

CA-MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, June 2, 2026

A recording of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hB1XHJHkPg>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Danny Yoder, Charlottesville PC	x	Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle (alternate)	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
Lonnie Murray, Albemarle PC			
Charles Proctor, VDOT *		NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC		Daniel Keoning, FTA	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Ivan Rucker, FHWA	
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x		
Mitch Huber, DRPT		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	x
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x	Michael Barnes, Albemarle County	x
Garland Williams, CAT (alternate)		Kevin McDermott, Albemarle County *	x
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x	Russ Martin, Cabridge Systematics *	x
Barry Herring, CAT	x		
Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle	x		
Kellie Brown, Charlottesville (alternate)	x		
Wood Hudson, DRPT (alternate)			

* Attended remotely

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

No voting members were present virtually at the time of the roll call.

Motion/Action: N/A

2. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:55)**

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

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



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3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 2:08)

Approval of Agenda and the June 2, 2026, Minutes (Minute 2:35)

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun made a motion to approve the agenda and the June 2, 2026, meeting minutes. During discussion, Tommy Safranek noted that the minutes incorrectly indicated he attended the previous meeting virtually when he had attended in person. Jessica Dimmick made a motion to approve the minutes as amended to reflect the correction. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

CA-MPO Bylaws and Public Engagement Plan Revisions (Minute 3:12)

Taylor Lowery presented revisions to the CA-MPO Bylaws and Public Engagement Plan, explaining that both documents had been updated following the sunset of the Citizens Advisory Committee. No questions were raised by committee members.

Motion/Action: Bill Palmer moved to approve the revised documents. Danny Yoder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Slate of Officers (Minute 4:17)

Alberic Karina-Plun asked staff to explain the nomination process for committee officers. Mr. Gjorgjievski reviewed the CA-MPO Bylaws, noting that the Chair and Vice Chair serve one-year terms, or until their successors are elected. Because this was the final Technical Committee meeting of the fiscal year, nominations would be made at this meeting, with elections taking place at the August meeting.

Tommy Safranek asked whether the current Chair and Vice Chair could continue serving and whether nominees needed to accept their nominations immediately.

Danny Yoder nominated the current Chair and Vice Chair to continue serving. Alberic Karina-Plun stated that he would be stepping down as Vice Chair. Jessica Dimmick expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair. Mr. Karina-Plun formally nominated Jessica Dimmick for Vice Chair, while Danny Yoder nominated Ben Chambers to continue serving as Chair.

Motion/Action: Alberic Karina-Plun moved to forward the nominations of Ben Chambers for Chair and Jessica Dimmick for Vice Chair for election at the August meeting. Tommy Safranek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 8:19)

SMART SCALE Round 7 CA-MPO and Rural Projects (Minute 8:30)

Taylor Lowery presented an overview of the CA-MPO and rural SMART SCALE Round 7 projects, reminding the committee of the resolutions recommending endorsement of all locality and CA-MPO project applications. She also reviewed the upcoming SMART SCALE schedule, noting the August 3, 2026, application deadline, the release of staff-recommended funding scenarios in January 2027, and Commonwealth Transportation Board funding decisions anticipated in June 2027 for inclusion in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

STARS and Project Pipeline Study Process (Minute 19:56)

Sandy Shackelford provided an overview of VDOT's STARS and Project Pipeline programs, explaining that VDOT is currently identifying locations for future studies based on statewide transportation needs.

She described the two programs:

- **Project Pipeline**, managed by the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI).
- **STARS**, managed by the Transportation and Mobility Planning Division.

Mrs. Shackleford also reviewed the study process, beginning with the Framework Phase, during which study working group members are identified, project goals are established, technical analyses are defined, and public engagement needs are determined. She noted that the Framework Phase is followed by the Study Phase and public engagement activities.

****STARS and Project Pipeline Study Locations (Minute 45:48)**

Kellie Brown presented the City of Charlottesville's preferred study locations:

1. Preston Avenue/Ridge-McIntire Road Intersection
2. Ridge Corridor from West Main Street to Cherry Avenue

Jessica Dimmick presented Albemarle County's preferred study locations:

1. US 29 at Airport Road
2. US 250 at Free Bridge
3. I-64 Exit 118 at US 29

Sandy Shackleford clarified that VDOT expects to support only one additional study within the City of Charlottesville.

Motion/Action (Minute 1:22:34): Alberic Karina-Plun moved to recommend that the Policy Board endorse the study locations as presented, with the understanding that only one of the City of Charlottesville's proposed projects would ultimately be selected by VDOT. Danny Yoder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

US 29 STARS Study Update (Minute 1:23:26)

Sandy Shackleford presented updates on two adjacent US 29 studies:

1. US 29 Corridor: Hydraulic Road to Woodbrook Road
2. US 29/250 Bypass Interchange at Emmet Street

Mrs. Shackleford reminded the committee that the previous presentation focused on existing conditions, operational issues, safety concerns, and preliminary alternatives. The studies have now advanced to Phase 2, during which refined alternatives are being developed prior to public outreach. She reviewed the advanced alternatives for both projects and noted that VDOT is preparing to begin the public engagement process.

FY24-FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments (Minute 1:46:39)

Mr. Gjorgjievski presented three administrative amendments to the FY24-FY27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), noting that the adjustments were informational only and required no action by either the Technical Committee or Policy Board.

The first adjustment, requested by VDOT, reallocated funding among the preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases of the Belmont Bridge Replacement project. The remaining two adjustments, requested by DRPT, involved updates to the Mobility Management and PATH programs.

5. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:52:56)

Taylor Lowery highlighted items included in the staff report, including updates on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Regional Travel Demand Model, and a recent SMART SCALE Round 7 presentation provided by OIPI.

Mr. Gjorgjievski also provided updates on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application submitted by TJPDC on behalf of Greene County, as well as technical assistance provided for Albemarle County's SS4A grant application.

6. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 1:56:17)

Alberic Karina-Plun reported that Albemarle County had adopted its Secondary Six-Year Improvement Program and will soon ask the Board of Supervisors to approve project rankings for near-term use while staff develops the County's multimodal transportation plan.

Jessica Schwartzendruber thanked Gorjan Gjorgjievski and Taylor Lowery for their assistance in preparing the County's SS4A grant application.

Tommy Safranek shared that the City has entered into a new three-year agreement with Veo and is pleased to continue the partnership. He also highlighted Bike Month activities, RideShare program promotion, and Quiet Routes to Charlottesville.

Zoe Macomber reported that Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) is preparing to receive new buses and continues working with consultants on ongoing initiatives.

Bill Palmer noted that summer has been relatively quiet at the University of Virginia and mentioned the deployment of new microtransit buses.

Christine Jacobs provided updates from the Planning District Commission, including recent developments related to the Human Services Transportation Bill and information relevant to MPO Planning (PL) funding.

Mitch Hubert reminded the committee that the Commonwealth Transportation Board would vote on the new Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) at its June 17 meeting. He also summarized results from the statewide transportation survey conducted in April and the first virtual open house, noting strong public support for expanding passenger rail service between Virginia and Washington, D.C., with nearly 60 percent of respondents favoring a balanced multimodal transportation approach.

7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Next meeting August 6, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Alberic Karina-Plun adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.