

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes August 19, 2025

The video of the meeting can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3cl_IoZPbo&t=3s

VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County		Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Todd Fortune, Fluvanna County *	x	Gorjan Gjorgievski, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County *	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT, Culpeper	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Carson Eckhardt, VDOT, Lynchburg			
Jason Espie, Jaunt			
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x		
ALTERNATES		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT, Lynchburg		Jay Brown, VDOT *	x
Stephanie Golon, Greene County *	x		
Cindy King, Louisa County			
Carrie Shepherd, VDOT			
Alex Porter, Fluvanna County			
Emily Hjulstrom, Nelson County			
Vacant, Albemarle County			
Chuck Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper *	x		
Vacant, Jaunt			

* *online attendance*

1. CALL TO ORDER (MINUTE)

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Quorum was not present, so no action items were voted on.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (MINUTE 0:18)

Tom Egeland said he would continue on as Chair and Dylan Bishop stated she would continue as Vice Chair for FY26. This item was tabled until the next meeting when there is a quorum present for a vote.



City of Charlottesville

Albemarle County

Fluvanna County

Greene County

Louisa County

Nelson County

4. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

This item was tabled until the next meeting when there is a quorum present.

5. REVIEW OF RTAC MEMBERS AND ALTERNATIVES (MINUTE 0:33)

Tom Egeland announced that Renee Maywer is his new alternate for RTAC.

Dylan Bishop's updated her alternate to Cody Barker.

Sara Pennington asked Alberic Karina-Plun if he could check on an alternate for his seat and report back to her when he finds out.

6. REMOTE ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AND ALL-VIRTUAL MEETING POLICY (MINUTE 4:15)

Sara Pennington reviewed the included agenda packet document/policy regarding the remote electronic participation and all-virtual meeting policy. There was no discussion.

7. VDOT UPDATES (MINUTE 5:00)

Chuck Proctor reviewed the summary of award amounts round-for-round for the Culpeper District and gave a summary of the Round 6 awards. He noted that there was \$1.6 billion shifted from construction projects to the maintenance program for Smart Scale Round 6. The Culpeper District received enough funding to cover four projects.

Mr. Proctor noted that seven projects that scored in the top 25%, 18 projects that are in the top 50%, and all the projects submitted were in the top 65% (better than any other district in the state).

He reported that all the funded projects were identified as VTRANS priority needs. 81% were locations with a Priority 1 or 2 Construction District Priority Needs, and the average cost of all funded projects was \$18.6 million. For the High Priority (HPP) Grant Program, 70% were identified as a Statewide Priority Need, 96% were locations with a Priority 1 or 2 Construction District Priority Need, and the average cost of funded HPP projects was \$27.2 million.

He continued by reviewing the VTRANS needs. He noted that the current safety needs are updated annually with the latest crash information to remain current. They currently have 2019-2023 PSI data.

Mr. Proctor shared additional candidate project screening data. He said VDOT is trying to put together a poll to help evaluate projects on a high level on how they fair in numerous categories to see how well they would score on Smart Scale.

He shared the proposed Smart Scale 7 schedule, which is the same as the last round

Mr. Proctor reviewed the current STARS studies, the Ridge/W. Main Street intersection in Cville, US29 from Hydraulic to Woodbrook intersections in Albemarle Co, and US 29 from Barracks Road to Hydraulic Road intersection to include the US29/250 bypass interchange and the bypass for Barracks Rd to Hydraulic Rd.

He reviewed the current pipeline studies including 5th St corridor from Harris Rd to Pinecrest Rd to include the I-64 interchange and 5th St Station; and US29 – I-64 interchange from just north of Fontain Ave interchange to Teel Lan (including the Park and Ride lot on Teel Lane).

He reviewed the next steps including selecting projects. He said VDOT needs to review data and develop initial recommendations, and coordinate with County, CAMPO, TJPDC and Residency on meeting with the Board of Supervisors and CAMPO communities.

8. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) FY26 IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES (MINUTE 19:53)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski briefed the committee with updates on the plan. He reported that all localities have adopted the plan. He said once all of FWHA's needs have been met, they will approve the plan at the end of September. The main goal of the plan was safety, but also to determine implementation plans to reach an increase in safety.

Mr. Gjorgjievski reviewed the SS4A implementation funding that includes federal funding and a 20% non-federal match required from the counties, the City, PDCs and MPOs. Eligible activities include infrastructure projects, systemic safety improvements, speed management strategies, and behavioral safety interventions.

Mr. Gjorgjievski reviewed the regional collaboration case study including the George Washington Regional Commission and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

He noted the systemic improvements captured in the plan and gave examples of improvement projects that may work for the Move Safely Blue Ridge area. These include rural enhancements, corridor-wide safety strategies, urban area visibility and alert measures, and major corridor safety treatments.

He gave an overview of 43 spot-specific improvements in numerous jurisdictions. He said the timeline for the application process will start as early as January 2026 with the anticipated application deadline in late June 2026.

There was a brief question and answer session and a discussion about how to best coordinate projects for both SS4A and Smart Scale. It was recommended that TJPDC/MPO staff go to the locality staff before going in front of the respective boards.

9. TJPDC UPDATES (MINUTE 37:56)

Smart Scale Area Type Change

Sara Pennington noted that the Area Type change is continuing to push through approval to the TJPDC Board. They will decide on that at their September meeting. Ms. Jacobs said she will be sending the information out to the CAO's in the next week.

Timeline for Rural Planning Needs Assessment

Ms. Pennington said they are looking at plans that already exist and what plans exist for the localities and at the PDC. Logan Ende is compiling information to be sent out in a survey to come out before the next meeting in November.

Ms. Pennington asked the committee for information about plans within the last 10 years that may not be online and accessible, so he has all the information relevant for the survey. After the survey, there will be one-on-one conversations with the localities. Most of this will be wrapped up in January and will be discussed at the meeting in February.

10. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 41:30)

Louisa County

Tom Egeland said Louisa is working on survey questions for their comp plan update.

Albemarle County

Alberic Karina-Plun said Albemarle County's comp plan draft is online. There is an open house for the comp plan this week. He said there was data session code workshop last week. Bill Fritz has additional information about that workshop.

Greene County

Stephanie Golon said Greene County is extremely busy working with Kimley Horn on their Smart Scale project. They are waiting to hear back from CTB to hear about their traffic improvement project. She said they are talking about budgeting to update their comp plan for which they will hire a consultant.

Nelson

Dylan Bishop reported that Nelson has a new planner hire, Cody Barker, who is currently working on code enforcement. She said there is an application in for an already-sold-out event, Vally of the Seven Stars, that is scheduled to have 23,000 people, so they are working through the approvals for that with everyone involved.

Ms. Bishop said their ordinance update continues and will be going on well into next Spring, but it is going well.

She said they are doing overlay districts on Route 29 and Route 151.

She said they amended the county code is being codified to require zoning first after receiving push back from getting information about short-term rentals from other agencies. This will help them keep track of and account for short-term rentals in their registry.

She said the Central Virginia Electric Co-op has two projects that are small scale battery energy storage behind the meters, so although they don't have a battery energy storage ordinance at this time, the site plans are proceeding as accessory uses to a public utility.

She continued by saying that FEMA put out new flood maps that are effective August 2025.

Ms. Bishop reported that their new department of social services just submitted their site plan.

Lastly, she said Nelson will be making some changes to existing curbing and guardrails and putting in sidewalks so the housing development across Route 29 can access the main town of Lovingsston in accordance with the SS4A plan.

Fluvanna County

Todd Fortune said Fluvanna has hired a program specialist. She will start in early September.

Mr. Fortune said their comp plan is starting to make progress with their advisory groups.

He said they are on track to submit a transportation alternatives application in Fork Union in mid-September.

VDOT

Sandy Shackelford said she did not have any more updates to share.

Jaunt

There was no report.

8. Additional Matters from the Public

None.

Adjourn

Tom Egeland adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

The next meeting is in person November 18, 2025 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Water Street Center, 407 E Water Street, Charlottesville, VA.