



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
January 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Meeting by ZOOM Video Conference

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the December 16, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. FY2023 FTA 5310 Applications (Board Memo #22-1)
5. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (Board Memo #22-2)
6. FY22 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #22-3)
7. Remarks from Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Member Mark Merrill
8. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
9. Other Business
10. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, February 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, February 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

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HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
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Vacant	✓ Wood Hudson, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann, Vice Chair		Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Mark Merrill, CTB Board Member
✓ Casey Armstrong	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Kim Sandum, Shenandoah Alliance
✓ Rick Chandler	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
✓ Stephen King	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Chris Quinn, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber
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Call to Order

Due to rising COVID-19 cases, a 30-day state of emergency in Virginia was declared on January 10, 2022. In light of this emergency, the January 20, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting was conducted via video conferencing using Zoom. The January 20, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver.

Chairperson Driver introduced and welcomed new Policy Board member Mr. Rick Chandler, representing Rockingham County.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the December 16, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, with Mr. Chandler abstaining due to his being absent at that meeting.

Public Comment

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

FY23 FTA 5310 Applications (Board Memo #22-1)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration FY23 FTA Section 5310 applications. Ms. Cundy stated that the HRMPO is required to maintain a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that identifies all federal transportation funding in the MPO region. Every year, the FTA 5310 program provides federal funding for capital and operational transportation assistance for the elderly and persons with disabilities through local non-profit organizations. Ms. Cundy noted that in the HRMPO, there are two non-profit organizations, Pleasant View Inc. and Way to Go, applying for assistance under the program in FY23 and gave a review on each project. She stated that FTA 5310 applications do not require a financial commitment from the MPO. Ms. Cundy noted that DRPT and the providers request that the MPO include the 5310 projects in the HRMPO TIP if the applications are funded.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update (Board Memo#22-2)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Mr. Ranjan gave an update on the 2045 LRTP Scope of Work, noting that the HRMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) must be updated every five years. He reported on the Travel Demand Model (TDM), noting that HRMPO staff has submitted final Land Use and Sociodemographic data to VDOT for development of the TDM 2045 scenario, developed existing conditions maps, and begun implementation of Phase I of the Public Engagement Plan. Mr. Ranjan stated that staff: developed the 2045 control totals with socioeconomic data for MPO member jurisdictions and submitted the final dataset to VDOT; is reviewing all relevant plans and data that provides essential background information on land use, development trends, economic development, tourism, and multi-modal transportation needs; and is presenting a draft set of maps to the Working Group at their January 18, 2022 meeting.

Ms. Cundy reported on the Public Engagement Plan. She noted that staff issued a Notice to Proceed to CSPDC On-Call Consultant Kimley Horn and sub-consultant Avid Core to assist with this task, as well as provide assistance with project scoring. Ms. Cundy stated that staff and Avid Core are implementing Phase I of the Plan, including MPO assessment, developing an online visioning survey and webinar, stakeholder communications, and scheduling local elected body briefings. She noted that the community priorities identified in the survey will be used to determine which transportation projects are considered, and to develop the evaluation criteria for projects. Ms. Reed raised a question regarding various ways to communicate to citizens who do not have access to technology, and language interpretation services. Ms. Cundy responded that the MetroQuest survey is mobile device friendly and comments can be submitted in writing. She stated that staff is also looking into language translation availability as well.

FY22 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #22-3)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of December 31, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

Remarks from Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Member Mark Merrill

Chairman Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Mark Merrill, CTB member. Mr. Merrill expressed his appreciation to the HRMPO members for their service to the Commonwealth. He stated that there was a lot going on in the Commonwealth of Virginia, especially regarding transportation and reviewed the highlights of the major topics. Mr. Merrill reported on the upcoming and outgoing political roster of Cabinet appointees by newly-elected Governor Youngkin. He reported on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and gave a review on construction allocation funds and revenue sharing, noting that the revenues are coming in more favorably than forecasted, and on the fiscal standpoint, there was nothing but good news. Mr. Merrill reviewed the rails to trails initiatives that would convert out-of-service railroads into multi-use recreational trails, noting that the CTB has been supportive for the trails. He reported on safety initiatives, noting that the number of fatalities and serious crashes did not decrease over the past year, and there was an initiative underway to try and reduce the number of fatalities on Virginia's highways by 2 percent a year for the next 20 years. Mr. Merrill reported on other items of interest from the CTB regarding climate change, economic development, and funding allocated for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). He noted that updated information on

various projects on I-81 can be viewed on <https://improve81.org>. On behalf of the HRMPO, Chairperson Driver expressed his appreciation to Mr. Merrill for his attendance on the Zoom meeting and for his presentation, and for his hard work and dedication to the region.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed announced that a public meeting for a transportation planning study concerning Route 33 (Spotswood Trail) in Rockingham County will be held on February 3, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Spotswood High School. The study is part of the Route 33 Arterial Management Plan, which focuses on Route 33 between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton. Study team members including VDOT Staunton District staff, area leaders, and project consultants will be present to gather public opinion. He gave an update on the Project Pipeline Program study in the City of Harrisonburg on U.S. 11, from Pleasant Valley Road to Mosby Road, noting that a MetroQuest survey will be posted on February 14th to gather feedback on the project.

Mr. Komara reported on the following: Route 720 Smithland Road bridge project, noting that it went to advertisement on January 11th; gave an update on Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County; announced that the flash, speed limit and no parking signs will be installed next week on Route 11 in Mt. Crawford; gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project, noting that it will be going to advertisement in February or March; and reported on snow removal in the HRMPO area.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson gave an update on the upcoming transit grant cycle, noting that grant applications are due on February 1, 2022; and announced that SMART SCALE preapplications will begin in March. He stated that DRPT staff was available if any jurisdictions needed assistance on their applications.

Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman gave an update on the upcoming and ongoing activities of the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works as follows: The Friendly City Trail shared-use path project, which consists of sidewalk and shared-use path improvements along Garbers Church Road, and between



Garbers Church Road and Westover Park is nearing completion; University Boulevard relocation project, scheduled to hold a design public meeting in April; preparation of upcoming SMART SCALE projects in the City of Harrisonburg; and reported on new design and road configuration projects in the area.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on February 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on February 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, 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
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda February 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

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5. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (Board Memo #22-5)
6. Presentation: *“Preparing for the Next Dimension of Mobility”* – Lisa Peterson, VP of Business Development, [Airspace Link](#)
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Call to Order

The February 17, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the January 20, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board Zoom

meeting. Mr. Chandler moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

MAP-21 Safety Targets (Board Memo #22-4)

Chairperson Driver presented the MAP-21 Safety Targets. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Map-21 Safety Targets, noting that the safety targets must be updated annually, and that the HRMPO must set its own targets, or concur with the State's targets, by February 27, 2022. The State's safety targets are set by VDOT, using trend data from the last four or five years. She stated that as with the past years' targets, staff recommends concurring with the statewide 2022 targets, noting that the HRMPO has no direct power to impact the trends, and that there is no penalty for not meeting the targets. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investments (OIPI) projections for fatalities, serious injuries, non-motorized fatalities, and serious injuries statewide. She noted that applying the statewide rate and percentage changes to the HRMPO, the MPO is currently meeting or exceeding the targets.

Ms. Cundy suggested that staff submit the letter to VDOT concurring with the statewide safety targets for 2022. She suggested one possible activity to consider in this coming Fiscal Year would be to request that the HRMPO undertake a regional highway safety plan in collaboration with VDOT's central office trafficking engineering division in an effort to address these safety trends. Ms. Cundy noted that the study's recommendations would be a set of strategies focused on the particular kinds of crashes that this region is experiencing. After discussion, Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Chandler, to support the recommendation to propose a regional highway safety plan with VDOT to address regional safety trends. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update (Board Memo#22-5)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Mr. Ranjan stated that in the past month, staff has drafted the existing conditions chapter of the document and mapped the socioeconomic characteristics and transportation systems by reviewing all relevant data on development trends, economic development, and multi-modal



transportation systems. He noted that a draft set of maps was presented to the Working Group at their January 18, 2022, meeting, and the Existing Conditions chapter of the LRTP will be presented to the Working Group at their March 8th meeting. Ms. Cundy reported on the Public Engagement Plan, noting that staff and Avid Core are implementing Phase I of the Public Engagement Plan. She reported on the MetroQuest survey that will close on March 2, 2022, noting that to date, 143 surveys have been received. Ms. Cundy stated that staff, along with Avid Core, has produced an animated video on the LRTP update process and a free webinar was held on February 16th. She noted that staff has conducted five local elected body briefings regarding the LRTP update and the survey. Mr. Ranjan reported on the next steps, noting that after presenting the draft Existing Conditions chapter to the Working Group on March 8th, staff will begin evaluating multi-modal transportation needs. He noted that Avid Core will conduct a midpoint evaluation of the survey to assess if it is reaching the targeted audience. Once the survey is complete, Avid Core and MPO staff will prepare and send stakeholder follow-up communications, analyze the survey results, and prepare media updates for visioning survey results.

Presentation: “Preparing for the Next Dimension of Mobility” – Lisa Peterson, Vice President of Business Development

Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Ms. Lisa Peterson, Vice President of Business Development, Airspace, who was present to give a presentation on “*Preparing for the Next Dimension of Mobility.*” Ms. Peterson in turn introduced Mr. Cory Baker, Director of Business Development for Airspace, who was also present. She presented a PowerPoint presentation, noting that Airspace’s vision is to create a world where the safe integration of drones fuels human progress, advancing social equity, the environment, and the economy. Ms. Peterson stated that Airspace is looking at drones for movement of packages and is working with the FAA and state governments to pave the way for these new opportunities. She noted that Airspace has developed a public-private partnership with the FAA to support operators and recreational drone pilots to fly safely and compliantly with the current regulations, providing authorization to fly with controlled airspace, and routing tools to increase situational awareness and safety when planning flights. Ms. Peterson stated that for communities and public safety departments looking to set up drone operations for government use, Airspace can provide support with the management and safety tools needed to get started. Questions were raised regarding the timeline for drones in the HRMPO area and safety issues. Ms. Peterson stated that being a drone pilot offers a new area of career opportunity. She noted that there is also a push for more United States-based drone manufacturing, which is another way this growing field will provide new jobs.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed gave an update on SMART SCALE, noting that the smart portal opened for preapplications on March 1st and must be submitted by April 1st in order to be eligible to submit a full application. He noted that a pre-application training will be held on February 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Reed reported on a public meeting for the transportation planning study and public surveys regarding the Route 33 project in Rockingham County. He gave an update on the MetroQuest survey for the VDOT Project Pipeline Program Study on South Main Street in the City of Harrisonburg, from Pleasant Valley Road to Mosby Road.

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Mr. Kiser announced that VDOT will be hosting a Spring Six-Year Program public meeting at 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2022, at Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu reported on the following: FY23 Capital, Operating, and Technical grants, noting that the applications were submitted to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) before the February 1st deadline; gave an update on the Feasibility Study for Microtransit; and reported on the upcoming Triennial Review, which is one of FTA's management tools for examining grantee performance and adherence to current FTA requirements and policies.

Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman gave an update on a roadway reconfiguration study of Gay Street and Mt. Clinton Pike that the City of Harrisonburg and VDOT are working on and are currently collecting traffic count data and forecasting growth for both roadway segments. He reported on an Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) grant to study roadway reconfigurations on Garber's Church Road and two



segments of West Market Street, as well as performing a City-wide connectivity study that will assist in updating the City's Transportation Improvement Plan in the future. Mr. Hartman gave an update on the University Boulevard relocation project; and timing plan changes to the Reservoir Street corridor between Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and Stonewall Drive.

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Director of Transportation



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6. FY22 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #22-7)
7. Presentation: Harrisonburg Downtown Master Plan — Andrea Dono, Executive Director, Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance
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Draft FY23 UPWP to Release for Public Comment (Board Action Form#22-1)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the Draft FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the Draft UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She noted that the FY23 UPWP maintains the work elements and funding allocations from the FY22 UPWP to fund staff hours and a consultant contract to complete the 2045 LRTP update. She reviewed the funding allocations for FY23 and the previous year. Ms. Cundy noted that to align the HRMPO's work with a revised set of federal Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs), new language was added under several work elements from the updated PEAs. She stated that the HRMPO TAC reviewed the draft FY23 UPWP at their April 7, 2022 meeting, and recommended that the Policy Board release it for 21 days of public comment. Ms. Lawrence, moved, seconded by Mr. King, to release the Draft FY23 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update (Board Memo#22-6)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the LRTP, noting that staff has developed a Summary Report on the Phase 1 Public Input Survey to share with the HRMPO and the public. She stated that the report documents who responded to the survey, their identified needs and priorities, and describes how the MPO will use the survey input to develop and prioritize projects in the Plan in subsequent phases. Ms. Cundy reported on the next steps, noting that the LRTP Working Group will meet in May to finalize a draft Framework Document for defining the Universe of Projects in the Plan, and assemble data sets to define multi-modal transportation needs. She noted that Phase 2 of public involvement is anticipated mid-summer 2020.

FY22 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #22-7)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of February 28, 2022, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

Presentation: Harrisonburg Downtown Master Plan – Andrea Dono, Executive Director, Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance and Brian Shull, Harrisonburg Economic Development Director

Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Ms. Andrea Dono, Executive Director of the Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance and Mr. Brian Shull, Economic Development Director for the City of Harrisonburg. Ms. Dono and Mr. Shull were present to give a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Harrisonburg Downtown Master Plan. Ms. Dono gave a review on the Master Plan, noting that the City of Harrisonburg and Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance launched Harrisonburg Downtown 2040, a community-driven plan for downtown Harrisonburg. She stated that the final plan is now available and can be reviewed on the City of Harrisonburg's website. Ms. Dono stated that Downtown 2040 is the result of a community-driven process designed to learn from residents, business owners, community leaders, employees, developers, tourists, and others about their ideas and concerns regarding Downtown for the next two decades of growth and change in Downtown Harrisonburg. Mr. Shull reported on how the Plan addresses the key issues facing Downtown including housing, transportation, economic development, arts and culture, parking, zoning, parks, development opportunities, events, and programming. He reviewed the public input process. Mr. Shull noted that downtown 2040 is a guiding document to inspire change and form lasting partnerships to make real improvements in Downtown over the next 20 years. Some discussion ensued regarding how downtown can play a key role in providing more housing for a wider mix of incomes; repurposing a travel lane for cyclists; and the issues with the removal of a travel lane.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting that the smart portal closed April 1st and 56 preapplications were received. He noted that the smart portal for full applications will open June 1st and full applications are due August 1st. Mr. Reed reported on the Route 33 Arterial Management Plan, which focuses on Route 33 between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton, noting that a final draft document was available. He gave an update on Phase II

of the Project Pipeline Program Study in the City of Harrisonburg on U.S. 11, from Pleasant Valley Road to Mosby Road, noting that the project was moving into Phase III.

Mr. Komara reported on several construction projects in the area as follows: gave an update on Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it was moving along very well and construction was scheduled to be completed by winter of 2020; Route 720 Smithland Road bridge project, noting that seven bids were received; reported on a shoulder widening safety project on Route 259 outside of the HRMPO area; and announced a public hearing to be held on May 24th at the Staunton District office for the widening of I-81 from mile post 221 to 225 in Augusta County.

Mr. Kiser gave an update on the proposed improvements to the Interstate 81 interchange ramps and replacement of the Route 33 bridges over Interstate 81 and the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, which is approximately a \$50 million project. He announced that VDOT will be hosting a Spring Six-Year Program public meeting at 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2022, at Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education. Mr. Kiser stated that this was a great opportunity for each locality to highlight their transportation projects to be added to the Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP).

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Mr. Hudson introduced and welcomed Grace Stankus, who will be representing DRPT on the HRMPO. Ms. Stankus gave an update on FTA's Discretionary Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs, noting that applications are due May 31, 2022. She noted that DRPT is available to provide assistance to localities with their applications. Ms. Stankus reported on DRPT's rediscovery ride initiative, noting that the initiative is to reach individuals who stopped using public transportation or are hesitant to use the service because of COVID-19. She noted that the initiative's goals are to strengthen public confidence in transit service and to increase ridership on public transportation. Ms. Stankus stated that marketing materials are available on DRPT's website, as well as available funding for additional marketing efforts.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu reported on the following: gave an update on the Feasibility Study for Microtransit, noting that request for quotes for the study have been advertised; reported that HDPT is getting ready for James Madison University's (JMU) graduation which is scheduled for May 13-14th; reported that



HDPT plans on hiring additional full-time transit bus drivers in the fall; and reported on upcoming state and federal audits this summer.

Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman noted that Harrisonburg Public Works has approximately 33 active construction projects in the area. He gave an update on the University Boulevard relocation project; various construction projects in the area; SMART SCALE projects; and reported on the Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study in the City of Harrisonburg.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on May 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on May 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Kiser moved, seconded by Mr. King, for adjournment at 4:40 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda May 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 836 6956 6255 ** Passcode: 077520 **** Dial In: 301-715-8592**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 21, 2022, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the FY23 UPWP (Board Action Form #22-2)*
5. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update (Board Memo #22-8)
6. HB 444 Changes to FOIA for Virtual Meetings (Board Memo #22-9)
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, June 2, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, June 16, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
May 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Bill Yates, JMU	Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Sal Romero	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
Vacant	Grace Stankus, DRPT	
Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
George Hirschmann, Vice Chair		Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
✓ Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
Rick Chandler	✓ Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Kyle Lawrence, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition
✓ Stephen King	✓ Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Dylan Nicely, Rockingham
Town of Mt. Crawford	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Mark Merrill, CTB Member*
✓ Dennis Driver, Chair	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ Shane McCabe, VDOT*
Town of Dayton	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
✓ Angela Lawrence	Christa Hall, Dayton	
Town of Bridgewater	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT*	
Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
VDOT	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser*	Matt Dana, VDOT	
	Wood Hudson, DRPT	
Zoom Participants*		

Call to Order

The May 19, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the April 21, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Approval of the FY23 UPWP (Board Action Form#22-2)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the FY23 UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She stated that the Policy Board released the draft FY23 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period at their April 21, 2022, meeting and no comments were received. Ms. Lawrence, moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the FY23 UPWP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update (Board Memo#22-8)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the LRTP. She reviewed the Project Development Framework, noting that the Framework Document outlines how LRTP projects are identified, screened, and scored for the Fiscally-Constrained and Vision Lists in the LRTP document. Ms. Cundy stated that staff conducted a preliminary project screening to determine whether projects from the 2040 LRTP and recent study recommendation meet a VTrans need. She noted that the VTrans need screening results will be confirmed in June. Ms. Cundy stated that Avid-Core has developed a draft action plan for Phase 2 of public engagement for the LRTP update. She stated that Phase 2 will focus on the draft projects to be scored and prioritized in the 2045 LRTP. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that HRMPO staff, LRTP Working Group, Kimley Horn, and Avid Core will spend the remainder of May and June finalizing the Phase 2 public engagement deliverables, and finalizing the strategies and schedule for public engagement activities.

HB 444 Changes to FOIA for Virtual Meetings (Board Memo #22-9)

Chairperson Driver presented the HB 444 Changes to FOIA for Virtual Meetings. Ms. Cundy stated that the General Assembly has passed, and the Governor has signed HB444 into law, which will allow electronic meetings for appointed bodies like MPOs. She noted that these electronic meeting provisions can only be used for two, or 25 percent of the public body's meetings per year, whichever is greater and will take effect September 1, 2022. Ms. Cundy stated that according to the new law, HRMPO is eligible to hold up to three meetings virtually each year. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the members present for staff to present a recommendation to the Policy Board at a future meeting with suggested dates and additional guidance on public notice for holding virtual meetings in accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan.

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

Mr. Mark Merrill, CTB Board member, was in attendance to give an update on CTB's activities. He reported on CTB membership, noting that the Board consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor. He gave an update on budget negotiations between the House and Senate and the Governor regarding a proposed variety of tax cuts, including suspending a scheduled increase in the gas tax, elimination of statewide grocery tax, doubling the standard deduction for state income tax, and tax rebates from the States surplus budget. Mr. Merrill gave an update on the Six-Year Improvement Program, noting that spring meetings were conducted by the nine districts across the state soliciting public comment. He expressed his appreciation for all those who attended the spring meetings, noting that feedback was generally positive. Mr. Merrill reported on: SMART SCALE Round 5 and the methodology for scoring eligible projects; highway safety concerns and increase of fatalities in Virginia; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) safety concerns; impact of increased operation costs; improving and expanding passenger and freight rail throughout Virginia; reported on the expansion of Exit 300 southbound I-66 ramp; announced a public hearing on June 28th regarding the widening of Interstate 81 Harrisonburg-area widening on Exits 243 and 247; and funding for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications. On behalf of the HRMPO Policy Board, Chairperson Driver expressed his appreciation for Mr. Merrill's attendance and updates.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Komara gave an update on Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it was moving along very well; Route 720 Smithland Road and Town of Broadway bridge projects; reported on the Six-Year Improvement Program public meeting that was held on May 9, 2022, at Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center; announced a public hearing to be held on May 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Staunton District office for the widening of Interstate 81 from mile post 221 to 225 in Augusta County; and a public hearing for a six-lane widening project on Interstate 81 through the City of Harrisonburg on June 28th at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Harrisonburg, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE, noting that a total of 56 preapplications were submitted. He noted that the smart portal for full applications will open June 1st. Mr. Reed gave an update on the Project Pipeline Program Study in the City of Harrisonburg on U.S. 11, from Pleasant Valley Road to Mosby Road.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Cundy gave an update on DRPT. She reported that DRPT released its FY23 Draft Six-Year Improvement Program on April 20th and a copy may be viewed on the DRPT Open Data Portal. Ms. Cundy reported that DRPT is encouraging everyone to participate in Bike Month this May, promoting biking as a commuting option.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain reported on HDPT's activities as follows: gave an update on the Feasibility Study for Microtransit; reported on James Madison University's (JMU) graduation, noting that ridership was low due to limited graduation tickets; and noted that Passio Technologies was on site to upgrade, install, and implement the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on the City of Harrisonburg's transit buses to improve customer service and increase passenger ridership.

Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman announced the completion of the Friendly City Trail Shared-Used Path project, which consists of sidewalk and shared-use path improvements that provides connectivity and recreational options to people walking, jogging, and bicycling. He announced a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the



project will take place in Hillandale Park on Wednesday, May 25, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Hartman gave an update on the University Boulevard relocation project; various construction and paving projects in the area; and SMART SCALE projects.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Chairperson Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Kyle Lawrence, Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, who presented a video by Kline May Realty on the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail. He noted that the plan is to buy the defunct rail line that runs from Broadway to Front Royal, and turn it into a one-of-a-kind trail. Mr. Lawrence stated that the Shenandoah Rail Trail Partnership is an unincorporated coalition of public, private and non-profit organizations along the proposed Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail that have come together with the vision of transforming an unused single-track railroad corridor from Broadway to Front Royal into a multi-use almost 50-mile trail re-connecting communities, businesses, schools and many local cultural and historic resources. He noted that the project is still in the planning phase, but Kline May is supporting the effort as a way to improve the community.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on June 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on June 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, 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
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda July 21, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 860 3287 3025 **** **Passcode:** 015520 **** **Dial In:** 3017158592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2022, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of SMART SCALE Round 5 Resolutions of Support (Board Action Form #22-3)*
5. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update (Board Memo #22-10)
6. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Universe of Projects Release for Public Engagement Phase 2 (BAF #22-4)*
7. FY 2021-2024 TIP Administrative Modification (Board Memo #22-11)
8. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
9. Other Business
 - a. Virginia FOIA Law for All Virtual Meetings
10. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, August 4th, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, August 18, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes July 21, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Ansley Heller, CSPDC
Vacant	✓ Grace Stankus, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
Richard Baugh		Others
✓ Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
✓ Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Adam Campbell, VDOT
✓ Rick Chandler	Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Kim Sandum*
✓ Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Jakob zumFelde, Harrisonburg*
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Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
VDOT	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser	Matt Dana, VDOT	
	Wood Hudson, DRPT	
Zoom Participants*		

Call to Order

The July 21, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person.

Ms. Cundy introduced Ms. Ansley Heller, newly hired Transportation Planner for the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC).

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the May 19, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Kiser, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Approval of SMART SCALE Round 5 Resolutions of Support (Board Action Form#22-3)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration SMART SCALE Round 5 Resolutions of Support (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that SMART SCALE requires MPO Resolutions of Support for projects within the MPO boundary that are not in the MPO's Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP). She stated that in coordination with VDOT and regional planning partners, the HRMPO is submitting four applications in Round 5 for projects in the City of Harrisonburg; the CSPDC is submitting one application for a project in Rockingham County; the City of Harrisonburg is submitting four applications; and Rockingham County is submitting two applications for projects within the MPO area. She noted that each locality will pass their own resolution of support, and VDOT district planning staff will work with localities to refine cost estimates and identify economic development sites before the August 1st submission deadline. Mr. Hartman gave a brief review on the SMART SCALE applications submitted by the City of Harrisonburg, and Mr. Armstrong briefly reviewed Rockingham County's applications. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Chandler, to endorse the Resolutions of Support for SMART SCALE Round 5 applications. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update and Draft Universe of Projects Release for Public Engagement Phase 2 (Board Memo#22-10 and BAF #22-4)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update and Draft Universe of Projects Release for Public Engagement Phase 2. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the 2045 LRTP and the draft list of projects that will comprise of the fiscally-constrained (CLRP) and Vision Lists (unfunded projects) in the final LRTP. She noted that Avid Core has developed an action plan for Phase 2 of public engagement which will focus gathering public input on the draft projects to be scored and prioritized in the 2045 LRTP. Ms. Cundy stated that HRMPO staff is creating a MetroQuest Survey to gather public input on each of the draft projects. She reviewed the following upcoming public

engagements hosted by HRMPO staff: a webinar on August 16th at 7:00 p.m.; an in-person meeting on August 18th from 4:00 p.m. at Lucy F. Simms Community Center; and an in-person meeting on August 31st at 4:00 p.m. at Turner Ashby High School. Ms. Cundy stated that additionally, HRMPO staff will attend pop up events at community activities throughout Rockingham County during August and September. She reported on the LRTP Working Group's recommendations, noting that following Phase 2 Public Engagement, which closes on September 16, 2022, HRMPO staff will present public comment on the draft Universe of Projects to the TAC and Policy Board for direction prior to scoring projects. Ms. Cundy reported on the LRTP Working Group, noting that the Group met on June 21 and July 11, 2022, to review the Draft Universe of Projects (UOP), and formally recommends that the Policy Board release the draft Universe of Projects for Phase 2 Public Engagement. Mr. Chandler moved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, for the HRMPO Policy Board to release the 2045 LRTP Draft Universe of Projects for Public Engagement Phase 2. Motion carried unanimously.

FY21-FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification (Board Memo #22-11)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21-FY24 TIP Administrative Modification (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that HRMPO staff has administratively modified the FY21-FY24 TIP to reflect maintenance grouping block adjustments from the FY22-FY26 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). She noted that the modification highlights three groupings and reflects changes in funding in each category. Ms. Cundy reviewed the groupings as follows: 1) the Traffic and Safety Operations Grouping reflects changes in funding for preventative maintenance for bridges between FY21 and FY22; 2) the Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation category reflects changes in funding for STP/STBG between FY21-22; and 3) and the Preventative Maintenance for Bridges category reflects changes in funding between FY21 through FY24. She noted that no action is needed by the Board for these modifications. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that staff has submitted the modified TIP to VDOT and posted the updates on the MPO website TIP page. She stated that HRMPO staff will begin creating a new TIP document in the coming year.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT updates, Mr. Komara gave an update on the following: Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it was ahead of schedule and should be completed this winter; Route 720 Smithland Road, noting that the project should begin construction in four to



six weeks; announced that five bids were received for the construction of replacing four bridges and maximizing traffic operations and traffic flow on Route 33 and Interstate 81 at Exit 247; reported on the Town of Broadway and Fairfield in Rockbridge County bridge projects; gave an update on I-81 widening project; and reported on paving projects in the area. Mr. Komara announced that VDOT will hold a design public hearing for the construction of truck climbing lanes on Interstate 81 in Augusta and Rockingham counties, which includes interchange improvements at Exit 235 (Route 256/Weyers Cave Road) on July 27, at Blue Ridge Community College, Plecker Center for Continuing Education, Weyers Cave at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Campbell gave an update on SMART SCALE Round 5, noting that if anyone needs assistance with reviewing their applications to let VDOT know. Mr. Kiser reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting held earlier this week in Blacksburg. He announced that VDOT will be hosting the September CTB meeting at the Hotel 24 South in Staunton; and reported on newly appointed CTB members.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus noted that she was the new representative for DRPT. She gave a report on DRPT's activities as follows: noted that DRPT's transit grant recipient workshops will be held on July 28th, at 10:00 a.m.; gave an update on the Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study, noting that the plan is in final review; reported on the SMART SCALE Round 5 application period, noting that if anyone needed assistance, to please contact DRPT staff; and announced that the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC) will hold a virtual meeting on July 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu reported on HDPT's activities as follows: reported on the upcoming federal and state triannual audits, noting that HDPT had one of their state audits performed last month and it went well; reported on Passio Technologies who is scheduled to upgrade, install, and implement the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on the City of Harrisonburg's transit buses to improve customer service and increase passenger ridership; gave an update on the Feasibility Study for Microtransit; announced that HDPT is hiring additional bus drivers; and reported HDPT is looking into the possibility of purchasing electric buses.



Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman reported on construction and bridge projects in the City; gave an update on the University Boulevard relocation project, noting that the design public hearing is tentatively scheduled for September; reported on design work for the North Main Street sidewalk project; and reported on upcoming sidewalk and bike lane construction projects in the City.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Chairperson Driver presented the HB444 Changes to FOIA for Virtual Meetings. Ms. Cundy gave a brief update on HB444, which will allow electronic meetings for appointed bodies like MPOs. She noted that these electronic meeting provisions can only be used for two meetings per year and will take effect September 1, 2022. Ms. Cundy stated that she was awaiting guidance from the statewide working group on Best Practices for conducting meetings by electronic means. She stated that when she received additional information, she would bring this issue back to the Policy Board for consideration.

Also under Other Business, Chairperson Driver welcomed and introduced Mr. Richard Baugh, new representative for the City of Harrisonburg, replacing Mr. Hirschmann. He stated that due to the resignation of Mr. George Hirschmann, the office of Vice Chairperson was currently vacant. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to appoint Mr. Baugh as Vice Chairperson of the HRMPO. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on August 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on August 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.



Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Chandler moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, for adjournment at 4:15 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda September 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 871 3817 9587 ******** **Passcode:** 915471 ******** **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the July 21, 2022, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Virtual Meetings Policy (BAF #22-5)*
5. FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FY 21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications (Board Memo #22-12)
6. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (Board Memo #22-13)
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, October 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes September 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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City of Harrisonburg	Kevin Jones, FHWA	Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Sal Romero	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	✓ Ansley Heller, CSPDC
Vacant	✓ Grace Stankus, DRPT*	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
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Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
VDOT	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser*	Matt Dana, VDOT	
	Wood Hudson, DRPT	
Zoom Participants*		

Call to Order

The September 15, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the July 21, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Chandler, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Virtual Meetings Policy (BAF #22-5)

Chairperson Driver presented the FOIA Virtual Meetings Policy. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the FOIA Virtual Meetings Policy, noting that House Bill 444 permits some public bodies to hold a limited number of virtual meetings each year. She stated that the new law allows electronic meetings for MPOs to hold “all-virtual” meetings but must meet all other requirements of the FOIA law, including adoption of a policy on the holding of these meetings, which the HRMPO already has in place. Ms. Cundy noted that these “all-virtual” provisions can only be used for two, or 25 percent of the public body’s meetings per year, whichever is greater. She reviewed the HRMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP), noting that the PPP requires that the HRMPO publish a schedule of Policy Board and TAC meetings at the beginning of the calendar year, including the meeting location. The PPP requires that any meetings for which the date, time, or venue are changed, the MPO must publicly advertise the change on in the local paper of record at least seven days in advance of the meeting. Ms. Cundy noted that the TAC or Board Chair would make this decision and direct staff to publicly notice the change at least one week prior to the meeting. Mr. Chandler moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to schedule one virtual meeting for both the TAC and the Policy Board each year in the winter, and leaving the other two meetings “floating” to hold virtually to be utilized as necessary with proper notification. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications (Policy Board Memo #22-12)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY23 UPWP and FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications. Ms. Cundy reported that staff has administratively modified the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the transit portion of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She noted that the FY23 UPWP modification reflects the FY22 FTA Section 5303 carryover amount after the close-



out of the fiscal year, and an additional \$3,412 has been added to the Long Range Planning Work Element of the UPWP. Ms. Cundy reported on the FY21-24 TIP Modification, noting that the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) requested that the MPO modify the TIP to reflect the award of FTA 5307 capital funds in FY24 to install a new ITS system on all buses, replace two medium-duty buses, and seven large heavy-duty buses. She noted that staff submitted the TIP Administrative Modification to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) on September 6, 2022, and the FY23 UPWP modification to VDOT and DRPT on August 30, 2022.

HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (Policy Board Memo #22-13)

Chairperson Driver presented the HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update. Ms. Heller gave a review on the LRTP Update. She reported on Phase 2 of the Public Engagement Plan process, noting that staff has launched a MetroQuest survey to gain community input on the Draft Universe of Projects, and hosted several community events to promote the LRTP survey. She noted that to date, approximately 300 responses to the survey have been received. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that following the close of the MetroQuest survey, staff will work with Kimley Horn and the LRTP Working Group to develop a methodology for scoring projects. She stated that staff will schedule a LRTP Working Group meeting on September 29, 2022, to share a proposed methodology, revenue projections, and a summary of the survey responses.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Reed reported on the upcoming Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant applications, which receives federal and state safety funding to implement safety improvements across the roadway network in Virginia. He noted that VDOT staff is available to assist any localities on their project proposals. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting that 42 total applications were submitted in the district, totaling \$336 million, with 11 applications in the HRMPO area, totaling \$81 million in projects.

Mr. Komara reported on the following construction projects: Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it was ahead of schedule and should be completed this winter; gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project at Exit 247, noting that a preconstruction conference was held last week; Route 720 Smithland Road, noting that the project has



started construction with a completion date of next fall; reported on the Route 11 four-lane project, noting bids are anticipated to be submitted late 2023; Route 682 by Friedens Church project to remove the curb, with advertisement to be announced this fall; announced a public hearing will be held on October 19, 2022, starting at 4:00 p.m., at the VDOT Harrisonburg Residency regarding the sidewalk project on Route 11 at Harrisonburg's city limits; announced that VDOT will be hosting the September Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting at the Hotel 24 South in Staunton on September 20-21, 2022, and reported on newly appointed CTB members; reported on the status of upcoming Revenue Sharing Program projects; and gave an update on VDOT maintenance projects in the area.

Upon a question by Ms. Cundy regarding the Ready, Set, Go! Transportation Alternatives Grant Program, Mr. Reed stated that this is a pilot grant program designed to assist Virginia's smaller population, non-MPO local partners in identifying, evaluating, and reporting achievable, affordable, and targeted non-motorized improvements for a community with less than 50,000 population. He stated that if selected for funding, a consultant-led team will assist communities to prepare for their potential FY25-26 Transportation Alternatives application. These project evaluations will provide the preliminary information needed to apply for federal Transportation Alternatives funding. Mr. Reed stated that eligibility is limited to non-MPO communities with a 2020 census population of less than a population of 50,000.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus stated that DRPT is in the process of developing the Virginia Statewide Rail Plan for 2022. She announced that DRPT will be hosting a virtual public meeting on September 27, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment on the Plan.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Microtransit Feasibility Study and reported on the next steps. He reported that HDPT continues to deal with a bus driver shortage. Mr. Gatobu noted that the City has increased driver pay and offered a number of hiring incentives over the last year to try to attract more drivers, but hiring them has remained difficult. He announced that DRPT was awarded funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Clean School Bus Program and funds were used to purchase electric school buses.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works

Mr. Hartman reported on the design public hearing for the University Boulevard realignment project that was held on September 8, 2022, at the City of Harrisonburg City Council Chambers, noting that approximately 30 people attended. He noted that the survey on the proposal is still available online for comments. Mr. Hartman reported on the City of Harrisonburg's SMART SCALE projects and paving projects around the City.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Mr. King stated that he had met with the Town of Bridgewater regarding the need for a study for a long-term plan for the Dinkel Avenue (Route 257), Friedmans Church, and Mt. Crawford Avenue area. Ms. Cundy responded that the study is on the list of proposed studies in the HRMPO Small Area Study Program for FY24 and a scope of work will be developed for the study after the Long Range Transportation Plan has been completed in May 2023.

Mr. King presented for discussion the need for overnight truck parking in the area. He stated that a public hearing was held at the Rockingham County Administration Center regarding a proposed travel center to be located off Interstate 81 in Mauzy at Exit 257 interchange and was denied. Mr. King noted that one of the concerns from the public hearing expressed was the lack of truck parking. Ms. Cundy suggested inviting Mr. Andy Alden to an upcoming HRMPO meeting, who serves as the Executive Director of the Interstate 81 Corridor Coalition and Alternative Systems Research Group at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, to discuss the concern. There followed a discussion regarding the potential for expanding the number of overnight truck parking spaces at Interstate 81 rest areas in the Valley.

Also under Other Business, Chairperson Driver noted that because of upcoming anticipated departures due to members not running for reelection in 2023, the HRMPO will need to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in January 2023. He stated that as current Chairperson, he will appoint a Nominating Committee in December consisting of Mr. Stephen King, Mr. Ande Banks and Mr. Randy Kiser, and for the Committee to make their recommendations for a Chair and Vice Chair at the January 2023 HRMPO Policy Board meeting.



Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on October 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on October 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Baugh 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
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda October 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 883 6202 4095 **** **Passcode:** 591929 **** **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

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2. Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2022, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Phase 2 Update and Project Prioritization Process (BAF #22-6)*
5. Presentation: *Truck Parking in the I-81 Corridor*, Andy Alden, Executive Director, I-81 Corridor Coalition
6. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
7. Other Business
8. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, November 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, November 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
9. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes October 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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*Zoom Participants		

Call to Order

The October 20, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person. A voting member who participated by Zoom per the HRMPO Resolution (outlining electronic participation when the member is unable to attend the meeting) will provide a qualifying reason for participating electronically, which will be recorded in written form and attached to the file minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the September 15, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Baugh, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Phase 2 Update and Project Prioritization Process (BAF #22-6)

Chairperson Driver presented the HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update and Project Prioritization Process. Ms. Heller presented a PowerPoint presentation and gave an update on the Public Engagement Phase 2 for the 2045 LRTP Update, which involved several community open houses and events, a webinar, and presentations to five local elected bodies. She stated that Phase 2 centered on an online Metroquest survey, which was available in English, Spanish and Arabic, and 685 people responded to the survey in all three languages provided. Ms. Heller reviewed the survey responses and projects with the greatest number of comments, noting that respondents strongly supported pedestrian and bicycle projects, but were less supportive of innovative intersections and roundabouts. Questions were raised regarding the survey questions and responses, the efficacy of surveying regarding technical solutions, and how this feedback will be used going forward.

Ms. Cundy distributed copies of the Draft Scoring Methodology (attached to file minutes). She reviewed the draft scoring process, noting that MPO staff worked with Kimley-Horn and VDOT District Planning to develop the draft methodology for incorporating the public comment in the scoring and prioritization of projects and studies for the LRTP. The manner in which they propose to incorporate it is twofold. First, they would present all of the input, project by project, to the working group members, with every single comment and percentages of yes and no responses, as well as the number of responses. She stated that a draft scored project list is anticipated to be shared with the Policy Board in early 2023. Ms. Cundy stated that the second suggested approach to be considered is the possibility of including a bonus point in the final score for the top ten projects (in terms of the number of responses), for those that received at least 85 percent positive responses. Ms. Cundy

reviewed the next steps, noting that with Policy Board approval of the project and study prioritization methodologies, Kimley Horn will begin scoring projects, and the LRTP Working Group will prioritize the studies and whether any changes should be made to the current project list. Discussion ensued regarding the study scoring methodology and what it will be used for. Ms. Cundy stated that the project list in the LRTP could be amended and projects can be added to the Plan if needed. After discussion, Mr. Baugh moved, seconded by Mr. King, to approve both the proposed project prioritization methodology and the scoring methodologies for the 2045 LRTP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: Truck Parking in the I-81 Corridor, Andy Alden, Executive Director, I-81 Corridor Coalition

Chairperson Driver presented *Truck Parking – Issues and Opportunities* presentation. He introduced and welcomed Mr. Andy Alden, Executive Director of the Interstate 81 Corridor Coalition. Mr. Alden gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Truck Parking-Issues and Opportunities*, noting that the organization’s mission is to improve the safety and efficiency of freight and passenger movement (presentation attached to file minutes). He presented a United States and I-81 freight traffic map, noting that the 325 miles of I-81 in Virginia is within the top ten most heavily used highway freight corridors in the U.S. Mr. Alden noted that truck parking is an important issue and safety issues that stem from commercial truck parking shortages are a national concern. He stated that mitigation strategies are being developed along the corridor to address the lack of truck parking to meet demand. Mr. Alden reviewed truck-related incidents and other effects of inadequate truck parking, noting that one of the primary causes of truck accidents is drowsy drivers and discussed increased driver stress for an already at-risk population. He reviewed the impact of crashes, in particular those involving trucks, which have multiple impacts; noted that 35 percent of fatal crashes involve trucks; and stated that clearance times are typically greater than six hours. Mr. Alden reviewed areas of focus for the Coalition, such as prevention of crashes, crash management, and the application of technology. On behalf of the HRMPO Policy Board, Chairman Driver expressed his appreciation to Mr. Alden for his presentation.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Reed reported on the Growth and Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Program (GAP-TA), provided through the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), noting that the window closes October 31, 2022. He stated that this program will conduct multimodal planning within existing or planned urban development areas or growth areas, and conduct small area plans. He reported on the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) local systemic applications, noting that the window closes November 1, 2022. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE validation, noting that finalization of cost estimates will be wrapping up soon.

Mr. Komara reported on the following construction projects: Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it is scheduled to be completed this winter; Route 720 Smithland Road, noting that the project should be completed next fall; noted that the Broadway bridge project is moving along; gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project at Exit 247, noting that it is scheduled to begin in November; reported on the public hearing that was held on October 19th regarding the sidewalk project on Route 11 at Harrisonburg's city limits; and reported on I-81 projects.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus announced that DRPT has selected Zach Trogdon as the new Chief of Public Transportation, and Grant Sparks will resume his role as Director of Transit Planning. She reported on the Virginia Statewide Rail Plan, noting that DRPT hosted a virtual public meeting last week and released the draft Plan. Ms. Stankus noted that the draft plan can be viewed online on DRPT's website and will be finalized by the end of the calendar year. She gave an update on DRPT's Coordinated Human Service Mobility (CHSM Plan), noting that the CHSM Plan identifies statewide and regional gaps as well as recommendations for meeting transportation needs and improving human services transportation in Virginia for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with low income. Ms. Stankus reported on the online survey, noting that DRPT is requesting input to develop needs and recommendations about transportation preferences and use.



City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Microtransit Feasibility Study, and a strategic plan required by the state. He reported on the purchase of electric school buses and reported on the bus supply issues. Mr. Gatobu noted that the new City of Harrisonburg school is scheduled to open in 2024.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Mr. Wilmer announced that the Town of Bridgewater has taken steps in an effort to prevent speeding through the Town for safety purposes, particularly through the school zones on Virginia Route 42. He stated that the Town has entered into an agreement with Blue Line Solutions to install photo equipment to assist with speeders. Mr. Wilmer stated that Blue Line Solutions uses laser imaging technology to identify vehicles and calculate their speeds. He noted that data collected from the system will be forward to the Bridgewater Police Department to confirm the speed, tags, and vehicle prior to submitting tickets. Mr. Wilmer noted that revenue generated from violators would go to Blue Line Solutions until the equipment is paid off. He stated that the Town was not seeking to generate revenue, rather the objective is simply to incentivize people to slow down.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on November 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on November 17, 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Ms. Lawrence moved, seconded by Mr. King, for adjournment at 4:55 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda December 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Rockingham County Administration Center
20 East Gay Street
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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2022, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of the HRMPO 2023 Meeting Schedule (~~Board Action Form~~BAF #22-07)*
5. Consideration of the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Release for Public Comment (~~Board Action Form~~BAF #22-08)*
6. Consideration of the HRMPO 2045 LRTP final project list (~~Board Action Form~~BAF #22-09)*
7. Presentation: *National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program*, Erin Belt, Decarbonization Lead, VDOT
8. Agency Updates
 - ~~9~~a. VDOT
 - ~~a~~b. DRPT
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Call to Order

The December 15, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Based on the 2022 amendment to Virginia's FOIA law, the HRMPO is eligible to hold up to three meetings virtually each year. Due to inclement weather, the HRMPO December 15, 2022, meeting was held via video conferencing using Zoom.

Chairperson Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Todd Stevens, new representative for VDOT; and Mr. Neal Dillard, Town Mt. Crawford.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the October 20, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with Ms. Cooper abstaining due to her absence from the meeting.

Public Comment

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

Consideration of the HRMPO 2023 Meeting Calendar (BAF #22-7)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2023 Meeting Calendar. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Calendar, noting that staff will publish a public notice for the 2023 meeting schedules in local newspapers and post them on www.hrvampo.org in accordance with the HRMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP). She stated that changes to the date, time or location of all meetings will be posted on the website and publicly noticed in local newspapers as required by the PPP. Ms. Cundy suggested the MPO look into the possibility of revising the PPP to allow more flexibility of being able to hold all virtual meetings by Zoom when there is inclement weather, while still making sure the MPO is responsive to the public and the requirements of the State's FOIA law. Ms. Cooper stated that the Community Development Room has been reserved for the listed meetings for 2023. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, for approval of the HRMPO 2023 Meeting Calendar. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration of the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Release for Public Comment (BAF #22-8)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the FY21-24 TIP Amendment to be released for public comment. Ms. Cundy noted that VDOT and MPO staff identified two projects in the current FY21-24 TIP under "Construction: Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements" that should be ungrouped and listed as individual projects based on their scale and regional significance: 1) UPC 108810 - US 11 Valley Pike Road Improvements; and 2) UPC 116280 - I-81 Widening MM 242-248. She stated that staff will release the FY21-24 TIP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period and present the Amendment to the Policy Board for approval at the next scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Stevens, to release the FY 21-24 TIP amendment for public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Final Project List (BAF #22-9)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the 2045 LRTP Final Project List (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the final Universe of Projects (UOP) and how it was developed, noting that the final UOP includes projects from recent plans and studies, the 2040 LRTP, and from Kimley Horn's gap analysis of regional transportation deficiencies. She noted that through Phase II public engagement, the public reviewed and provided comment on the proposed projects. Ms. Cundy noted that six hundred eighty-five (685) people responded to the Phase II survey on the UOP. She stated that the projects with the highest approval rates featured improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, with safety and accessibility concerns as reasons these projects ranked so highly. Ms. Cundy stated that at their November 3, 2022 meeting, the TAC recommended that the Policy Board approve the final UOP for scoring and prioritization to create the fiscally-constrained and vision lists in the 2045 LRTP. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, to approve the final UOP for the 2045 LRTP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, Erin Belt, Decarbonization Lead, VDOT

Chairperson Driver introduced and welcomed Ms. Erin Belt, Decarbonization Lead, VDOT, who was present to give a presentation on the Virginia National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program. Ms. Belt stated that the NEVI Formula program will provide dedicated funding to States to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. She noted that the Deployment Plan, adopted September 2022, will be a living document that will be updated at least annually, and VDOT will continue its outreach strategies throughout the five-year NEVI program duration to further solicit stakeholder input, refine and adjust strategies, and evaluate whether Commonwealth and national goals are being achieved. Ms. Belt reported on NEVI charging stations, the Deployment Plan Vision and Goals, planning phases, public outreach, Virginia EV charging infrastructure, and alternative fuel corridors. She presented existing and potential AFC sites, and reviewed charging station deployment and grant program for charging and fueling infrastructure.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Komara gave an update on the following projects: reported on the inclement weather conditions that occurred today, noting that the Interstates and primary roads are clear; reported on the status of the Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that the bridge is completed; reported on the Route 720 Smithland Road, noting that the project is moving along; gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project at Exit 247, with a completion date of October 2025; reported on the Fairfield bridge project, noting that it was moving along well and should be completed next year; gave an update on the four-lane Route 11 project and meeting with property owners; reported on the public hearing that was held on October 19th regarding the sidewalk project on Route 11 at Harrisonburg's city limits; and reported on I-81 projects and suggested visiting <https://improve81.org> for updates. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE, noting that staff is progressing towards a staff recommended scenario. He stated that the CTB will hold a meeting on January 17, 2023, and will review initially funded SMART SCALE projects recommended by staff at that meeting. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE validation, noting that it will be wrapped up in December as well as cost estimates.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus report on FY24 applications for Rail Transit and Commuter Assistance, noting that DRPT is currently accepting applications. She noted that if anyone has any questions regarding the applications, to please contact her.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Microtransit Feasibility Study, noting that it was ongoing. He noted that the City of Harrisonburg public schools were out for the Holidays and will return in January, as well as James Madison University. Mr. Gatobu reported on the shortage of bus drivers.

City of Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman reported on the City of Harrisonburg's SMART SCALE projects, noting that the City has six projects that are currently under the engineering phase.



Other Business

On behalf of the HRMPO members, Ms. Cundy expressed her sincere appreciation to Chairperson Driver for his dedicated service to the Policy Board, and to the people of the region, shown during his incumbency from October 2015 to December 2022. Chairperson Driver expressed his appreciation to the HRMPO members, VDOT, and HRMPO staff for their hard work and dedication.

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Consideration of the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Release for Public Comment (BAF #22-8)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the FY21-24 TIP Amendment to be released for public comment. Ms. Cundy noted that VDOT and MPO staff identified two projects in the current FY21-24 TIP under "Construction: Safety/ITS/Operational Improvements" that should be ungrouped and listed as individual projects based on their scale and regional significance: 1) UPC 108810 - US 11 Valley Pike Road Improvements; and 2) UPC 116280 - I-81 Widening MM 242-248. She stated that staff will release the FY21-24 TIP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period and present the Amendment to the Policy Board for approval at the next scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Stevens, to release the FY 21-24 TIP amendment for public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Final Project List (BAF #22-9)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the 2045 LRTP Final Project List (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the final Universe of Projects (UOP) and how it was developed, noting that the final UOP includes projects from recent plans and studies, the 2040 LRTP, and from Kimley Horn's gap analysis of regional transportation deficiencies. She noted that through Phase II public engagement, the public reviewed and provided comment on the proposed projects. Ms. Cundy noted that six hundred eighty-five (685) people responded to the Phase II survey on the UOP. She stated that the projects with the highest approval rates featured improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, with safety and accessibility concerns as reasons these projects ranked so highly. Ms. Cundy stated that at their November 3, 2022 meeting, the TAC recommended that the Policy Board approve the final UOP for scoring and prioritization to create the fiscally-constrained and vision lists in the 2045 LRTP. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, to approve the final UOP for the 2045 LRTP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, Erin Belt, Decarbonization Lead, VDOT

Chairperson Driver introduced and welcomed Ms. Erin Belt, Decarbonization Lead, VDOT, who was present to give a presentation on the Virginia National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program. Ms. Belt stated that the NEVI Formula program will provide dedicated funding to States to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure and establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. She noted that the Deployment Plan, adopted September 2022, will be a living document that will be updated at least annually, and VDOT will continue its outreach strategies throughout the five-year NEVI program duration to further solicit stakeholder input, refine and adjust strategies, and evaluate whether Commonwealth and national goals are being achieved. Ms. Belt reported on NEVI charging stations, the Deployment Plan Vision and Goals, planning phases, public outreach, Virginia EV charging infrastructure, and alternative fuel corridors. She presented existing and potential AFC sites, and reviewed charging station deployment and grant program for charging and fueling infrastructure.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Komara gave an update on the following projects: reported on the inclement weather conditions that occurred today, noting that the Interstates and primary roads are clear; reported on the status of the Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that the bridge is completed; reported on the Route 720 Smithland Road, noting that the project is moving along; gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project at Exit 247, with a completion date of October 2025; reported on the Fairfield bridge project, noting that it was moving along well and should be completed next year; gave an update on the four-lane Route 11 project and meeting with property owners; reported on the public hearing that was held on October 19th regarding the sidewalk project on Route 11 at Harrisonburg's city limits; and reported on I-81 projects and suggested visiting <https://improve81.org> for updates. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE, noting that staff is progressing towards a staff recommended scenario. He stated that the CTB will hold a meeting on January 17, 2023, and will review initially funded SMART SCALE projects recommended by staff at that meeting. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE validation, noting that it will be wrapped up in December as well as cost estimates.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus report on FY24 applications for Rail Transit and Commuter Assistance, noting that DRPT is currently accepting applications. She noted that if anyone has any questions regarding the applications, to please contact her.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Microtransit Feasibility Study, noting that it was ongoing. He noted that the City of Harrisonburg public schools were out for the Holidays and will return in January, as well as James Madison University. Mr. Gatobu reported on the shortage of bus drivers.

City of Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman reported on the City of Harrisonburg's SMART SCALE projects, noting that the City has six projects that are currently under the engineering phase.



Other Business

On behalf of the HRMPO members, Ms. Cundy expressed her sincere appreciation to Chairperson Driver for his dedicated service to the Policy Board, and to the people of the region, shown during his incumbency from October 2015 to December 2022. Chairperson Driver expressed his appreciation to the HRMPO members, VDOT, and HRMPO staff for their hard work and dedication.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on January 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on January 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, for adjournment at 4:15 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation