

Agenda

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday November 28, 2023

1:00 PM

Location: REMOTE



Item	Time	Description
1.	1:00-1:05	Matters from the Public: Limit of 3-minutes per speaker Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transportation-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda
2.	1:05-1:10	Approval of Draft Minutes* September meeting
3.	1:10-1:25	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan - Community Champions Discussion (Ashley Dobson, AvidCore) Discuss roles and responsibilities of Community Champions. Solicit feedback from jurisdictions on Community Champion nominations
4.	1:25-1:40	Round 6 SMART Scale discussion (Michael Barnes, VDOT) Discussion of round 6 SMART Scale applications
5.	1:40-1:55	Route 151-Corridor Study Presentation (Rick Youngblood, VDOT) Presentation of findings from the 151-corridor study in Nelson County
6.	1:55-2:10	Round Table Discussion & Identification of Future Topics Committee members are invited to share updates and topics of interest with the group
7.	2:10-2:15	Additional Matters from the Public Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment (limit of 3 minutes per speaker)
8.	2:15	Adjourn

* Items requiring committee action.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 16, 2024

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DRAFT Minutes, September 19, 2023

The video of the meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMoG4aZornQ>

VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper *	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg *	x	Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare *	x		
ALTERNATES		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT	x	Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x
JM Whalen, Fluvanna County	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
David Benish, Albemarle County		Bill Palmer, UVA	x
Stephanie Golon, Greene County		Josh Gillespie, Louisa County	x
Cindy King, Louisa County		Troy Nathran Austin, VDOT	x
Carrie Shepherd, VDOT		Carson Eckhardt, Transportation Planner, VDOT	x
Michael Barnes, VDOT, Culpeper	x	Mark Herman, Kimley Horn	X
Jason Overstreet, Fluvanna County	X	Danielle McCray, Kimley Horn	X
		Aaron Heustess, Kimley Horn	x

* *attended online via Zoom.*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (1:25):

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

4. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2023 (MINUTE 1:30):

Motion/Action: Tom Egeland made a motion to approve the July 11 minutes. Dylan Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. VDOT SAFETY DATA ANALYSIS (MINUTE 1:45):



City of Charlottesville

Albemarle County

Fluvanna County

Greene County

Louisa County

Nelson County

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Sandy Shackelford introduced Kimley Horn to the committee and their role with VDOT and USDOT's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant. Mark Herman, Kimley Horn, presented a brief introduction to the SS4A Safety Action Plan. He noted that there are two grant types, the planning and demonstration grants and implementation grants. The grant currently awarded is a planning and demonstration grant. Once that is complete, the TJPDC can apply for funding for an implementation grant in the future. He continued by reviewing the comprehensive safety action plan components.

Danielle McCray, Kimley Horn Project Manager, reviewed the engagement elements that they will be looking to partner with the MPO and the public (three rounds of public engagement) in the future. There will eventually be a charette and demonstration program in the City of Charlottesville.

Mr. Herman gave the committee crash severity definitions (K = fatality, A = suspected serious injury, B = suspected minor injury, C = possible injury, O = property damage only). The information he will be talking about today will be dealing with only the "Ks" and "As", however, they will be including B and C crashes where it makes sense.

He continued with preliminary data and statewide, TJPDC region, and jurisdictional K and A trends.

Mr. Herman discussed that background and considerations for emphasis areas, primary areas to focus efforts over the next five years. He reviewed the statewide emphasis areas.

He continued by providing statewide emphasis area definitions (bicyclists, pedestrians, young drivers, aging road users, occupant protection, impaired driving, motorcyclists, heavy vehicles, speeding, roadway departure, and intersections). He continued by sharing fatality and serious injury data for the TJPDC region.

Mr. Herman opened the floor to the committee to discuss whether any of the statewide emphasis areas should be removed from consideration and should any new emphasis areas be considered.

There was an extended discussion about those questions.

Mr. Herman continued by sharing a fatal and serious injury crash density heat map for the TJPDC area.

He finished by talking about upcoming efforts with Kimley Horn's data analysis tasks. He gave the committee his contact information and two Senior Highway Safety Engineers' contact information if anyone had other feedback or questions.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 1:15:19)

Nelson County

Dylan Bishop reported that Nelson withdrew their technical assistance application because they saw an opportunity to provide more education to the public before moving forward. She reported that they had their comprehensive plan open house at the end of August and had between 150 – 200 people attended. She said overall the feedback was really positive. She also said they got the preliminary results back from the Route 151 Corridor study, they are expecting public meetings and surveys to begin in mid- to late October. He also said the Rural Planning Caucus's conference is in October and it is a good opportunity for networking and education.

Louisa County

Tom Egeland reported that the planning commission made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the new Amazon facility.

Fluvanna County

Jason Overstreet gave a report. The recording was not intelligible.

City of Charlottesville

Ben Chambers reported that the City is in the middle of their zoning code re-write. The Planning Commission just had a public engagement event last week to discuss that.

He noted that they are also in the middle of rolling out their 160 projects for the Safe Routes to School program this fall.

Mr. Chambers said the City is also working on their Transit Strategic Plan with CAT as well. He continued by reporting that they are working on their ADA transition plan to evaluate the City's bus stops and sidewalks and right-of-way throughout town.

Lastly, he reported that there will be an event with the Rivanna Trails Foundation, so there will be a great number of hikers, bikers, and runners on the trails. He invited folks to come out and join them.

VDOT

Michael Barnes reminded the committee that Smart Scale deadlines will approach quickly. He recommended reaching out to VDOT for assistance.

Albemarle County

Alberic Karina-Plun said the County is working on zoning updates and they go to the Planning Commission next week. They are finishing up the prioritization draft process to go to the Board in October. He also reported that they are working on resubmitting a grant for connecting neighborhoods and communities.

Jaunt

Zadie Lacy said Jaunt has been working on incorporating recommendation for the Connect Routes from the TDP. She is currently working on the Buckingham Connector design with a rollout sometime in October. She will be working on the Crozet region next. She also reported that they had a kick-off of their Rural Transit Needs Assessment study.

TJPDC

Sandy Shackelford said the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is going to be continuing their Smart Scale conversation in a meeting tomorrow. She will be watching that meeting and will be able to report back on it at a future meeting.

VDOT

Chuck Proctor said he is putting together a Smart Scale presentation which he will be sending out in the next week or so.

10. Additional Matters from the Public (1:59:37)

None.

Adjourn

Dylan Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm. Tom Egeland seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.