

MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, December 2, 2025

A recording of this morning can be found here:

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VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Rory Stolzenberg, Cville PC	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle		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		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	x
Steven Minor, FHWA		Zoë Macomber	x
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x	Kyndall Hanson, NBC 29 News	X
Garland Williams, CAT (alternate)		Sean Tubbs *	x
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x	Peter Thompson *	x
Kellie Brown, Charlottesville			
Daniel Wagner, DRPT			
Barry Herring, CAT	x		

* attended online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ben Chambers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mr. Gorjan Gjorgjievski called roll. Huber noted that he is located in Richmond, VA and he is based more than 60 miles away from the meeting.

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

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:30)

- a. **Comments by the Public:** Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council, spoke on the 5th St/I-64 interchange. He said it may be one of the top priorities for the community of Albemarle County. He said the project aims to improve congestion, safety and increase connectivity. He said he will be focusing on the connectivity piece of the project. He said this is a legacy barrier that severs a community in half. He said when he speaks with other advocates, sometimes they get sidetracked about intentionality or negligence or how they got the barriers. He does not think it is useful to talk about that except that it does illuminate where we are presently. As far as the solutions presented so far, he said one is doing a



comprehensive project that addresses connectivity, congestion and safety all at once. He said that seems to be a bit disfavored right now because of high cost. Another approach would be to just solve the congestion and safety issues and leave for future generations the connectivity piece. He strongly advises not to do that. He asked the committee not to leave vague future work. He said the third option is to do congestion and safety just on the bridge and pursuing alternative routes like Biscuit Run and Moore's Creek. He said if those are done by the localities they may get completed more quickly but recognizes that it will need coordination between jurisdictions. He said the MPO is the perfect body for it and to make that project successful, it will need leadership from both the County and City to solve this comprehensive net of problems with a comprehensive solution.

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 6:00)

Agenda

Motion/Action: Rory Stolzenberg made a motion to approve the agenda. Sara Pennington seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of October 7, 2025 Minutes

Motion/Action: Rory Stolzenberg made a motion to approve the October 7, 2025, minutes. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 6:43)

SMART SCALE Round 7 Project Locations

Sandy Shackelford, VDOT, noted that it is important to align projects with the priorities the funding programs are intended to support. She described the types of programs, High Priority Programs (HPP), District Grant Programs (DGP), Federal Discretionary Grants (for more specific local/regional projects), and (listen)

She reviewed the importance of considering how projects are scored in SMARTS SCALE when developing applications.

She continued by reviewing the projects being considered for application. The first is the Ridge-McIntire/W. Main/Water Street Intersection improvement and bike lane.

The second is a US250 and Old Trail roundabout. Lonnie Murray wondered about the crossing guard situation in a roundabout for the high school noting that it is a high-traffic area for pedestrians. Ms. Shackelford said she will ask the committee's questions to the traffic engineers. Mr. Murray said it would be best to have a grade-separated walkway.

Ms. Shackelford stated that the third project is the Barracks Road corridor study. This is an MPO and an Albemarle County project. They are separate projects but are connected. She described the two projects for clarity.

The next projects is the US29 northbound/US 250 eastbound improvements. Ms. Shackelford presented a description of the project and a brief discussion with some concerns about the sidewalk

Ms. Shackelford continued to the next project, the Ivy Road Corridor Study. She noted that this is also a joint project between the MPO and Albemarle County. In this study, there are two roundabouts, one at US250 and Canterbury and US250 and Boars Head Road. This project is a recommendation from Round 2 of Smart Scale.

The next project is the 5th Street Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). This is a resubmission of this project from SMART SCALE Round 6. There are some changes to the project in this round. The current project is estimated to be \$42.6 million vs \$79 million. The goal is to get the DDI funded and get it connected to the bridge, connection to the shared-use path, widen the sidewalk on the bridge, and sidewalk connection on the other side of the bridge. There was a brief discussion about this project.

The last project is I-64 Exit 118 Interchange. She noted that the interchange has been studied since 2011. She reviewed concerns that have been identified. She reviewed the application history through the various rounds of Smart Scale and then presented preliminary alternatives for an application Round 7.

Taylor Jenkins said CAMPO staff recommend adding the Old Ivy Road Off Ramp project to the list of applications it will be submitting for Round 7.

There was a longer discussion about the addition of the Old Ivy Road off ramp to the five projects.

Motion/Action: Lonnie Murray made a motion to recommend to the Policy Board the projects as presented. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded the motion, and it passed with Sandy Shackelford and Mitch Huber abstaining.

Christine Jacobs noted there will be one more MPO Tech meeting before the pre-applications are submitted.

Performance Safety Targets

Gorjan Gjorjievski gave a brief background on the history of the process of determining Performance Safety Targets. He presented the performance targets and the actual data from the previous year.

He presented the differences in aspirational safety targets between the adopted 2025 targets and 2026 proposed aspirational targets.

He presented the discretionary funding available for safety project implementation, including Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). He noted that there is \$1 billion available with a 20% non-federal match required.

Motion/Action: Lonnie Murray made a motion to recommend the targets as presented to the Policy Board. Alberic Karin-Plun seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) Dissolution

Taylor Jenkins gave a brief background on the RTP and Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA). She noted that the RTP is going through a dissolution process.

Motion/Action: Rory Stolzenberg made a motion to recommend to the Policy Board for the dissolution of the RTP. Sara Pennington seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATIONAL (MINUTE 1:36:05)

CAMPO FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Gjorjievski said there were corrections to the previous TIP that was presented.

1. **Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) 003 Project:** Mr. Gjorgjievski said staff worked closely with CAT and acknowledge that there were some errors in the formulas which have now been corrected. The next step is to inform DPRT so they can update their STIP.

2. **VDOT's Streetscape Project:** He noted that that project has been postponed, so the funding for the bonds is extended.
3. **Autism Sanctuary Funding:** There is funding available to purchase a vehicle and the funding will be moved from the 2025 to 2026 budget.

Annual Obligation Report

Taylor Jenkins said there is a draft of the report in the agenda packet. It outlines the obligations for the TIP. She noted that once there is a final document, she will bring it back to the committee. It will be posted on CAMPO's website in December and when it is updated, it will be also updated online.

Structure of Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee

Taylor Jenkins said since the spring, there has been ongoing discussion on the structure of the CTAC. At the next meeting, the Policy Board will be making a decision about this committee. The memo included in the packet describes three options for CTAC which Ms. Jenkins reviewed. Ms. Jenkins said the CTAC members expressed that the members would like more time to decide what the future of the committee looks like.

Ms. Jenkins said staff are interested in the first option, but the decision is ultimately up to the TJPDC Board. Mr. Stolzenberg suggested that there should perhaps be an ad hoc committee for the LRTP process.

6. VDOT PROJECT UPDATES (MINUTE 1:46:10)

Pipeline and STARS Studies

Sandy Shackelford said the pipeline studies were wrapped up before Thanksgiving and VDOT is currently going over the public survey. Re: the STARS study, Ms. Shackelford said VDOT is going through preliminary alternatives to do advanced review before putting back out for public engagement.

8. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:47:14)

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

Gorjan Gjorgjievski reported that they are wrapping up the Move Safely Blue Ridge project and have two reports to submit – the final report, the quarterly report, and the final invoice needs to be submitted. The final report will be submitted by December 15

Travel Demand Management (TDM) Study

Ms. Jenkins said staff are waiting on data for the existing conditions report from VO Micromobility information and from UVA Parking and Transportation re: their Wahoo Commute program.

Mr. Gjorgjievski suggested that the next MPO Tech meeting will be virtual on February 3 from 10:00 am – 12 pm. due to the renovations at TJPDC.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to make the next meeting virtual. Lonnie Murray seconded and the motion passed with Rory Stolzenberg abstaining.

9. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 1:50:44)

Alberic Karina -Plun, Albemarle County, said the Three Notch'd Trail project has a public meeting on December 4 at 6 p.m. at Western Albemarle High School.

Sara Pennington, Rideshare, said there was a transit giveaway in September, and they just finished a carpool and vanpool focus and as riders logged their trips, they were entered for the chance to receive prizes from a monthly drawing. She also noted that it is officially DRPT grant season for the next two months to get funding for next year.

Sandy Shackelford, VDOT, had nothing else to report.

Mitch Huber, DRPT, said FY26 5303 contracts have been reviewed and info disseminated to MPOs. He said there was a grantee workshop held in November online. He also reported that grant applications have opened from now through February 1 for federal funding for next fiscal year. He said to reach out to him if you have questions.

Mr. Huber expressed his thanks for the cooperation on SIP development. He said the statewide rail program will be kicked off early next year. He also noted regarding the 2025 Coordinate Human Service Mobility (CHSM) Plan, comment opportunities are still available through December 5. He said FRA's NOFO for Passenger Rail for their federal state partnership program, open until January 7.

Mr. Huber continued saying that the Virginia Breeze announced who provider will be through a press release last week. He said early- to mid-spring is the target for it to start.

Barry Herring, CAT, had no updates to report.

Jason Espie, Jaunt, said Mike Murphy presented to Council on their "state of the union". He said Jaunt continues to work with TJPDC and PATH on future funding for services to areas not served. He reported that they are in the final stages of hiring a COO and they are also working on finding a Marketing/Communications manager. He said it is Jaunt's 50th anniversary this year, and they will be a marketing focus on that soon. Lastly, he reported that Jaunt submitted to RTAP for funding to extend the commuter bus to Greene.

Bill Palmer, UVA, had nothing to report. He thanked Rory Stolzenberg for his commitment and work on this committee.

Ben Chambers, Charlottesville, said they went before Council and reviewed the topic of transit and acknowledged their challenges and successes. He noted that the presentation is online. He said the City is working to add more money for sidewalks and transit. He also acknowledged that this is Mr. Stolzenberg's last committee meeting and thanked him for his hard work.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Chambers adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

