



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda February 21, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

1. Call To Order
2. Election of Interim Chair and Vice Chair
3. Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2018 Meeting\*
4. Public Comment
5. Nominating Committee Appointment (Board Memo #19-1)
6. HRMPO Letters of Support to FTA 5310 Grant Applicants (Board Action Form #19-1)\*
7. MAP-21 Safety Performance Targets (Board Memo #19-2)
8. Draft HRMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) & Title VI Plan Amendments (Board Memo #19-3)
9. Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update (Board Memo #19-4)
10. FY 2019 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-5)
11. Presentation – *US 33 (Market Street) STARS Study*, Brad Reed, VDOT Assistant District Planner
12. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
13. Other Business
  - a. I-81 Legislation
  - b. SMART SCALE
14. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, March 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, March 21, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
15. Adjournment

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**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
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✓ Reggie Smith	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	✓ Zach Beard, CSPDC
✓ George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
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Stephen King	✓ Bradford Dyjak, Rockingham	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg
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<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ William Bushman, Hurt & Proffitt
✓ Susan Smith	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
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✓ Randy Kiser	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

**Call to Order**

The February 21, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mr. Dennis Driver.

**Election of Interim Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Driver presented Election of Interim Chair and Vice Chair. He stated that since the Chair and Vice Chair of the HRMPO were no longer members, it became necessary to elect an Interim Chair and Vice Chair to fill their unexpired terms. Mr. Driver noted that the positions were formerly held by Rick Chandler and Ted Byrd respectively, and their terms expire June 30, 2019. He stated that the Chair and Vice Chair must be elected officials, both offices cannot be filled with representatives from the same

locality at the same time, and the county and towns are considered to be one locality. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to nominate Mr. Dennis Driver for the office of interim Chair, and Mr. Sal Romero for the office of interim Vice Chair. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Chair Driver introduced and welcomed new members: Mr. Sal Romero, representing the City of Harrisonburg; Mr. Casey Armstrong, representing Rockingham County; and Ms. Susan Smith, representing the Town of Dayton.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Driver presented the minutes from the December 20, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Dyjak moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Chair Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### **Nominating Committee Appointment (Board Memo #19-1)**

Chair Driver presented Appointment of the Nominating Committee. Ms. Cundy noted that the current terms of the Chair and Vice Chair expire June 30, 2019. She stated that in order to provide for the election of officers, a Nominating Committee is needed. The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Chair, consists of three voting and/or nonvoting members of the Policy Board. Ms. Cundy stated that the Nominating Committee shall report its recommendations to the Policy Board, and elections shall be held before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chair Driver appointed the following to serve on the Nominating Committee: Mr. Eric Campbell, City of Harrisonburg; Mr. Stephen King, Rockingham County; and Mr. Randy Kiser, VDOT.

### **HRMPO Letters of Support to FTA Section 5310 Grant Applicants (Board Action Form #19-1)**

Chair Driver presented HRMPO Letters of Support to FTA Section 5310 Grant Applicants. Mr. Howard stated that the HRMPO is required to approve a Transit Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that identifies all federal transportation funds that will be expended in the HRMPO region. He noted that the FTA Section 5310 grant program provides funding for transportation for the elderly and persons with disabilities through local non-profit organizations. Valley Program for Aging (VPAS), The Arc of Harrisonburg-Rockingham, and Friendship Industries are making applications to the FTA



Section 5310 program to support operating costs and to purchase new vehicles for human service and mobility in the region. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to endorse the FTA Section 5310 applications as follows and include the grants in the HRMPO Transit TIP if awarded:

- VPAS is requesting funds in the amount of \$88,774 to support the operating costs of their Senior Transportation program, and to purchase three vehicles to replace older vehicles for a total cost of \$155,000, with a match of \$31,000.
- The Arc is requesting funds to purchase two new vehicles for a total cost of \$90,000, with a match of \$18,000.
- Friendship Industries is requesting funds to purchase two new vehicles for a total of \$130,000, with a match of \$26,000.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **MAP-21 Safety Performance Targets (Board Memo #19-2)**

Chair Driver presented MAP-21 Safety Performance Targets. Ms. Cundy stated that in accordance with MAP-21, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) set final rulemakings for National Performance Measures for Safety Performance in March 2016. She noted that the safety targets must be updated annually, and the HRMPO's deadline to set its own targets or concur with the State's targets is February 27, 2019. Ms. Cundy stated that as with the 2018 targets, staff recommends concurring with VDOT's 2019 statewide targets (HRMPO letter of concurrence with State DOT Safety Targets attached to file copy). She noted that VDOT has revised the target-setting methodology and recommended a set of targets for the state which the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved in August 2018. Ms. Cundy stated that instead of using a five-year rolling average to calculate the statewide targets for the coming year, the Commonwealth Transportation Board adopted targets based on an annual trendline.

#### **Draft HRMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Title VI Plan Amendments (Board Memo #19-3)**

Chair Driver presented the Draft HRMPO PPP and Title VI Plan Amendments for review. Mr. Howard gave a review on the PPP and Title VI Plan, noting that all MPOs are required to have a PPP that provides citizens with complete information, timely public notice, and full access to key decisions and opportunities for early and continuing involvement in the transportation planning process. He stated that the HRMPO's Title VI Plan was updated in 2016 to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and related statutes regarding nondiscrimination and environmental justice. Mr. Howard reviewed the next steps, noting that the PPP and Title VI Plan Amendments will be presented to the

TAC at their March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and to the Policy Board at their March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to be released for the 45-day public comment period, with final approval at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Policy Board meeting.

#### **Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update (Board Memo #19-4)**

Chair Driver presented the Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update. Mr. Howard gave an update on the Port Republic Road Corridor Study, noting that the Study addresses operational and safety issues at multiple intersections along the corridor between South Main Street and Devon Lane. He stated that the consultants have completed the VisSim traffic simulation models, which test the outcomes of specific treatments to determine their effectiveness. Mr. Howard noted that the public meeting that was scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> on the Port Republic Road Corridor Study was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for March 11, 2019, from 5:00 to 7:00, in the City Council Chambers, Harrisonburg City Hall, Harrisonburg. He noted that the consultants will deliver the final presentation to the Policy Board at their April meeting.

#### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-5)**

Chair Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of January 31, 2019 (attached to file minutes). She noted that the draft FY20 UPWP will be presented at the March meeting.

#### **Route 33 (East Market Street) STARS Study Presentation**

Mr. Brad Reed, VDOT Assistant District Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Route 33 (East Market Street) Strategically Targeted and Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) Study. He reviewed the STARS program goals, noting that the objective of the STARS Program is to develop comprehensive, innovative transportation solutions to relieve congestion and solve critical traffic and safety challenges throughout the commonwealth. Mr. Reed reviewed the project purpose, study area, crash pattern analysis, and the preferred alternatives. He stated that the existing safety and traffic operational issues in the project area were identified and reviewed with a goal of developing improvements to maximize vehicular mobility through minimizing congestion and delay, reducing crashes and improving access management. Mr. Reed stated that in addition to these general improvement objectives, the study proposes improvement alternatives for 2025 conditions by addressing operational enhancements and capital improvement projects in the project study area. Mr. Reed reviewed the next steps for project recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding the alternatives and recommendations for improving access management, including the configuration of

uncontrolled crossovers, and the impact of commercial entrances on safety and capacity.

### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update**

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Komara reported on several construction and sidewalk projects in the HRMPO area and SMART SCALE projects. He noted that the Route 11 bridge project at Exit 257 will be advertised in March, with construction to begin late summer, and reported on the Route 704 realignment improvement project. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting that on January 15, 2019, the Secretary of Transportation's staff presented a preliminary funding scenario for SMART SCALE. He noted that the projects for the Staunton District proposed for funding total \$6.5 million, and for Round 2, \$9.3 million. Mr. Reed reported on the SMART SCALE Round 3 Feedback and Lessons Learned. He stated that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) is requesting input on lessons learned through Round 3 of the SMART SCALE process. Mr. Reed noted that this feedback will help to continue to improve various elements of the process for future rounds, and the results of the survey are anonymous. He stated that the deadline for the survey closes at 5:00 p.m. on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy gave an update on the I-81 Improvement Plan. She stated that following the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (CTB) approval of the I-81 Improvement Plan, state legislators along the corridor submitted matching Senate and House bills to implement tolling to fund \$2.2 billion in projects identified in the Improvement Plan. Ms. Cundy noted that on January 31, 2019, the Virginia House and Senate each submitted substitute bills to replace the bills introduced on January 15<sup>th</sup>, removing all language regarding tolling to fund improvements to I-81. She stated that the new bills would direct the CTB to establish an I-81 committee to review the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan adopted in December as it relates to funding options and to report back to the General Assembly by December 15, 2019, with funding recommendations. Ms. Cundy noted that part of the committee's review of funding options would include conducting regional public meetings and seeking input from the public and stakeholder organizations. She stated that the committee would include the chairs of the five Planning District Commissions in the I 81 Corridor.



### **Upcoming Meetings**

Chair Driver announced that the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on March 7, 2019, and the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on March 21, 2019. He reminded everyone of the public open house on the Port Republic Road Corridor Study that is rescheduled for March 11, 2019, from 5:00 to 7:00, in the City Council Chambers, Harrisonburg City Hall, Harrisonburg.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Kiser, for adjournment at 4:20 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



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6. Draft FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (Board Memo #19-6)
7. HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Pipeline (Board Memo #19-7)
8. FY 2019 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-8)
9. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
10. Other Business
  - a. I-81 Legislation
  - b. Strasburg to Broadway Rails to Trails
  - c. Port Republic Road Public Open House
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  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, April 4, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
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### Call to Order

The March 21, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Dennis Driver.

### Approval of Minutes

Chair Driver presented the minutes from the February 21, 2019, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Comment

Chair Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### **Election of Officers**

Chair Driver presented for consideration Election of Officers. He stated that the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Chair at the last meeting, consisted of Mr. Eric Campbell, Mr. Stephen King, and Mr. Randy Kiser. Ms. Riedesel reported on the Nominating Committee's Recommendation for Officers. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, for Mr. Dennis Driver to serve as Chair, and Mr. George Hirschmann to serve as Vice Chair for the next two years, effective July 1, 2019. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **HRMPO Public Participation Pan (PPP) and Title VI Plan Amendments Release to Public Comment (Board Action Form #19-2)**

Chair Driver presented the HRMPO PPP and Title VI Plan Amendments for review. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the PPP and Title VI Plan. She noted that input was requested from the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on the two documents at their January 3, 2019 meeting. The TAC recommended changes to the PPP regarding additional language to address direct mailing in the case of area studies with impacts to adjacent landowners, as well as clarifying the time required for members of the public to request accommodation for sign language, LEP, or limited vision interpretation services or materials. Ms. Cundy stated that the Title VI Plan and the PPP incorrectly referenced each other in minor places and these inconsistencies have been clarified, as well as clarifying that the Title VI Manager for the HRMPO is a CSPDC staff person. Ms. Cundy stated that staff has incorporated these changes into the two documents. Mr. Dyjak moved, seconded by Mr. Kiser, for the HRMPO Policy Board to release the draft PPP and Title VI Plan amendments for the 45-day public comment period. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Draft FY20 Unified Planning Work Program Review (Board Memo #19-6)**

Chair Driver presented the Draft FY20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Riedesel gave a brief review on the Draft UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She stated that the draft UPWP details the administrative and planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year, and the federal, state, and local funds to be used for these activities. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the estimated budget for FY20 and the FY19 budget for comparison and then reviewed the next steps. She noted that the FY20 UPWP will be presented to the TAC at their April 4, 2019, meeting for recommendation to the Policy Board at their April 18, 2019 meeting to release the FY20 UPWP to public comment, and then following public comment, it will be presented to the Policy Board for final approval at their May 16, 2019 meeting.

### **HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Pipeline Update (Board Memo #19-7)**

Chair Driver presented HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project pipeline update. Ms. Cundy stated that the purpose of the pipeline is to update and revise regional non-motorized safety needs and develop a list of strong candidate projects for the 2019 TA and HSIP application cycle, which would be a valuable resource in developing grant applications in the fall of 2019. She noted that the HRMPO is focusing on bicycle, buggy, and pedestrian safety. HRMPO staff will perform a review of the MPO, City, and County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan projects; develop a regional safety needs assessment for non-motorized transportation; and work with the VDOT Traffic Safety Division to develop a pipeline of competitive projects for the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) FY 2021 application cycles. Ms. Cundy reviewed the work elements and next steps, noting that staff will send the final list to the TAC for review in April or May 2019.

### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-8)**

Chair Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of January 31, 2019 (attached to file minutes), noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

### **SMART SCALE Application-I-81, Exit 247 and US 33 (Market Street) Improvements**

Chair Driver presented for consideration an additional agenda item regarding SMART SCALE Round 3 application for I-81 Exit 247 and US 33 (Market Street) improvements. Ms. Cundy presented a letter to Mr. Dixon Whitworth, Commonwealth Transportation Board, regarding Project #4027 which would fund improvements to I-81 Exit 247 and US 33 (Market Street) in the City of Harrisonburg (attached to file minutes). Mr. Hartman gave a review on the improvements, noting that the project addresses safety, congestion and access challenges at this interchange and will ensure the safety and functionality of this corridor for all modes of transportation. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to submit the letter to Mr. Dixon Whitworth, CTB Board member, requesting the CTB to fund this project in the FY20 Six-Year Improvement Program through the SMART SCALE Statewide High Priority Fund. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **Agency Updates**

### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update**

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Kiser announced that the Commonwealth of Transportation Board (CTB) will hold its spring public hearing on May 2, 2019, at Blue Ridge Community College, at 4:00 p.m., and a VTrans public hearing will be held earlier at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Short stated that invitations will be sent out soon regarding the Highway Automation Summit in the district to be held on April 15, 2019, at Blue Ridge Community College.

Mr. Komara reported on several construction and realignment projects in the HRMPO area and on revenue sharing projects. He noted that the Mauzy bridge project, Route 11, will be advertised in March, with construction to begin in the summer. Mr. Komara reported on the public hearing that was held on March 20, 2019, at Turner Ashby High School, regarding proposed improvements for the section of Route 682, Friedman's Church Road, in Rockingham County, noting that it was well attended.

### **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Under DRPT update, Mr. Sonenklar reported on the transit capital project prioritization process, noting that it's in the final stages of scoring. He reported on DRPT staff changes, noting that Wood Hudson will be taking over his responsibilities on the HRMPO in May. Mr. Sonenklar reported on Virginia Breeze, noting that ridership decreased for the month of February 2019, which was down from the months of December and January, but was an increase from February 2018. He reported on an intercity bus study, noting that public hearings on the study will be held in Ashland on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., and in Lynchburg on March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.

### **Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)**

Mr. Smith reported on HDPT activities, noting that HDPT will be looking into the need for bus replacement. Mr. Eshelman reported on the route study, noting that HDPT is working with James Madison University (JMU) regarding services provides by HDPT for immediate and long-term future city routes.

## **Other Business**

### **I-81 Legislation**

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy gave an update on the I-81 Improvement Plan. She stated that the Governor is expected to sign HB 2718 that creates the I-81 Improvement Program, Improvement Fund, and an I-81 Advisory Committee to the Commonwealth Transportation Board later this month. Ms. Cundy noted that the Committee will include state delegates and senators, as well as the five Planning District Commissions Board Chairs, who represent localities along the Interstate 81 corridor.

### **Strasburg to Broadway Rails to Trails**

Ms. Cundy reported on the Strasburg to Broadway Rails to Trails initiative. She stated that town mayors, trail advocates, and state, regional and local government staff gathered in Woodstock on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to create a vision for a 36-mile trail that would link eight towns following a discontinued rail line between the Town of Strasburg in Shenandoah County and the Town of Broadway in Rockingham County. Ms. Cundy stated that the CSPDC is partnering with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission to support the effort.

### **Port Republic Road Public Open House**

Ms. Cundy reported on the Port Republic Road Corridor Study public meeting that was held on March 11, 2019. She stated that the meeting was well attended and those in attendance were very supportive of the project. Ms. Cundy stated that the draft study will be presented to the Policy Board at their May 16, 2019 meeting.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Ms. Riedesel announced that the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) workshops will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Culpeper, at 10:00 a.m. She stated that the workshops are recommended for localities that are interested in applying for TA funding in the fall of 2019.

Chair Driver announced that the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on April 4, 2019, and the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on April 18, 2019.

Chair Driver announced that Mr. Smith was retiring from the City of Harrisonburg as the Transit Director and this was his last meeting. On behalf of the HRMPO, Chair Driver expressed his



appreciation to Mr. Smith for his outstanding leadership and notable service to the HRMPO and the City of Harrisonburg, and to the citizens of Harrisonburg.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, for adjournment at 4:05 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



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  - a. VTrans Workshop 3:00-4:00 PM, and VDOT Spring Meeting, 4:00-6:00 PM, April 22, 2019, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, VA.
  - b. 2019 Transportation Set-Aside Program (TAP) Applicant Workshop, Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., VDOT Culpeper District Office Auditorium, 1601 Orange Road (Route 15), Culpeper, VA 22701
  - c. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, May 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
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The April 18, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Driver.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Driver presented the minutes from the March 21, 2019, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.



### **Public Comment**

Chairman Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### **Draft FY20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Board AF#19-3)**

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the Draft FY20 UPWP. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the Draft UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She stated that the draft UPWP details the administrative and planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year, and the federal, state, and local funds to be used for these activities. Ms. Cundy reviewed the FY20 annual allocation for PL (highway) and FTA 5303 (transit) funding, and the FY19 allocations for comparison. She stated that the draft UPWP was presented to the TAC at their March 7, 2019 meeting, and their comments have been incorporated into the document. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Dyjak, to release the Draft FY20 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Port Republic Road Safety and Operations Study Presentation**

Chairman Driver presented the Port Republic Road Safety and Operations Study Presentation. Mr. Howard and Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Study. Mr. Howard gave a brief background on the Study, noting that the Study began in October 2018. He reviewed the purpose, study area, needs, and safety analysis for the Study. Mr. Reed reviewed the operational analysis of the Study, the 2018 existing model development, procedure, findings, and development; and the recommendations and cost for each project. Mr. Howard reviewed the results, travel time comparison, number of stops and delay comparisons, and projected future (2030) pm peak hour anticipated speed maps. Ms. Cundy noted that it is the jurisdiction's decision as to which recommendation to pursue. She then reviewed the next steps, stating that the Study will be presented to the HRMPO Policy Board for acceptance at their May 16, 2019 meeting. Ms. Cooper expressed her appreciation to VDOT and HRMPO staff for all their work on the Study.

### **HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Pipeline Update (Board Memo #19-9)**

Chairman Driver presented HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Pipeline Update. Mr. Howard gave an update on the pipeline, noting that HRMPO staff are performing a review of the MPO, City, and County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan projects, developing a regional safety needs assessment for non-motorized transportation, and working with the VDOT Traffic Safety Division to develop a pipeline of

competitive projects for the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) FY21 application cycles. He reviewed the work elements and next steps, noting that once a list of candidate sites has been developed, MPO staff will share preliminary findings with the localities and the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition to validate the analysis, and seek potential solutions. Mr. Howard noted that staff will use this process to identify strong projects for the TA and HSIP Project Pipeline and begin developing countermeasures and cost-estimates. He stated that projects being considered for TA will be prioritized in order to meet the July 1, 2019, pre-application deadline.

### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-10)**

Chairman Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of February 28, 2019 (attached to file minutes), noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Komara announced that VDOT's spring meeting will be held on April 22, 2019, at Blue Ridge Community College, at 4:00 p.m., and a VTrans workshop will be held earlier at 3:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the members present to have Chairman Driver speak on behalf of the HRMPO at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mr. Komara reported on several construction projects in the HRMPO area. He noted that the Route 11 four-lane project was moving forward with the design; the Mauzy bridge project was put out to bid and bids will be reviewed at the end of May; and gave an update on the Dayton project on Route 701.

Mr. Short reiterated that the VTrans workshop will be held on April 22, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Community College, with the VDOT spring meeting following. He expressed the importance of attendance at the meetings and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Short reported on I-81 legislation and presented copies of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Fund and Program presentation by Nick Donohue, Deputy Secretary of Transportation (attached to file minutes).

#### **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Under DRPT update, Mr. Hudson reported on Virginia Breeze, noting that ridership continues to be very strong, especially in the Harrisonburg area for the last quarter with departures making up 40%



of the total trips, and southbound destinations trips making up 29%. He reported on the Six-Year Improvement Program, noting that it was available on DRPT's website. Mr. Hudson announced that DRPT has hired a new Transportation Planning Manager, who will start employment on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)**

Mr. Gatobu reported on HDPT activities, and bus usage and maintenance. He reported on a meeting with HDPT and James Madison University (JMU) regarding services provided by HDPT for immediate and long-term future city routes.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Chairman Driver announced the following upcoming meetings:

- a. VTrans Workshop at 3:00 p.m. and the VDOT Spring Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on April 22, 2019, at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave.
- b. 2019 Transportation Set-Aside Program (TA) Applicant Workshop to be held on April 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the VDOT Culpeper District Office Auditorium in Culpeper.
- c. HRMPO TAC meeting on May 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
- d. HRMPO Policy Board meeting on May 16, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Dyjak moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, for adjournment at 4:10 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda May 16, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2019 Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. 2019 Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment (Board AF #19-4)\*
5. 2019 Title VI Plan Amendment (Board AF #19-5)\*
6. FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Board AF #19-6)\*
7. Port Republic Road Safety and Operations Study (Board AF #19-7)\*
8. FY 2019 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-11)
9. Presentation: ShenTel Gigabit Cities Initiative, Brian Shull, City of Harrisonburg Economic Development Director
10. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
11. Other Business
12. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, June 6, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, June 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment

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**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
**May 16, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

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<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	Lee Eshelman, JMU	Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
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✓ Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Jonathan Howard, CSPDC
✓ Eric Campbell	✓ Wood Hudson, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
Vacant	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Brian Shull, City of Harrisonburg
✓ Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
✓ Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	✓ Bradford Dyjak, Rockingham	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
✓ Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	✓ Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	
✓ Dennis Driver	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
✓ Susan Smith	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	Matt Dana, VDOT	
Jay Litten	✓ Terry Short, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
Randy Kiser	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
	Dan Sonenklar, DRPT	

**Call to Order**

The May 16, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Driver.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Driver presented the minutes from the April 18, 2019, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Chairman Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Sandum, Executive Director, Community Alliance for Preservation, suggested that the map in the Title IV Plan should include the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields. Ms. Cundy agreed that the Title IV Plan would be updated to include the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields on the map.

## **2019 Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment (BAF #19-4)**

Chairman Driver presented the 2019 PPP Amendment for consideration. Mr. Howard gave a review on the PPP Amendment, noting that it is a federally required document that outlines the MPOs public engagement procedures. He stated that the Policy Board approved the release of the PPP Amendment for the 45-day public comment period at their March 21, 2019. Mr. Howard noted that staff had received the following comments and each had been addressed: 1) inclusion of Old Order Mennonites under 3.1.5 - the goals of the HRMPO relative to the public participation process; 2) inclusion of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation under 4.3.5 – Coordination with Federal, State, and Local Agencies; 3) address public notice for work groups under 4.2.3 – Notice of Public Participation Activities; 4) defining local newspapers under 4.4 and 4.5 - Public Notice Requirements for Meetings and Approval and/or Amendment of Plans; and 5) correcting the spelling of HRMPO. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, to approve the 2019 PPP Amendment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **2019 Title VI Plan Amendment (BAF #19-5)**

Chairman Driver presented the 2019 Title VI Plan Amendment for consideration. Mr. Howard gave a review on the Amendment, noting that the Amendment is a federally required document that outlines compliance with federal non-discrimination regulations that impact community engagement. He stated that the Policy Board approved the release of the Amendment for the 45-day public comment period at their March 21, 2019 meeting. Mr. Howard stated that the base map in the Title VI Plan will be updated to include the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, to approve the 2019 Title VI Plan Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

## **FY20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (BAF #19-6)**

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the FY20 UPWP. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the UPWP, noting that the UPWP identifies how federal, state, and local funds will be spent on HRMPO administrative and programmatic activities during FY20. She noted that the Policy Board approved the release of the UPWP for the 21-day public comment period at their April 18, 2019 meeting, and no

comments have been received. She stated that following discussions with the HRMPO TAC at their May 2, 2019 meeting, staff has shifted \$25,000 from the Contingency to Short Range Planning in order to undertake two Small Areas Studies in FY20. Ms. Cundy reviewed the two proposed projects as follows: 1) City of Harrisonburg Downtown Enhancements Traffic Impact Analysis to provide for a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly environment; and 2) Rockingham County Boyers Road (Route 704) Urban Development Area Corridor Study to evaluate the Boyers Road corridor for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle safety enhancements and intersection improvements from its intersection with Port Republic Road and Stone Spring Road. Ms. Cundy stated that more detailed information on the two proposed studies will be presented at the HRMPO Policy Board meeting in June. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the FY20 UPWP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Port Republic Road Safety and Operations Study (BAF #19-7)**

Chairman Driver presented the Port Republic Road Safety and Operations Study. Mr. Howard gave a review on the Study, noting that a public meeting was held on March 11, 2019, at the Harrisonburg City Hall, to solicit community input on potential improvements to the corridor. He noted that the final report has addressed comments from the TAC and the Policy Board, and includes a record of all public comments in the Appendix. A question was raised regarding obligations and requirements to accommodate mobility issues when there is a pedestrian overpass. Ms. Cundy responded that when a project is being built with federal money, it is required to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance requirements for accessibility. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to accept the Port Republic Road Safety and Operations Study. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-11)**

Chairman Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of March 31, 2019 (attached to file minutes), noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

#### **Presentation on Shentel Gigabit Cities Initiative – *Brian Shull, City of Harrisonburg Economic Development Director***

Chairman Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Brian Shull, Economic Development Director for the City of Harrisonburg. Mr. Shull gave a PowerPoint presentation on Shentel Gigabit Cities Initiative. He stated that Shentel's goal is to ensure that rural communities have access to the same level of



telecommunications services as those found anywhere else in the U.S. Mr. Shull gave an overview on Shentel, noting that they are the sixth largest wireless provider in the U.S. and focuses on delivering broadband, CATV, phone, and wireless service to rural markets in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. He reviewed the initial service areas, noting that over 200 businesses are “near net” on their existing fiber facilities throughout the City of Harrisonburg. Mr. Shull reviewed the timeline, noting that construction is scheduled for June 2019, and will continue through 2020.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Short announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved modifications to the SMART SCALE funding scenario, including the addition of the U.S.-33 and Route 620 turn lane improvements in Rockingham County, and the HRMPO's Exit 247 interchange project in Harrisonburg.

Mr. Komara reported on several construction projects in the HRMPO area. He noted that the Route 11 four-lane project was moving forward; the Mauzy bridge project bids will be reviewed on May 22; reported on a secondary graveled road plan and the Route 701 Dayton project; and gave an update on I-81. Mr. Short noted that conversations regarding I-81 are progressing in a positive manner and committee meetings will begin in July. He reported on SMART SCALE and Revenue Sharing applications, noting that the SMART SCALE preapplications are due July 1, 2019.

#### **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Under DRPT update, Mr. Hudson reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting that DRPT is available to assist jurisdictions with their applications.

#### **Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)**

Mr. Gatobu reported on HDPT activities. He reported on the route study, noting that HDPT and James Madison University (JMU) are working together regarding services provided by HDPT for immediate and long-term future city routes.





### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy announced that the month of May has been designated as National Bike Month to promote public awareness of bicycle safety and education amongst cyclists and motorists.

Mr. Dyjak announced that the League of American Bicyclists designated Rockingham County as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze level. He stated that this decision involved careful review of Rockingham County's application and supplemental materials by the League of American Bicyclists, as well as consultation with local cyclists and bike advocates. Mr. Dyjak noted that this award is presented only to communities with strong commitments to bicycling.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Chairman Driver expressed his appreciation for those who attended and spoke on behalf of the HRMPO at VDOT's spring meeting that was held at Blue Ridge Community College on April 22, 2019. He also expressed his gratitude for the collaboration shown between the City and County.

Chairman Driver announced the following upcoming meetings:

- a. HRMPO TAC meeting on June 6, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
- b. HRMPO Policy Board meeting on June 20, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. King, for adjournment at 3:55 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda June 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2019 Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. FY 2020 Small Area Study Selection (Board AF #19-8)\*
5. 2040 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) Amendment (Board AF #19-9)\*
6. FY 2019 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-12)
7. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, August 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, August 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

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**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
**June 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

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20 East Gay Street  
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<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	✓ Lee Eshelman, JMU	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
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✓ Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	Jonathan Howard, CSPDC
Eric Campbell	✓ Wood Hudson, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ David Atwood, Rockingham
Casey Armstrong	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	✓ Bradford Dyjak, Rockingham	
Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	
✓ Dennis Driver	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
✓ Susan Smith	Matt Dana, VDOT	
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	Terry Short, VDOT	
Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser	Dan Sonenklar, DRPT	

**Call to Order**

The June 20, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Driver.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Driver presented the minutes from the May 16, 2019, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Chairman Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### **FY20 Small Area Study Selection (BAF #19-8)**

Chairman Driver presented for consideration FY20 Small Area Study Selection. Ms. Cundy stated that at the June 6, 2019 TAC meeting, the Committee recommended two small area/corridor study proposals for the HRMPO to pursue during FY20: 1) City of Harrisonburg Downtown Circulation Study; and 2) Rockingham County Boyers Road Urban Development Area (UDA) Corridor Study (small area study proposals attached to file copy). She gave a report on each study and reviewed the timeframe and next steps. Ms. Cundy noted that HRMPO staff will work with the City and County on developing detailed study scopes. Upon a question regarding the Small Area Study selection process, Ms. Cundy explained that through the UPWP Work Task 2.02, Short-Range Transportation Planning, the HRMPO assists member jurisdictions with short-range transportation planning studies. She stated that these studies focus on specific areas or corridors within the HRMPO region, address regional transportation issues, and provide improvement recommendations. Ms. Cundy noted that small area study recommendations are intended to advance projects to the funding program application phase. Ms. Riedesel stated that the HRMPO staff will use consultants in the CSPDC's On-Call Program to conduct these studies, which will expedite the process. Discussion ensued regarding the redistribution of traffic from reducing lane capacity in downtown Harrisonburg and how beneficial these small area/corridor studies are for future grant opportunities. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Dyjak, to approve the two proposed small area studies and implementation schedule for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **2040 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) Amendment (Board AF #19-9)**

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the 2040 CLRP Amendment. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the CLRP Amendment, noting that VDOT plans to expedite development and delivery of I-81 Improvement Program projects along the corridor. She stated that these projects will be partially federally funded, and must be included in the HRMPO's CLRP in order to receive federal funds. Ms. Cundy reviewed the following project, noting that the HRMPO's 2040 CLRP includes a placeholder for improvements to I-81, but must be amended to list the specific project identified in the I-81 Improvement Program:

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Mile Marker (from/to)</i>	<i>Improvement Description</i>	<i>Total Project Cost (PE, RW, and Construction)</i>
Harrisonburg/Rockingham County	242.2 – 248.1	Widen to three lanes from Exit 243 to Mile Marker 248	\$239,956,000

Ms. Cundy stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had reviewed the CLRP Amendment at their June 6, 2019 meeting, and recommended releasing the Amendment for the 21-day public comment period. Mr. Kiser moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to release the 2040 CLRP Amendment to public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-12)**

Chairman Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of May 31, 2019 (attached to file minutes), noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding. She stated that 36% of the funds were remaining, and these funds will be carried over to the next fiscal year. She noted that the UPWP is the spending plan for the HRMPO for FY19 and no action was required. Upon a question regarding the amount of carryover funds in comparison to previous years, Ms. Riedesel responded that she was uncertain about the exact amount from previous years, but noted that carryover funds can be used for future projects.

#### **Agency Updates**

##### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Komara reported on the following: announced that the Mauzy bridge project will begin construction on August 1<sup>st</sup>; the Fairfield bridge is scheduled to be completed in 2021; announced that a design public hearing concerning the Linville Creek Bridge on Lee Street (Route 259) in the Town of Broadway in Rockingham County will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2019, at J. Frank Hillyard Middle School in Broadway; gave an update on the Dayton bridge project on Route 701; and reported on mowing and paving projects in the area.

Mr. Reed announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) officially adopted the SMART SCALE funding scenario, including the addition of the U.S.-33 and Route 620 turn lane improvements in Rockingham County, and the HRMPO's Exit 247 interchange project in



Harrisonburg. He reported on a STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) project in the City of Harrisonburg, noting that a kick-off meeting for the STARS project will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Reed announced that the preapplications for the Transportation Alternatives and Revenue Sharing projects are due July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the final applications are due in August.

Mr. Kiser gave an updated report on I-81, noting that the I-81 Advisory Committee consists of 15 members - three members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), four members of the House of Delegates and three state senators, as well as the five Chairs of the Planning District Commissions along the I-81 corridor in Virginia. He stated that the I-81 Committee will review the list of projects to prioritize highway upgrades and will submit its recommendations to the CTB. Mr. Kiser reported that the General Assembly approved a funding package that includes an increase in the statewide diesel tax, along with an increase in the regular gas and diesel taxes in the localities that line I-81. He noted that the tax increase will take effect next month.

#### **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Under DRPT update, Mr. Hudson reported that the Six-Year Plan approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board includes a funding package for transit-related projects, both operating and capital. He noted that the Six-Year Plan can be viewed on the DRPT website for additional information.

#### **Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)**

Mr. Gatobu reported on HDPT activities. He noted that HDPT is looking at future route concepts with James Madison University (JMU), and additional park and ride lots in the area. He reported on a workshop being held in Richmond next week to assist grantees in preparing for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) triennial review, which occurs once every three years.

#### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy announced that the 2019 Harrisonburg and Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit will be held on November 1, 2019, at the Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Chairman Driver announced that the HRMPO's next TAC meeting will be held on August 1, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., and the next HRMPO Policy Board's meeting will be held on August 15, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.



## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Dyjak moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, for adjournment at 3:50 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda August 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of June 20, 2019 Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. 2040 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) Amendment (PB AF #19-10)\*
5. 2019 Federal Functional Classification Updates (PB AF #19-11)\*
6. Consideration of 2019 TAP Resolutions of Support (PB AF #19-12)\*
7. FY 2019 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-13)
8. Presentation – *HRMPO Non-Motorized Project Pipeline Needs Assessment*, Jonathan Howard, HRMPO Transportation Planner
9. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
10. Other Business
11. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, September 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment

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**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
**August 15, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

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Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
Randy Kiser	Dan Sonenklar, DRPT	

**Call to Order**

The August 15, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Driver.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Driver presented the minutes from the June 20, 2019, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## Public Comment

Chairman Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### 2040 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) Amendment (Board AF #19-10)

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the 2040 CLRP Amendment. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Amendment, noting that VDOT plans to expedite development and delivery of I-81 Improvement Program projects along the corridor. She stated that these projects may be partially federally funded, and must be included in the HRMPO's CLRP in order to receive federal funds. Ms. Cundy presented the Amendment as follows:

Jurisdiction	Mile Marker (from/to)	Improvement Description	Total Project Cost (PE, RW, & Construction)
Harrisonburg/ Rockingham County	242.2 – 248.1	Widen to three lanes from Exit 243 to Mile Marker 248	\$239,956,000

Ms. Cundy stated that the Policy Board approved the release of the 2040 CLRP Amendment for public comment at their June 20, 2019, meeting and no comments were received. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, to approve the 2040 CLRP Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2019 Federal Functional Classification Updates (Board AF #19-11)

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the 2019 Federal Functional Classification Updates. Mr. Reed and Mr. Howard gave a general overview on the 2019 Federal Functional Classification. Mr. Reed noted that it is the process by which roads, streets, and highways are grouped into classes according to the character of service they provide. He stated that due to completed construction, the VDOT Transportation and Mobility Planning Division (TMPD) has requested an interim update of the Federal Functional Classification of Stone Spring Road and its connecting roadways. Mr. Howard gave a review on the Federal Functional Classification Updates and presented as follows:

Roadway Name	Termini	Existing (2014) Classification	Proposed (2019) Classification
Stone Spring Road	From 0.35 miles north of Apple Valley Road intersection to US 33/ Spotswood Trail	Future Major Collector	Minor Arterial
Reservoir Street (North)	Fieldale Place to Stone Spring Road	Major Collector	Minor Arterial
Reservoir Street (South)	Stone Spring Road to Health Campus Road	Major Collector	Minor Collector
Apple Valley Road	Port Republic Road to Dead End	Minor Arterial	Local Access
Peach Grove Avenue	Port Republic Road to Stone Spring	Local Access	Major Collector
Beery Road/ Huffman Street	Stone Spring Road to Huffman St.	Minor Arterial	Local Access

After some discussion regarding the Updates, Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to endorse the 2019 Federal Functional Classification Updates. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Consideration of 2019 TAP Resolutions of Support (Board AF #19-12)**

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) Resolutions of Support. Mr. Howard stated that TAP applications submitted within the HRMPO area require a resolution of support from the HRMPO Policy Board. He noted that the TAP approved applicants have until October 1, 2019, to submit the resolutions with their final applications. Mr. Howard stated that the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County TAP projects are being considered for this application cycle and gave a review on each project. He noted that Rockingham County has applied for the Garbers Church Road Bike-Buggy Lane, which will design and construct paved, 8-foot wide lanes on both sides of Garbers Church Road from VA 42 (John Wayland Highway) to Erickson Avenue, approximately 0.6 mile in length. He stated that the project will improve the safety, mobility, and access of non-motorized travelers in the region by filling an essential gap in the County's bike/buggy lane network. Mr. Howard gave a review on the City of Harrisonburg's project, noting that the City has applied for the North Main Street sidewalk project that will install 0.35 mile of new sidewalk, with associated curb and gutter and drainage improvements, on the east side of North Main Street from Holly Hill Street to Vine Street/Mt. Clinton Pike. He stated that the project closes a gap between existing sidewalk and a funded SMART SCALE project that will construct a sidewalk to connect housing in the County to the City limits. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, to endorse the Resolutions of Support for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) projects within the HRMPO. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-13)**

Chairman Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of June 30, 2019 (attached to file minutes), noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding. She stated that 34% of the funds were remaining in the FY19 budget, and these funds will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

### **Presentation – HRMPO Non-Motorized Project Pipeline Needs Assessment, Jonathan Howard, HRMPO Transportation Planner**

Mr. Howard gave a PowerPoint presentation on the *HRMPO Non-Motorized Project Pipeline Needs Assessment*. He noted that the purpose of the Needs Assessment is to update and revise regional

non-motorized safety needs, and develop a list of strong candidate projects for 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) application cycles. Mr. Howard stated that the Needs Assessment uses the latest 2013-2018 crash data and contains a publicly available ArcGIS online web app for bicycle and pedestrian crashes. He reviewed the HRMPO pedestrian and bicycle crash density analysis on each project. Mr. Howard stated that he would like to present the Needs Assessment to the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition and include their input.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

Mr. Reed gave an update on VDOT's Strategically Targeted and Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) project in the City of Harrisonburg. He stated that South Main Street (Route 11) is a major arterial route with observed operational issues at the intersection of Erickson Avenue/Stone Spring Road, which has several major left turning movements, as well as existing safety concerns on the corridor extending to the south. The City of Harrisonburg has also established through a land development traffic study that there will be future operational and safety issues at the intersection of Erickson Avenue and Pear Street that may not be adequately resolved with signalization. Mr. Reed noted that the project will evaluate operational and safety conditions and identify short- and long-term improvements for a segment of South Main Street from Mosby Road to Stone Spring Road/Erickson Avenue, and will evaluate and perform preliminary design work for the conceptual treatment developed by the City of Harrisonburg for the Erickson Avenue and Pear Street intersection. He stated that the City of Harrisonburg will be providing a public survey for feedback regarding travel conditions and potential options for improvement. Mr. Reed noted that the project is scheduled to be completed in March 2020.

Mr. Komara reported on the following: stated that the Mauzy bridge project over Route 11 that began construction in August is moving along; announced that the Fairfield bridge project is scheduled to be completed in 2021; announced that the Dayton bridge project on Route 701 has been completed; and reported on upcoming paving projects on Interstate 81.



### **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Under DRPT update, Ms. Cundy reported on behalf of DRPT. She announced that DRPT has completed the Virginia Breeze Expansion Study. Ms. Cundy stated that the Study identified two additional routes as high priority corridors: 1) a connection from Danville to D.C. via Lynchburg and Charlottesville; and 2) a connection from Martinsville to Richmond. She noted that DRPT is looking to begin service in the summer of 2020. Ms. Cundy noted that a copy of the Intercity Bus Study will be available on DRPT's website shortly. Also under DRPT update, Ms. Cundy stated that DRPT is working with the CSPDC in examining the Afton Express Transit Service concept from Augusta County, Staunton, and Waynesboro to Charlottesville. She stated that DRPT will be working closely with the CSPDC on the study and managing the consulting contract with Kimley Horn. Ms. Cundy noted that additional details will be made available as the study moves forward.

### **Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)**

Mr. Gatobu reported on HDPT activities. He reported that James Madison University (JMU) freshmen start back to school next week, as well as area public schools. Mr. Gatobu noted that HDPT is working with JMU regarding HDPT provided services for city routes. He stated that the route study focuses on evaluating HDPT's JMU routes, new campus development, projections on the future of the region's transit market, general mobility trends, and other planned initiatives that affect HDPT routes. Mr. Gabotu noted that HDPT has received input from JMU riders, prepared marketing materials, and is ready to implement the routes.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Driver welcomed and introduced Angela Lawrence, new Town of Dayton Town Manager who will represent the Town of Dayton on the HRMPO.

Ms. Riedesel gave an update on I-81. She reported on the I-81 Advisory Committee that was held on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Lexington, noting that it was well attended. Ms. Riedesel stated that the I-81 Advisory Committee consists of 15 members - three members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), four members of the House of Delegates and three state senators, as well as the five Chairs of the Planning District Commissions along the I-81 corridor in Virginia. She stated that at the I-81 meeting, Delegate Terry Austin, 19<sup>th</sup> District representative in the Virginia House of Delegates, was elected Chair and Senator Bill Carrico, 40<sup>th</sup> District Representative, was elected Vice Chair. Ms.



Riedesel reported that the General Assembly approved a funding package that includes an increase in the statewide diesel tax, along with an increase in the regular gas and diesel taxes in the localities that line I-81, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that for additional information and upcoming meetings regarding I-81, to visit the website at [www.VA81Corridor.org](http://www.VA81Corridor.org).

Upon a question regarding the status of the Northend Greenway project, Mr. Hartman gave an update on the project. He noted that minus pet facilities needing to be installed and a few construction items, the project is officially opened and complete. He stated that a ribbon cutting for the project is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Chairman Driver announced that the HRMPO's next TAC meeting will be held on September 5, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., and the next HRMPO Policy Board's meeting will be held on September 19, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, for adjournment at 4:10 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

**Ann Cundy**  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda October 17, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2019 Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of 2019 TAP Resolutions of Support (PB AF #19-13)\*
5. FY 2019 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-14)
6. Presentation – *I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Updates*, Jeff Lineberry, VDOT Staunton District, Transportation and Land Use Director
7. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. CTB Fall Transportation Meeting, October 28, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, 1400 East Market Street in Harrisonburg
  - b. 2019 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit Friday, November 1, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg
  - c. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, November 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
  - d. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, November 21, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

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\*Action needed

**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
**October 17, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

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20 East Gay Street  
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<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	✓ Lee Eshelman, JMU	Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Sal Romero	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Jonathan Howard, CSPDC
Eric Campbell	✓ Wood Hudson, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Kim Sandum, Shenandoah Alliance
Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
✓ Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	Bradford Dyjak, Rockingham	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	✓ Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Tom Hoy, Harrisonburg Citizen
✓ Dennis Driver	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
Angela Lawrence	✓ Susan Smith, Dayton	
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	Terry Short, VDOT	
Jay Litten	✓ Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser	Dan Sonenklar, DRPT	
	Matt Dana, VDOT	

**Call to Order**

The October 17, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Driver.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Driver presented the minutes from the August 15, 2019, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.



### **Public Comment**

Chairman Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### **Consideration of 2019 TAP Resolutions of Support (Board AF #19-13)**

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) Resolutions of Support (attached to file minutes). Mr. Howard stated that in 2018, the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Bridgewater applied for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants. However; in 2019, VDOT announced that the HSIP program was suspended, and no awards were made in the final FY20 Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Mr. Howard noted that in September 2019, VDOT announced that localities with HSIP awards in the draft FY20 SYIP for projects also eligible for the TAP program would be permitted to apply to TAP past the regular pre-application deadline. He stated that the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Bridgewater submitted TAP applications that require resolutions of support from the HRMPO Policy Board for the following projects:

- **City of Harrisonburg** - Mr. Howard explained that the Federal Street Improvements project will convert Federal Street from a 2-way local street into a one-way street between East Water Street and East Market Street to provide space for a separated bicycle and pedestrian path on the west side of the street; will replace a sidewalk on the east side; and install high visibility crosswalks.
- **Town of Bridgewater** - Mr. Howard explained that the Riverwalk Phase II project will construct a 10-foot pedestrian and bicycle path that is approximately 950 feet in length through Bridgeview Park, a crosswalk connecting Riverwalk Phase II with an existing sidewalk on West Bank Street, and an 8-foot pedestrian and bicycle path along a portion of West Bank Street.

Mr. Howard stated that the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the two TAP projects at their October 3, 2019, meeting and recommended that the Policy Board endorse the resolutions. Mr. Banks moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, to endorse the Resolutions of Support for the TAP projects within the HRMPO. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-14)**

Chairman Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Mr. Howard reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of August 31, 2019 noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

## **Presentation – I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Updates, Jeff Lineberry, Transportation and Land Use Director, VDOT Staunton District**

Chairman Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Jeff Lineberry, Transportation and Land Use Director for VDOT, who was present to give an update on the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan. Mr. Lineberry presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Virginia Interstate 81 Corridor Update. He reported on the public input meetings that have been held and feedback from the public. Mr. Lineberry reviewed the I-81 Operational Improvements Plan Summary, the improvements and estimated implementation and annual O&M cost, and the number of projects and total cost by type and district. He reviewed Governor Northam's amendments to both HB2718 and SB1716; statewide and regional revenues; truck registration fees; and regional fuels, road, and diesel tax. Mr. Lineberry stated that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) must annually update and adopt the 81 Corridor Improvement Program starting July 1, 2020, and establish an I-81 Committee. He noted that the purpose of the I-81 Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the CTB and shall review the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan as it relates to project prioritization and funding options. Mr. Lineberry stated that the I-81 Advisory Committee consists of 15 members - three members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), four members of the House of Delegates and three state senators, as well as the five Chairs of the Planning District Commissions along the I-81 corridor in Virginia. He stated that the first meeting of the I-81 Committee was held on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Lexington, and the second meeting was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Natural Bridge. Mr. Lineberry noted that additional information can be found on the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the I-81 websites.

Mr. Howard announced that Mr. Dustin Rinehart, Director, State and Local Government Affairs, The Port of Virginia, is scheduled to attend the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting to discuss freight planning.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

Mr. Komara stated that the Mauzy bridge, a \$12.4 million project over Route 11 that began construction in August is ahead of schedule with a completion date of December 2020; and the Massanetta Springs Road SR 687 Improvement project is completed. He reported on several other upcoming and ongoing construction projects and scheduled paving projects in the area. Mr. Komara announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Fall Transportation Meeting will be held on October 28, 2019, starting at 3:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel in Harrisonburg. Mr. Kiser stated that the meeting



will include information and changes to the SMART SCALE process, Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan and Needs Assessment, and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). He noted that comments will be accepted at the meeting.

Mr. Reed emphasized the importance of the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan and Needs Assessment information and changes that will be presented at the CTB Fall Transportation meeting. He reported on the proposed changes to the SMART SCALE process and adjustments to the timeline. Mr. Reed gave an update on VDOT's Strategically Targeted and Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) project in the City of Harrisonburg, noting that the project will evaluate operational and safety conditions and identify short- and long-term improvements for a segment of South Main Street from Mosby Road to Stone Spring Road/Erickson Avenue, and will evaluate and perform preliminary design work for the conceptual treatment developed by the City of Harrisonburg for the Erickson Avenue and Pear Street intersection. He stated that a public survey for feedback regarding travel conditions and potential options for improvement was provided and was highly successful, with 222 responses received. Mr. Reed stated that a public meeting regarding the STARS project will be held later in December.

### **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Under DRPT update, Mr. Hudson gave an update on transit statewide asset management performance measures for participating transit agencies and reviewed the timeline. He reported on public transportation safety plans on several upcoming webinars and public meetings regarding the MPO 5303 program to discuss general requirements and transit webinars for 5307 and 5311 recipients.

### **Other Business**

Chairman Driver reported on the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that was held on September 17, 2019, at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton. He noted that it was well attended and the program was very informative.

Chairman Driver stated that he will be attending the CTB Fall Transportation meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> and ask for any suggestions on any particular projects he should present to the Board.



## **Upcoming Meetings**

Chairman Driver announced the following meetings:

- Commonwealth Transportation Board Fall Transportation Meeting, October 28, 2019, 3:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel in Harrisonburg;
- 2019 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit Friday, November 1, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg;
- HRMPO TAC Meeting, November 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.; and
- HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, November 21, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Kiser moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, for adjournment at 4:18 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda November 21, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2019 Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of FY 18-21 TIP Amendment Release to Public Comment (PB AF #19-14)\*
5. Consideration of 2020 Meeting Calendar (PB AF 19-15)\*
6. FY 2020 Safety Performance Targets (Board Memo #19-15)
7. FY 2020 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-16)
8. Harrisonburg Bike-Walk Summit Report – Kyle Lawrence, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, Executive Director
9. Presentation – *Port of Virginia Updates*, Dustin Rinehart, The Port of Virginia, Director of State and Local Government Affairs
10. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
11. Other Business
12. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, December 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, December 19, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment

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## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes November 21, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

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✓ Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	✓ Bradford Dyjak, Rockingham	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
✓ Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Dustin Rinehart, Port of VA
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC
✓ Dennis Driver	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ Patrick Wilcox, Rockingham Co.
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
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Randy Kiser	Dan Sonenklar, DRPT	
	Matt Dana, VDOT	

### Call to Order

The November 21, 2019, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Driver.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Driver presented the minutes from the October 17, 2019, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Ms. Wolfe-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Chairman Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### **Consideration of FY18-21 TIP Amendment Release to Public Comment (PB AF #19-14)**

Chairman Driver presented for consideration the FY18-21 TIP Amendment. Mr. Howard gave a review on the TIP Amendment, noting that VDOT has programmed several I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan projects into the FY20 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) after the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved recommendations from VDOT and the I-81 Advisory Committee. He noted that one project in the Staunton District to widen northbound and southbound I-81 lanes to three lanes from mile marker 242 to 248 must be included in the HRMPO's TIP in order to be eligible to receive federal funds. Mr. Howard stated that the Amendment will add \$22 million to the FY20 Preliminary Engineering Phase and \$10 million to the FY21 Right-Of-Way phase under the Construction: Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements Grouping category. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, to release the Draft FY18-21 TIP Amendment for the 21-day public comment period, and conditionally approve the Amendment pending no public comments received. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Consideration of 2020 Meeting Calendar (PB AF 19-15)**

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the 2020 meeting calendar for the HRMPO Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the schedules, noting that a public notice for the 2020 meeting calendar will be published in local newspapers and posted on the HRMPO website, in accordance with the HRMPO Public Participation Plan. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the 2020 HRMPO Policy Board and TAC meeting calendar. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **FY20 Safety Performance Targets (Board Memo #19-15)**

Chairman Driver presented the FY20 Safety Performance Targets. Mr. Howard presented the HRMPO letter of concurrence with State DOT Safety Targets (attached to file minutes). He stated that in accordance with MAP-21 and FAST Act legislation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) set final rulemakings for National Performance Measures for Safety Performance in March 2016. Mr. Howard stated that safety targets must be updated annually, and the HRMPO's deadline to set its own targets or concur with the State's targets is February 27, 2020. He reported on the number and rate of



fatal crashes, serious injury crashes, and bicycle and pedestrian crashes. Mr. Howard responded to a question raised regarding the purpose of setting a target and what it accomplishes, noting that the targets fulfill the FHWA final rulemaking for National Performance Measures for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) target setting requirements. Mr. Reed stated that the Safety Performance Targets are required by federal law and explained the need for the targets and the process in tracking the number for each performance measure. Mr. Howard noted that as with the 2019 targets, staff recommends concurring with VDOT's 2020 statewide targets. He stated that there is no penalty for missing the targets.

### **FY19 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #19-16)**

Chairman Driver presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of September 30, 2019, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

### **Harrisonburg Bike-Walk Summit Report – Kyle Lawrence, Executive Director, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition**

Chairman Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Kyle Lawrence, Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition. Mr. Lawrence gave a report on the Harrisonburg and Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit that was held on November 1, 2019, at the Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg. He noted that the keynote speaker was Mr. Colin Hughes, head of Bikes and Scooter Policy for JUMP and Uber. Mr. Lawrence reviewed the purpose of the Summit and the goals and guidelines that was discussed at the Summit. He thanked the MPO for its support of the Bike-Walk Summit. Chairman Driver stated that the Summit was very well organized and attended and expressed his appreciation to everyone who was in attendance.

### **Presentation – *Port of Virginia Updates*, Dustin Rinehart, Director of State and Local Government Affairs, The Port of Virginia**

Chairman Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Dustin Rinehart, Director of State and Local Government Affairs of The Port of Virginia. He noted that Mr. Rinehart played a major role in securing the full funding from the Virginia General Assembly for the Norfolk Harbor Project, which will ensure Virginia remains one of the few ports that can welcome the largest container vessels calling on the U.S. East Coast. Mr. Rinehart gave a PowerPoint presentation on The Port of Virginia, noting that to remain competitive, ports must be able to move cargo safely, swiftly, and sustainably inside and outside their gates. He stated that



The Port of Virginia received \$15.5 million in federal grant dollars to double rail capacity at the Virginia Inland Port, add equipment, and build a new highway bridge grade separation. Mr. Rinehart reported on expanding businesses, creation of jobs, annual compensation which are linked to port activity across their six terminals, and the unlimited possibilities The Port of Virginia has to offer. He stated that The Port of Virginia is the third largest port on the east coast and the growth at the port will grow freight throughout the entire transportation system in the Commonwealth. Mr. Rinehart noted that by including The Port of Virginia within the updated LRTP, the MPO can address the needs of freight in the region and better prepare for economic growth.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)**

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Komara reported on: the Mauzy bridge, a \$12 million project over Route 11, noting that the project is ahead of schedule; the Massanetta Springs Road SR 687 Improvement project; several scheduled paving projects in the area; the preparation of snow removal; and announced that bids are being received for bike and buggy lanes in Dayton. He announced that a public hearing on the Route 33 (East Market Street) bridge replacement project and shared use path Interstate 81 Exit 247 ramp operations project in Harrisonburg will be held on December 12, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center in Harrisonburg.

Mr. Reed gave an update on VTrans 2045 mid-term needs, noting that VTrans is Virginia's Multimodal Transportation Plan that identifies statewide transportation needs. He stated that the VTrans mid-term needs will serve as a screen for projects applying for consideration under SMART SCALE, including the next round (Round 4) and the public comment period is open until November 30, 2019. Mr. Reed reported on the SMART SCALE application process, noting that VDOT is available to assist the jurisdictions if needed.

#### **Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on Virginia Breeze ridership, noting that it was performing very well; solicitation of bids for two expansion routes; and the upcoming grant season for transit agencies that opens in December and continues until February 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)**

Mr. Eshleman reported on the revised transit bus routes and schedules. He gave an update on bus ridership, noting that ridership has increased 12 percent from this time last year.

**Other Business**

Several HRMPO Policy Board members expressed their appreciation and gratitude to VDOT for all their help and assistance to the jurisdictions in the area.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Chairman Driver announced that the HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on December 5, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.; and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on December 19, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, for adjournment at 4:10 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie S. Riedesel*

Bonnie S. Riedesel  
HRMPO Secretary/Treasurer