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Rockingham**
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Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda July 6, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 899 3487 4939 **** **Passcode:** 050019 **** **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 6, 2023 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Election of Officers*
5. Presentation: Dayton 2023 Comprehensive Plan – Ansley Heller, CSPDC
6. Presentation: Overview of Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes– Brad Reed, VDOT
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Localities
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, August 3, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed



HRMPO TAC Minutes April 6, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Member	Alternates	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Megan Byler, Bridgewater	✓ Ann Cundy
Tom Hartman	Libby Clark, Mt. Crawford	✓ Ansley Heller
✓ Bill Blessing, Chair	Jakob zumFelde, Harrisonburg	✓ Rita Whitfield
✓ Thanh Dang	Elliot Menge, Harrisonburg	✓ Zach Beard
✓ Erin Yancey	Dan Rublee, Harrisonburg	Others
✓ Cheryl Spain	Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, Shen. Alliance
Rockingham County	Kayla Yankey, Rockingham	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC*
✓ Rhonda Cooper, Vice Chair	✓ Dylan Nicely, Rockingham	✓ Sam Styers, McCormick Taylor*
✓ Casey Armstrong	Burgess Lindsey, VDOT	✓ Shane McCabe, VDOT*
✓ Rachel Salatin	Josh Dunlap, VDOT	✓ Jeremy Mason, VDOT
Town of Bridgewater	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
✓ Alex Wilmer		
Town of Dayton		
Christa Hall		
Town of Mt. Crawford	Non-Voting Members	
✓ Bobby Taylor	Kevin Jones, FHWA	
VDOT	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	
✓ Brad Reed	Bill Yates, JMU	
✓ Don Komara	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
DRPT	✓ Valerie Kramer*	
✓ Grace Stankus*		
*Zoom Participants		

Call to Order

The April 6, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO TAC 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 and welcomed Mr. Bobby Taylor, newly appointed representative for the Town of Mt. Crawford.

Minutes

Chairperson Blessing presented the minutes from the February 2, 2022, TAC meeting. Mr. Komara moved, seconded by Ms. Spain, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Blessing opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Draft FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Release for Public Comment (TAC Action Form #23-2)

Chairperson Blessing presented for consideration the Draft FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Release for Public Comment. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the draft FY24 UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She stated that the draft UPWP details the upcoming fiscal year administrative and planning activities, as well as the federal, state, and local funding that comprises the budget. She reviewed the three changes from the FY23 activities; the FY24 FHWA PL and FTA 5303 funding allocations for the upcoming fiscal years; and FY24 UPWP Revenues and Expenditures by Federal, State, and Local Sources for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Upon a question regarding expanding the Mt. Crawford Bridgewater Study to include Oakwood Drive, Ms. Cundy responded that staff would meet with VDOT to discuss the needs, scope of work, and funding for the project. She stated that adding the project to the UPWP would not affect the current UPWP. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Dang, to recommend that the Policy Board release the Draft FY24 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Draft FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Release for Public Comment (TAC Action Form #23-3)

Chairperson Blessing presented the Draft FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Release for Public Comment. Ms. Heller gave a review of the TIP, noting that it is the region's federally-required fiscally constrained four-year programming document for all roadway and transit projects receiving federal transportation funds, requiring federal action, or deemed "regionally significant." She noted that under Federal regulations, all transportation projects and programs receiving federal funds in the MPO region shall be listed in the TIP and in the Statewide TIP. Ms. Heller stated that to be included in the TIP, a project or program must be in the HRMPO's Constrained Long Range Plan



(CLRP). She reviewed the FY24-27 TIP updates: 1) the Highway TIP, provided by VDOT and reviewed by MPO staff; and 2) the Transit TIP developed by MPO staff in partnership with the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) and human mobility service providers (FTA Section 5310 applicants). Ms. Ansley noted that staff received a request from VDOT to modify the current FY21-24 TIP to reflect maintenance grouping block adjustments from the FY22-FY26 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to recommend that the Policy Board release the Draft FY24-FY27 TIP and FY24-FY27 TIP Amendment for the 21-day public comment period. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Release for Public Comment (TAC Memo #23-2)

Chairperson Blessing presented the Draft HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Release for Public Comment. Ms. Cundy reviewed the final draft of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She noted that the Draft incorporates comments received from the LRTP Working Group. Ms. Heller stated that staff and consultants Avid Core have developed an Engagement Plan for Phase 3, which begins on April 20, 2023. She noted that the Engagement Plan focuses on sharing the draft LRTP in print at multiple locations around the region, and via using an online document reviewing platform called Filestage, which allows the public to read the LRTP and leave comments anywhere in the document. Ms. Cundy reviewed the schedule, noting that staff will host two webinars on April 25, 2023, midday and in the evening; and an in-person Open House at the Rockingham County Administration Center on May 4, 2023, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the LRTP document. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to recommend that the Policy Board release the Draft 2045 LRTP for public comment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: Mt. Crawford Comprehensive Plan and Urban Development Area Bike/Pedestrian Plan – Zach Beard, CSPDC

Mr. Beard gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Mt. Crawford Comprehensive Plan and Urban Development Area Bike/Pedestrian Plan. He noted that the Town of Mt. Crawford adopted a new Comprehensive Plan on March 13th, which is the first update since the late 1970s. Mr. Beard reported on the update process and the layout of the Plan. He reviewed the transportation-related sections and sections most pertinent for the HRMPO to reference for future projects or studies to ensure the Town's needs are addressed. Mr. Beard reviewed the Town's Bike and Ped Plan, noting that it was developed concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan through an Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) grant program called the Growth and Accessibility Program (GAP). He stated that over the past



12 months, the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) assisted the Town with developing the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Beard noted that the CSPDC also assisted the town with two companion documents, the Town-wide Bike and Pedestrian Evaluation Study; and the public engagement report, an in-depth summary of the public survey. Mr. Beard reviewed the Vision Statement, which summarizes the Town's ambition for the future and what the Town generally wants to prioritize.

Agency Updates

Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Reed announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has scheduled a public meeting on May 3, 2023, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at Blue Ridge Community College, to consider public comments on the Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program. He reported on the status of a Project Pipeline Program project on South Main Street in Harrisonburg, between Pleasant Valley Road and Mosby Road.

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Reported on widening of Interstate 81;
- Stated that the Smithland Road bridge project is moving along;
- Gave an update on the status of the Route 682 (Friedens Church Road) bridge project in Mt. Crawford;
- Gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project at Exit 247, noting that final completion is tentatively scheduled for 2026;
- Gave an update on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway;
- Reported on the Fairfield bridge project, noting that it was ahead of schedule;
- Reported on the design build project on Exits 221-225, Staunton;
- Reported on the four-lane widening on Route 11, noting that progress was continuing with the negotiations of right-of-way acquisition; and
- Reported on the status of bike and buggy lanes in Rockingham County.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus reported on the following:

- Announced that the FY24 Section 5303 applications are due May 1, 2023.



- Reported on Discover Transit Campaign, noting that DRPT is promoting Virginia's transit services this spring and fall, starting April 17, 2023. She stated that promotional materials are available on the new connectingva.org site if anyone needed additional information, to contact DRPT staff.
- Announced a new funding opportunity: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program. She stated that a new competitive grant program was created to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in places where people live and work, in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. Ms. Stankus stated that the program provides two funding categories: 1) Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and 2) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program). She noted that the applications are due by May 30, 2023.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain gave an update on HDPT activities. She noted that HDPT is currently in the process of planning their 2023 summer and fall routes. Ms. Spain stated that HDPT has filled new full-time transit driver positions and will be able to add back bus routes as a result. She reported on the kickoff meeting for the Route Design and Strategic Plan, which will provide a ten-year outlook for transit projects. Ms. Spain stated that HDPT is considering a new public transportation service which would be an on-demand real-time ride-sharing program that would provide short trips within particular zones of the City, termed microtransit. She stated that a survey is available on DRPT's website and on the buses on how microtransit can better serve the community and will be available through April 21st. Ms. Spain noted that approximately 189 responses on the survey have been received to date.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works

Ms. Yancey reported on the public open house that was held on March 30th regarding roadway reconfigurations in the City of Harrisonburg, noting that it was well attended. She stated that a Roadway Reconfiguration Public Questionnaire survey regarding reconfigurations and specific upcoming projects is available on the City of Harrisonburg's website until April 23rd. Ms. Yancey reported on speed enforcement cameras, which are expected to be in operation this summer.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Blessing announced that the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on April 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.; and the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on May 4, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.



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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ann W. Cundy", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation