Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

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CA-MPO Technical Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes, October 6, 2026

A recording of this meeting can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLX3CfFdlCA

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Danny Yoder, Charlottesville PC	x	Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	
Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle	x	Eamon Lauster, TJPDC	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle (alternate)	x	Taylor Lowery, TJPDC	x
Lonnie Murray, Albemarle PC	x	Kate Wythe, TJPDC*	x
Charles Proctor, VDOT*		Logan Ende, TJPDC	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**	
Jason Espie, Jaunt		Daniel Keoning, FTA	
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x	Ivan Rucker, FHWA	
Wood Hudson, DRPT*	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x	Peter Krebs*	
Garland Williams, CAT (alternate)		Mike Goddard, Charlottesville staff	
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x	Carrie Shepheard, VDOT*	
Barry Herring, CAT			
Zoe Macomber, Charlottesville (alternate)	x		
Dan Sonenklar, DRPT (alternate)			

** Attended remotely*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Ben Chambers called the meeting to order. Gorjan Gjorgjievski called roll. Wood Hudson stated that he was participating remotely from Richmond, VA, due to travel distance.

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

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 2:15)

a. **Comments by the Public:** Peter Krebs provided public comment.

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

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 5:17)

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Approval of Agenda and the August 4, 2026, Minutes

Motion/Action: Jessica Dimmick made a motion to approve the agenda. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion/Action: Tonya Swartzendruber made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded. The motion passed with two abstentions due to committee member absences.

New Staff Introduction - Informational

Taylor Lowery introduced Eamon Lauster as a new Regional Planner I with the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.

4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 6:20)

FY27 Benchmarking Activity (Minute 8:29)

Taylor Lowery presented initial findings of the MPO Benchmarking effort. She reviewed federal and state context for Virginia's MPOs and distinguished metropolitan planning areas, Census-defined urbanized areas, metropolitan statistical areas, and transportation management areas. Members discussed boundary reviews, other MPO funding sources, and questions to inform the next phase of the project's work.

FY24-27 TIP Adjustment and Amendment (Minute 57:29)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski presented a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adjustment and amendment for the FY24-27 TIP. No committee action was required on the adjustment. Jessica Dimmick asked if we had additional information about the adjustment or amendment. Sandy Shackelford and Charles Proctor provided insight on the availability of details.

Motion/Action: Jessica Dimmick made a motion to recommend Policy Board approval of the FY24-27 TIP amendment. Lonnie Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

FY27-30 TIP Mapping Project (Minute 1:08:52)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski provided an overview of the in-progress TIP mapping tool, which will allow the public and committee members to locate projects and information for projects in the TIP. Staff will continue to add projects. No action was required.

BUILD Grant Debrief (Minute 1:12:06)

Taylor Lowery summarized the September 24th debrief meeting held with the US Department of Transportation on the unawarded BUILD application for preliminary engineering of the Rivanna River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge.

5. VDOT UPDATES (MINUTE 44:21)

STARS and Project Pipeline Studies (Minute 1:19:02)

Sandy Shackelford provided an update on ongoing and upcoming STARS and Project Pipeline studies in the region. She noted two surveys that were scheduled to go live and the timeframe for which they would be open. The committee discussed questions about the scope of the US 250/E High St study and what would be considered.

Pre-App and Full-App Cost Estimates Comparison (1:31:10)

Sandy Shackelford presented an analysis completed by VDOT staff on pre-application and full application cost estimates. Pre-application estimates are planning-level estimates based on the scope understood at that time, similar projects, and available estimating tools. Formal right-of-way division estimates are not provided at the

time of pre-application. Whether a project was a new project or re-submission influenced the magnitude of difference between pre-application and full application cost estimates.

Committee members discussed comparisons to other regions, the Barracks Road project, and whether earlier concept development could improve cost estimate reliability.

6. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 1:46:24)

Ben Chambers referred members to the written updates in the meeting packet. Taylor Lowery highlighted multiple upcoming engagement opportunities in the region.

7. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 1:47:17)

Committee members conducted roundtable updates.

6. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Next meeting December 1, 2026 at 10am.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Chambers adjourned the meeting.