

CA-MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, August 4, 2026

A recording of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOo6M4-SHsg>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	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 Lowery, TJPDC	x
Lonnie Murray, Albemarle PC	x	Kate Wythe, TJPDC	x
Charles Proctor, VDOT		Logan Ende, TJPDC	x
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x	Daniel Keoning, FTA	
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x	Ivan Rucker, FHWA	
Mitch Huber, DRPT *	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville			
Garland Williams, CAT (alternate)			
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x		
Barry Herring, CAT			
Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle			
Zoe Macomber, Charlottesville (alternate)	x		
Wood Hudson, DRPT (alternate)			

* Attended remotely

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Ben Chambers called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Gorjan Gjorgjievski called roll.

Mitch Huber stated that he is participating online because he is based in Richmond, Virginia, which is more than 60 miles away.

Motion/Action: Ben Chambers made a motion to allow Mitch Huber to participate remotely. There was no second. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:50)**

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

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



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3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 3:00)

Approval of Agenda and the August 4, 2026 and June 2, 2026 Minutes (Minute)

Motion/Action: Ben Chambers made a motion to approve the agenda. There was no second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion/Action: Zoe Macomber stated that she was at the last meeting as a member of the public. Ben Chambers moved to approve the June 2, 2026 minutes with that adjustment. There was no second. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Motion/Action: Tonya Swartzendruber moved to continue with the election of Ben Chambers for Chair and Jessica Dimmick for Vice Chair. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy - Informational

Gorjan Gjorgjievski reiterated the Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting policy from the past year that will continue into this next fiscal year.

4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 6:20)

FY27 CA-MPO Activities (Minute 6:42)

Taylor Lowery presented an overview of the CA-MPO activities and their funding sources. She covered the FYU27 UPWP activities regarding SMART SCALE Round 7. She also reviewed CA-MPO's benchmarking efforts. She then reviewed the federal performance targets in the UPWP.

Ms. Lowery noted the 2050 LRTP and FY27-30 TIP data are included in the UPWP. She briefly reviewed additional TIP-related activities. Ms. Lowery reviewed the bicycle and pedestrian counting activities included in the UPWP activities. She said the TDM study is included in the UPWP activities as a "roll-over" activity, since it was started in the previous year. There are additional activities included in the TDM study for FY27 as well.

There was a brief question-and-answer session after the presentation.

SMART SCALE Round 7 Update (Minute 32:05)

Taylor Lowery presented the final application material. She noted that all of the application materials were submitted yesterday, August 3, to VDOT for Round 7 consideration. She noted that many of the projects had higher estimated costs than originally anticipated.

Ms. Lowery continued by reviewing the projects submitted including the final application estimated costs. The first project she covered was the I-64/5th Street diverging diamond interchange (DDI), shared used path (SUP), and sidewalk connection. The second project she covered was the US 29 NB/US 250 EB On-ramp extension at Old Ivy Road. The next project was the US 29 SB/US 250 WB Off-ramp extension at Old Ivy Road, and the last project was the Barracks Road project with dual left turn lanes, connecting on-ramp and off-ramps by an auxiliary lane, constructing a sidewalk, and adding a crosswalk.

FY24-FY27 TIP Adjustment

Gorjan Gjorgjievski reviewed the TIP adjustment that was an informational item only. No action was needed. The TIP moves \$1 million from FY27 to FY26. He noted that the money is not tied to any projects in particular. He noted that it will be important to track the changes in the future.

5. VDOT UPDATES (MINUTE 44:21)

STARS and Project Pipeline Study Update (Minute 44:30)

Sandy Shackleford gave an update on SMART SCALE Round 7. She noted there were 22 applications submitted in the Culpeper District before the deadline and nine applications were from within the MPO area. There will be screening, validation, and scoring over the next several months. She noted that VDOT Planning may still need to coordinate changes to applications based on screening feedback.

She presented several proposed upcoming Culpeper District STARS and Project Pipeline studies. She also reviewed their planning study next steps. She briefly described the framework document components – study intent, study characteristics, study area, roles and responsibilities, data collection plan, analysis years/periods/scenarios, traffic operations and safety analysis tools, measures of effectiveness, calibration assumptions and targets, traffic forecasting approach, concept development and cost estimation, environmental considerations, public engagement plan, and other additional considerations.

6. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 58:35)

Ben Chambers noted that the staff updates are in the memo located in the agenda packet.

7. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 59:23)

Sandy Shackleford, VDOT, had nothing else to report.

Jason Espie said Jaunt is onboarding their new software system.

Lucinda Shannon, PATH, did not have anything to report.

Sara Pennington said Rideshare is running a carpool contest this month.

Christine Jacobs introduced Kate Wythe as TJPDC's new Director of Regional Planning and Operations.

Danny Yoder had nothing to report.

Lonnie Murray had nothing to report.

Ben Chambers, Charlottesville, said they are working through their mobility plan scoping.

Alberic Karina-Plun said Albemarle is working with VDOT on a few projects. They will be done with their paving schedule to include bike lanes and restriping.

Tonya Swartzendruber said Albemarle is pleased to say they submitted their SS R7 applications and are working with the City on how they can best work together in the future for new projects.

Zoe Macomber said they shared an update on the Rose Hill corridor at the last City Council meeting. Re: CAT, she said they are looking to make updates once they get operators onboard.

Bill Palmer, UVA, said school will be back in session in two weeks, and the buses will get back on their regular schedules.

Taylor Lowery said that TJPDC did not get the BUILD grant and will have a debrief meeting soon. As of July 1, there is a new CTB member. His information is in the memo.

Mitch Huber, DRPT, said there are new staff members onboard now. There will be new planner assignments coming out in the next few weeks, so be on the lookout for them soon. There are no updates to their master agreements this year, so there will be new contracts coming out by October 1. He said the GA directed DHCD and DRPT to conduct a statewide review and plan to promote and identify barriers to/find opportunities for transportation/transit development for existing and proposed transit and rail corridors. The plan is due to be completed by December 15, 2026. He said they are doing for Round 1 public engagement this month and Round

2 will come at in October, 2026. They are looking for numerous data points and asked for help from the committee for that information. He said the statewide rail plan is moving forward. There will be a second public meeting in September. There will be third public meeting in November with the final draft plan presented in December.

Sandy Shackelford said VDOT will be sending out surveys about the STARS and Project Pipeline studies. She also said OIPI is discontinuing their accessibility grants.

Gorjan asked the committee members to please respond to future calendar invitations.

6. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Next meeting October 6, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Chambers adjourned the meeting at 11:16 p.m.