviewed previous applications, including those they recommend be re-submitted and others not be resubmitted at all.

He continued by sharing an eligibility review for potential CAMPO projects. He noted that the US29 Corridor study is not one to consider for this round because it will not be ready in time. He briefly reviewed the recommended projects and there was an extended question-and-answer session about them.

It was the consensus of the committee that bike/ped infrastructure is a priority. Mr. Proctor said there is an issue with some of the projects that may not be able to make shared use paths possible.

Motion/Action: The committee did not come up with a prioritized list as a recommendation to the Policy Board.

6. INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (MINUTE 1:16:48)

Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

Taylor Jenkins gave background meeting summaries from March 19 through July 18 where there were discussions about CTAC's membership, bylaws, purpose, function, challenges, and activities.

Ms. Jenkins continued by reporting that staff researched the structure and committees of the CA-MPO and the history of CTAC. She also reviewed the comprehensive responsibilities and decisions regarding the CA-MPO, and the beginning of CTAC, which was initially called CHART (established in 2001).

She reviewed past activities and members of CTAC, and several of their challenges.

She continued by reviewing CTAC's current interests. They have a desire to be more active but are unsure how to influence current planning processes. She also reviewed how public engagement has changed.

Mr. Jenkins said next steps include determining whether CTAC is still necessary and/or desired by the Policy board. If so, define specific roles and responsibilities for CTAC, the chain of communication, and if there is there a need for a change to the bylaws.

Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) and CARTA Transition

Ms. Jenkins gave a background on the RTP and the activities they have achieved. She noted that now that CARTA has been established, which was the eventual goal of the RTP, that means the RTP will be dissolved in December.

7. VDOT PROJECT UPDATES (MINUTE 1:45:17)

STARS Studies

Sandy Shackelford gave a preliminary ideas overview of the US29 Corridor from Seminole Court to Branchlands Boulevard. She said the primary goals are to reduce the opportunities for conflicts, improve the efficiencies of the vehicles in the cross streets, improve the reliability of travel time throughout the corridor, and create safer and more frequent pedestrian activity at targeted locations.

She provided alternative developments from Fashion Square drive to Woodbrook Drive and the US250 bypass interchange study area.

She said the study work group has met to review initial feedback to reduce the number of alternatives to present for public comment.

She reviewed the schedule, and Christine Jacobs noted that initially the goal was to get the studies done in time to consider them for Smart Scale, but it was concluded that the studies would not be completed and could not be used as applications for this round.

Pipeline Studies

US29 & US64 Interchange at Exit 118

Ms. Shackelford reviewed the study purpose, goals, and objectives for this project which include resolving the traffic backup of the dual left-turn lane from US Rout 29 southbound to get onto I-64 eastbound. The study also aims to improve the small park and ride lot located on Teel Lane.

She shared the study fact, crash severity, summary of needs identified through public outreach, and a safety summary.

5th Street (DDI)

VDOT is looking Mr. Shackelford shared the study's purpose goals, and objectives which include reevaluating previous studies and Smart Scale applications along the corridor to refine and value-engineer solutions with improved benefit-to-cost potential. The study will result in updated concepts for consideration in Round 7 of Smart Scale.

Ms. Shackelford for solutions that do not require rebuilding the build on 5th Street. She said VDOT is currently working on alternatives and will be putting out a second public survey prior to Thanksgiving.

8. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:59:25)

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) (Move Safely Blue Ridge)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski said September 30 was the end of the performance period for the grant and now staff has entered the 120-day close out period. He said everything is in good shape re: getting everything from the consultants and submitting all required data to FHWA. He said he is going to be reaching out to jurisdictions re: interest in applying for funding. He said there is approximately \$1 million in funding. He thinks those projects will be highly competitive.

CA-MPO and SAW-MPO Join Meeting

Taylor Jenkins reported on the Joint CA-MPO and SAW-MPO meeting. She thanked those who attended and helped make the meeting a success.

RAISE/BUILD Grant Application Update

Taylor Jenkins said she went to a debrief on why the award was not given for the Rivanna pedestrian bridge and it was recommended that it be resubmitted in the next year with an increase on the innovation portion.

Travel Demand Management (TDM) Study

Ms. Jenkins said the TDM study was included in the UPWP for this fiscal year to complete. She said staff are collecting data for the existing conditions part of the study. They have connected with VEO and UVA Parking and Transportation (Wahoo) re: their Wahoo Commute program and requested data from each of those organizations.

Mr. Chambers reported that the next MPO Tech meeting will be on December 2.

9. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Chambers adjourned the meeting at 12:07 a.m.