

**MPO Technical Committee Meeting**

Draft Minutes, February 3, 2026

A recording of this meeting can be found here:

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VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Danny Yoder, Charlottesville PC	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle	x	Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Lonnie Murray, Albemarle PC	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
Charles Proctor, VDOT	x	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x	Daniel Keoning, FTA	
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x		
Bill Palmer, UVA Ofc of Architect	x	<b>GUESTS/PUBLIC</b>	
Mitch Huber, DRPT	x	Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x	Zoë Macomber	x
Steven Minor, FHWA		Nagaraju Kashayin, AECOM	x
Tommy Safranek, Charlottesville	x	Sean Tubbs	x
Garland Williams, CAT		Pat Coleman, AECOM	x
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT	x	Ruoyo Liu, AECOM	x
Kellie Brown, Charlottesville	x	Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x
Daniel Wagner, DRPT		Jen Fleisher, Charlottesville	x
Barry Herring, CAT (alternate)	x		
Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle	x		

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Ben Chambers called the all-virtual meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mr. Chambers asked Mr. Danny Yoder to introduce himself as the newest member of the MPO Tech Committee. Mr. Gorjan Gjorgjievski called roll and read the electronic meeting notice.

**2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 4:01)**

**a. Comments by the Public:** Peter Krebs, PEC, invited folks to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Active Mobility Summit on the evening of March 5. He said Pete Eschelmann from Roanoke has helped to develop an economic development strategy around connectivity and access to the outdoors. He said it will be held at the Wool Factory. The next morning, March 6, they will have a panel and working session about what Charlottesville might do to emulate what Roanoke has done in that regard. It is free and open to the public Mr. Krebs said there is more info at [www.PECVA.org/mobilitysummit](http://www.PECVA.org/mobilitysummit).

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



### **3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 5:51)**

#### Agenda

**Motion/Action:** Lonnie Murray made a motion to approve the agenda. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Approval of December 2, 2025 Minutes

Gorjan Gjorgjievski said Tommy Safranick wanted to abstain from the vote for Smart Scale's recommendation to the Policy Board. Also, on Page 2 of the meeting minutes should read that the project is from Round 2 of the pipeline study, not from Round 2 of Smart Scale

**Motion/Action:** Sara Pennington made a motion to approve the December 2, 2025, minutes as amended. Alberic Karina-Plun seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Tanya Swartzendruber and Danny Yoder abstaining.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS (MINUTE 8:20)**

#### SMART SCALE Round 7 Project Locations Update

Sandy Shackelford, VDOT, presented a summary slide of the Smart Scale applications under consideration. They include the Ridge/McIntire/W. Main Street/W. Water Street Intersection improvement and bikeway, US250 & Old Trail Roundabout, Barracks Road & US29 SB/US250 WS On-ramp, US250 & Canterbury Rd roundabout, US250 and Boars Head roundabout, US29 NB/US250 EB off-ramp improvements at Barracks Road, US29 SB/US250WE Off-ramp expansion at Old Ivy Road, US29 NB/US250 EB on-ramp extension at Old Ivy Road, I-64 and 5<sup>th</sup> Street DDI, and US29 SB at I-64 Exit 118.

#### BUILD Grant Application

Taylor Jenkins noted that there is a letter of support for the latest BUILD grant for the pedestrian bridge near Pantops. She said they told her the application is competitive, but has not yet been selected, but staff has been encouraged to continue to submit the application.

**Motion/Action:** Jason Espie made a motion to recommend the letter of support to the Policy Board. Tanya Swartzendruber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Travel Demand Model 2050 Demographics

Nagaraju Kashayin, AECOM, said they are in the process of updating the regional model. He presented the numerous sources from which they are pulling their data. He then showed the data development and model input updates for the region.

Danny Yoder asked if was ever a review of past models to see if future projections were accurate. Mr. Kashayin said that they do not have exact numbers to compare.

Mr. Yoder also asked how the model handled the travel behavior between students and non-students. Mr. Kashayin said there are things built into the model for University vs non-University travel behavior. Mr. Kashayin said the UTS information is in the model.

There was a small discussion for clarification purposes that followed the presentation.

**Motion/Action:** Jason Espie made a motion to adopt the demographics as provided. Tommy Safranick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

UPWP FY2027 Development (Minute 30:00)

Taylor Jenkins presented the draft FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She presented the background and purpose of the UPWP. She noted that the FHWA and FTA primarily fund the UPWP.

She said there is a total of \$756,749.86 between federal, state and local funds.

She continued explaining the funding by tasks that include Program Administration, Long Range Transportation Planning (LRTP), and Short-Range Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance.

She reviewed some of the highlights of the FY26 UPWP so far including the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan completion, the RTP and CARTA, Safety Performance Targets, the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), Smart Scale (in progress), and the CA-MPO Travel Demand Model (in progress).

She noted that there has also been the development and submission of several applications, and there is also participation in the STARS and Pipeline studies.

Ms. Jenkins said there will be ongoing and continued activities including MPO administration, Smart Scale coordination and full application submission, participation in STARS and Project Pipeline studies, annual adoption of performance safety targets, continued work on the TDM study, and development and submission of other grant applications.

She said there will be best practices and benchmarking incorporated into administration, shore range, and long range sections of the UPWP. There will be benchmark policies, performance measures, and implementation strategies from peer MPOs. She said they will identify best practices in data management, public involvement, and project prioritization, and prepare recommendations and draft revised procedures to incorporate findings.

She reported that the LRTP 2050 and the FY27-20 TIP data will also be covered in the next UPWP.

She said there will also be consideration of the feasibility of a bicycle and pedestrian counting program.

Ms. Taylor presented the next steps and the approval timeline.

There was a brief question and answer and feedback session at the end of the presentation.

**5. VDOT PROJECT UPDATES (MINUTE 42:22)**

STARS and Pipeline Studies

Chuck Proctor did not have an update on the studies.

Sandy Shackelford said there was a public meeting on the STARS project with about 25 attendees. She said there were an additional 20 comments online. Those public comments are open until February 5, 2026.

**6. STAFF UPDATES (MINUTE 44:07)**

Ms. Jenkins said there is a written staff update in the agenda packet for your review. She said the Federal Fiscal Operation report is included in that packet with a link to the TJPDC website.

Mr. Jenkins reported that the SS4A grant with UVA and Honda was not awarded. There was a debrief meeting on that application and Mr. Gjorgjievski sent out updates on that meeting.

M. Jenkins said that CTAC's future will be discussed at the next Policy Board meeting.

Ms. Jenkins noted that there are shared written updates about other ongoing projects that are in the agenda packet.

**7. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES (MINUTE 47:20)**

Ben Chambers reported the City is working on scoping a city-wide mobility program. They will be trying to get an RFP out by June. He said Tommy Safranik is working on the e-Bike voucher program. This year they are working on more of a tier approach for different voucher levels for different income levels. Lower income levels will be getting vouchers for \$1,500. The City is currently running the eBike lottery.

Mr. Chambers said CAT is working on expansion of services for Route 2 for connections to the jail and the Mill Creek shopping center.

Tanya Swartzendruber introduced Jessica Dimmick, Principal Transportation Planner, replacing Jessica Hersh-Ballerling. Ms. Dimmick gave a brief background on her experience.

Ms. Swartzendruber said they are going to be launching their multi-modal transportation plan and once the scope is in place, they will be collecting their existing conditions and information.

She said they are working closely with VDOT to look at their Smart Scale applications and giving input on the STARS and Pipeline studies. Their revenue sharing applications for next year include Freebridge promenade and the feasibility of Moore's Creek Greenway.

Sara Pennington said December and January were spent on creating grant applications for DRPT. She said they are working on website redesign and next year she will be rebuilding RideShare's employer database.

Sandy Shackelford did not have anything else to report.

Mitch Huber, DRPT, said their grants have closed and they have begun scoring. He said to be on the lookout for emails about those in the future.

Mr. Chambers said CAT is working through their budget for the next fiscal year.

Jason Espie said Jaunt hired a COO. They also hired a Chief of Operations and a Senior Director of Operations as well as a Communications Manager. They are currently updating their scheduling and dispatch software. He said they are starting with a pilot of mobility on demand in Greene and for ADA in the City of Charlottesville. He said they applied for a DRPT demo grant for expanding mid-day service in Fluvanna and Louisa as well as a fixed route commuter service from Greene County to urbanized Albemarle and Charlottesville.

Bill Palmer reported UVA is continuing construction in the Ivy corridor. He said the North Grounds parking garage is going up quickly and it is going to be a hub for parking, bus stops, bike parking, etc. He said construction at Fontaine continues with the hope that the garage will become an employee garage.

**7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None**

Next meeting April 7, 2026. Mr. Jenkins said she is looking to schedule a special meeting for the Policy Board to discuss Smart Scale projects. She said she would let committee know what date that will be.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Chambers adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.