



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda February 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM Only**

### **To Join Meeting Via Zoom:**

**Meeting ID:** 893 4412 4047 \*\*\*\* **Passcode:** 306573 \*\*\*\* **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the December 15, 2022, Policy Board Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. Election of Officers (BAF #23-01)\*
5. Consideration of the FY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-02)\*
6. Consideration of the Draft 2045 Fiscally-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) (BAF #23-3)\*
7. HRMPO 2023 Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Measures (Board Memo #23-1)
8. HRMPO 2023 Safety Performance Targets (Board Memo #23-2)
9. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
  - d. Localities
10. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, March 2, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, March, 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

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\* Action needed

**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
**February 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

Via Zoom Video/Audio Conferencing Call

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
✓ Laura Dent	Chelsea Beytas, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
✓ Deanna Reed	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	✓ Ansley Heller, CSPDC
✓ Dany Fleming	✓ Grace Stankus, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Bill Yates, JMU	
Ande Banks	✓ Valerie Kramer, JMU	<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
Casey Armstrong	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Adam Campbell, VDOT
Rick Chandler	Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Mark Merrill, CTB
Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Kyle Lawrence, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	✓ Christa Hall, Dayton	✓ Shane McCabe, VDOT
✓ Neal Dillard	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ Kim Sandum, Shenandoah Alliance
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Robert Taylor, Mt. Crawford	
Vacant	Wood Hudson, DRPT	
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	Brad Reed, VDOT	
Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Todd Stevens	Matt Dana, VDOT	

**Call to Order**

The February 16, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Ann Cundy, CSPDC Director of Transportation. Based on the 2022 amendment to Virginia’s FOIA law, the HRMPO is eligible to hold up to three meetings virtually each year. The HRMPO February 16, 2023, meeting was held via video conferencing using Zoom.



### **Election of Officers (BAF #23-01)**

Ms. Cundy stated that the former HRMPO Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair are no longer members of their local elected bodies, and have vacated their roles on the HRMPO Policy Board. She stated that the current voting members need to elect a Chair and Vice Chair to fill their unexpired terms. Ms. Cundy explained that the Chair and Vice Chair must be elected officials, and a City representative and a County or Town representative shall serve as either Chair or Vice Chair; however, in no case shall both offices be filled with representatives from the same locality at the same time. She noted that for the purposes of this section, County and Towns are considered to be one locality. Nominations for Chairperson were opened. Ms. Dent nominated Mr. Chandler for the office of Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Fleming. Motion was carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Chandler was unanimously elected to the office of Chairperson. Nominations for Vice Chairperson were opened. Mr. Fleming nominated Ms. Dent for the office of Vice Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Reed. Motion was carried by unanimous vote. Ms. Dent was unanimously elected to the office of Vice Chairperson.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chairperson Dent presented the minutes from the December 15, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Gatobu, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with Vice Chairperson Dent and Ms. Cooper abstaining due to their absences from the meeting.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Consideration of the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-02)**

Vice Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the TIP Amendment, noting that the TIP must include all funded construction projects in an urbanized area. She stated that through the review process for the TIP and STIP update for FY24-27, 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) US 11 Valley Pike Road Improvements; and 2) I-81 Widening MM 242-248. Ms. Cundy stated that the FY21-

24 TIP Amendment was released for a 21-day public comment, and the HRMPO did not receive any comments. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, to approve the FY21-24 TIP Amendment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**Consideration of the Draft 2045 Fiscally-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) (BAF #23-3)**

Vice Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the Draft 2045 Fiscally-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the CLRP, noting that the Plan must include a list of projects that can reasonably be delivered with projected available revenues during the planning period, and that demonstrate their benefits to the region via a performance-based scoring process. She noted that HRMPO staff, the LRTP Working Group, and consultants Kimley-Horn have developed a set of deliverables for the CLRP for consideration. She reviewed the project evaluation and prioritization, noting that Attachments 1 and 2 document the process of evaluating projects' performance and ability to deliver benefits in support of the HRMPO region's LRTP goals. Ms. Cundy reviewed the projected and programmed revenues for the region. She presented Attachment 3, noting that the two SMART SCALE programs were grouped together, and the discretionary programs were grouped together. She presented Attachment 4, which documents the draft CLRP Committed list. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that staff will include the CLRP in the draft 2045 LRTP document and complete environmental review and environmental justice analysis of the projects prior to releasing the draft document for public comment. Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to approve the fiscally-constrained project list for inclusion in the draft 2045 LRTP. Motion carried unanimously.

**HRMPO 2023 Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Measures (Board Memo #23-1)**

Vice Chairperson Dent presented the HRMPO 2023 Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Measures. Ms. Heller noted that in 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) established National Performance Measures to assess asset condition and system performance on the National Highway System (NHS). She stated that the State and HRMPO must report targets to FHWA for a four-year performance period, with progress reports every two years. Ms. Heller stated that on September 21, 2022, Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) established a new set of four-year statewide targets for condition of bridge decks and pavement and system performance measures, including travel time reliability. She noted that these targets were approved by the CTB. Ms. Heller stated that the HRMPO may concur with the State targets or set MPO-specific targets by March 20,

2023. By concurring with the statewide targets, the HRMPO agrees to plan and program projects to contribute toward achieving the State targets. Ms. Heller noted that there is no penalty for not meeting the targets. She presented the Statewide Asset Condition Measures, System Performance Statewide Targets, NHS Roadways and Bridges in the HRMPO, Pavement Conditions and Travel Reliability. Ms. Heller reviewed the next steps, noting staff will submit a letter to OIPI concurring with the statewide performance targets for 2022-2025 and continue to evaluate opportunities for the MPO, state, and local partners to prioritize and program projects that will help Virginia meet its performance targets.

### **HRMPO 2023 Safety Performance Targets (Board Memo #23-2)**

Vice Chairperson Dent presented the HRMPO 2023 Safety Performance Targets. Ms. Heller noted that in 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) established National Performance Measures for Safety Performance for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to assess fatalities and serious injuries on public roads. She stated that the FHWA requires that state DOTs and MPOs set statewide annual safety percentage targets for reducing the number and rate of fatalities and serious injuries. Ms. Heller noted that the HRMPO must concur with VDOT's safety targets or set MPO-specific targets by February 28, 2023, and there is no penalty for not meeting the targets. She reviewed the statewide targets and goals, noting that in June 2022, the CTB approved OIPI's proposed methodology and statewide targets for calendar year 2023. Ms. Heller stated that OIPI methodology establishes targets from statistical models that project future safety performance based on data variables and expected crash reductions from completed projects. Data variables include five-year trends of the annual number of fatalities, serious injuries, and non-motorized fatalities. Ms. Heller reviewed the next steps, noting that staff will submit a letter to VDOT concurring with the statewide safety targets for 2022, and continue to evaluate opportunities for the MPO, state, and local partners to address the upward trend in fatal and serious injury crashes in the region.

### **Agency Updates**

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

Mr. Mark Merrill, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) member, gave an update on CTB activities. Mr. Merrill reported on statewide activity in transportation, noting that the metrorail Silver Line from Dulles to Ashburn opened in November 2022; announced that the express lanes on I-66 have been completed; and noted that progress continues with the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. He stated that Governor Youngkin approved \$90 million in Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) development grants for 21 sites across the Commonwealth. Mr. Merrill noted that

administered by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), this discretionary program helps characterize and develop sites to enhance the Commonwealth's infrastructure with more competitive project-ready sites, attract new business, and accelerate expansion in Virginia. He noted that the Governor is also proposing an additional \$200 million dollars as part of his budget in the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF), which is awarded at the discretion of the Governor in the form of grants, revolving loans, or other financial assistance to an agency or local government of the Commonwealth for activities associated with eligible transportation projects. Mr. Merrill reported on SMART SCALE Round 5 applications, noting that there were approximately 400 applications submitted in August 2022 across the Commonwealth. He stated that 152 applications were funded, for a total of \$1.5 billion. Mr. Merrill stated that 40 applications were submitted in the Staunton District and 15 were awarded, with 5 projects in the SAWMPO area. He reported on funding for I-81, noting that Senator Obenshain and Senator Hanger have each submitted language to obtain additional appropriations for I-81. On behalf of the HRMPO, Vice Chairperson Dent expressed her appreciation to Mr. Merrill for his presentation.

Mr. Komara gave an update on the following construction projects: announced that the Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County is completed; reported on the Route 720 Smithland Road project and the Route 33 bridge project, noting both projects were moving along; gave an update on the four-lane Route 11 project and negotiations with property owners; reported on I-81 Staunton-area widening design-build project from Exit 221 to Exit 225, noting that bids have been received; reported on the Weyers Cave climbing lanes, noting the project is expected to go to advertisement in 2024; gave an update on the City of Harrisonburg Route 33 west widening project, noting that it would go out to bid in May with construction potentially scheduled for next fall; and reported on I-81 projects. He suggested visiting <https://improve81.org> for updates and information regarding I-81.

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

Ms. Stankus reported on discretionary grant opportunities currently available to eligible applicants throughout the state: FY23 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities; and FY23 FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program. She noted that applications are due on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and DRPT is available for assistance if needed.



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

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Microtransit Feasibility Study. He noted that HDPT has contracted with Kimley-Horn and Associates to conduct their Route Design and Strategic Plan, which will provide a ten-year outlook for transit projects. He reported on the driver recruitment for school busses and transit drivers, noting that HDPT has filled several positions, but there is still a need for bus drivers.

**Localities**

**City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works**

Mr. Hartman announced that the City of Harrisonburg's Friendly City Trail was named the American Public Works Association (APWA) Mid-Atlantic Project of the Year. He stated that the six SMART SCALE projects in the City of Harrisonburg area are all in the engineering design, and reported on road configuration projects in the City.

**Town of Dayton**

Ms. Hall announced that at their last meeting, the Town of Dayton Town Council approved their 2022 Town of Dayton Comprehensive Plan.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Vice Chairperson Dent announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on March 2, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on March 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, for adjournment at 4:25 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 March 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

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

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6. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (PB Memo #23-5)
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  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, April 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
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	Wood Hudson, DRPT	
*Zoom Participants		

### Call to Order

The March 16, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rick Chandler. 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 Chandler presented the minutes from the February 16, 2023, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, 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.

### **FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development (PB Memo #23-3)**

Chairperson Chandler presented the draft FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development. 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 FY24 allocations of FHWA PL and FTA 5303 funding for the upcoming fiscal years. Ms. Cundy noted that in FY24, the MPO's programmatic focus will shift to beginning a corridor study along Dinkel and Mt. Crawford Avenue in Rockingham County and the Town of Bridgewater, as well as updates to the Rockingham County Comprehensive Plan. Questions were raised on upcoming projects and funding for different tasks in the UPWP. Ms. Cundy reviewed the public comment process and next steps, noting that final approval of the UPWP will be considered by the Policy Board at their May 18, 2023 meeting.

### **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates (PB Memo #23-4)**

Chairperson Chandler presented the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Updates. 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 staff administratively modified the current FY21-FY24 TIP, and are developing a new TIP for FY24-FY27. Ms. Heller stated that staff included the Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets for the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) in the TIP. She noted that staff will present a draft document to the TAC and Policy Board in April 2023 to release for public comment.



## **HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (PB Memo #23-5)**

Chairperson Chandler presented the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Ms. Cundy gave a review of the Draft LRTP, noting that it must be updated every five years and must be approved by May 16, 2023, in order for the region to remain in compliance with metropolitan planning requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations. She stated that the current LRTP assures that construction projects in our region continue to receive federal funding. Ms. Cundy noted that the LRTP is comprised of seven chapters and appendices that documents the HRMPO region's existing conditions, transportation system needs, identification and evaluation of projects to address those needs, and the public engagement process the MPO undertook for the plan update. 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 noted that staff will begin to advertise the public engagement events prior to April 20 to assure that community members have adequate notification of the opportunities to review the plan and attend events. She stated 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. Discussion ensued regarding the LRTP and the public engagement process. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that a final draft on the 2045 LRTP will be presented to the Policy Board on April 20, 2023, to release for public comment.

## **Agency Updates**

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

Mr. Stevens reported on the following:

- Announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on May 6, 2023, 4:00 p.m., at Blue Ridge Community College, to consider public comments on the FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program. He stated that the program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation projects. Mr. Stevens stated that the CTB will select the final list of scored projects to be included in the six-year program following the public meetings;
- Gave an update on the Route 682 (Friedens Church Road) bridge project in Mt. Crawford;
- Reported on the Route 720 Smithland Road bridge project over Interstate 81 in Rockingham County, noting that the bridge is almost completely demolished, and the project is making progress;



- Gave an update on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway, noting that the project is ahead of schedule;
- Reported on the Route 259 safety improvement project, noting that construction will resume on the project at the end of March;
- Gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project at Exit 247, noting that completion is tentatively scheduled for 2026; and
- Reported on the following projects scheduled for advertisement: a curb widening project at Route 33, Raleigh Pike towards West Virginia, with advertisement scheduled in May; announced that an additional project on Route 682, Friedens Church Road, was recently awarded; and reported that the Route 11 south project at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds is scheduled for advertisement late fall.

Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE, noting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is currently deliberating on the final scenario for the SMART SCALE project prioritization program to identify projects that will be included in the upcoming Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP). He noted that public meetings are held across the state on project priorities and the SYIP. Mr. Reed stated that a final SYIP will be presented to the CTB for adoption in June 2023. He stated that the CTB updates the SYIP each fiscal year and as revenue estimates are updated, new priorities are identified, and existing projects will advance. Upon a question regarding funding, Mr. Reed explained the SMART SCALE funding process and how funds are allocated.

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

Ms. Stankus reported on FTA 5303 grant applications, noting that applications are due May 1, 2023. She announced two discretionary grant opportunities currently available to eligible applicants throughout the state: FY23 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities; and FY23 FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program. She noted that applications are due on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and DRPT is available for assistance if needed.

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

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Microtransit Feasibility Study. He 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. Mr. Gatobu noted that this would be a new service in addition to the current HDPT bus and paratransit services. He stated that a survey

will be available on DRPT's website next week on how microtransit can better serve the community. Mr. Gatobu reported on the Transit Strategic Plan, noting that a kick-off meeting for the Plan will be held next week.

### **Localities**

#### **City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works**

Mr. Hartman reported on roadway reconfigurations in the City of Harrisonburg, noting that roadway reconfigurations play a role in the City's efforts toward safer roads and a more connected network of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. He stated that roadway reconfiguration efforts seek to improve safety and operations on roads through modifying the use of the existing pavement to change the number and alignment of lanes. Mr. Hartman reported on the three roadway corridors being considered for reconfiguration. He announced that the City of Harrisonburg Public Works will host a public open house on March 30, 2023, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center Auditorium in Harrisonburg, where the public may learn more and ask questions about the roadway reconfiguration projects. Mr. Hartman reported on SMART SCALE projects for the City of Harrisonburg, noting that last week the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works staff met with Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) members regarding eligible projects for the City.

#### **Town of Bridgewater**

Mr. Wilmer gave an update on the status of the Town of Bridgewater's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grants, which are for projects that are geared toward pedestrian and bicycle safety.

#### **Town of Mt. Crawford**

Mr. Dillard announced that the Town of Mt. Crawford has completed construction of its boat launch on the North River with the access point directly behind the Town Municipal Building. He stated that bringing a boat landing to Mt. Crawford will give residents and visitors another opportunity for recreational use. Mr. Dillard announced that the Town will hold a dedication of the boat launch on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.



### **Upcoming Meetings**

Chairperson Chandler announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on April 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on April 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy  
Director of Transportation



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6. FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Release for Public Comment (BAF #23-6)\*
7. Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Release for Public Comment (BAF #23-7)\*
8. Presentation: Town of Mt. Crawford Comprehensive Plan and Non-Motorized Infrastructure Plan – Zach Beard, CSPDC
9. Agency Updates
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### **Public Comment**

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

### **FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Release for Public Comment (BAF#23-4)**

Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Release for Public Comment. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the Draft FY24 UPWP, noting that the UPWP identifies all activities to be undertaken by the HRMPO for FY24, and is required for all federal funding assistance. She reviewed the three changes from the FY23 activities, and the FY24 FHWA PL and FTA 5303 funding allocations for the upcoming fiscal years. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Dent, to release the Draft FY24 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Release for Public Comment (BAF #23-5)**

Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Release for Public Comment. Ms. Ansley gave a brief review on the TIP Amendment, noting that the Amendment reflects maintenance grouping block adjustments from the FY22-FY26 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). She reviewed the three administrative modifications and changes in funding in each category. Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to release the FY21-24 TIP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period and to present the Amendment and any public comment received to the Policy Board for approval at the next scheduled Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### **FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Release for Public Comment (BAF#23-6)**

Chairperson Chandler presented the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Release for Public Comment. Ms. Cundy gave a review of the TIP, noting that it is the region's fiscally-constrained four-year programming document for all transportation 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. Cundy stated that to be included in the TIP, a project or program must be in the HRMPO's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP). Ms. Dent moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to release the Draft FY24-27 TIP for the 21-day public comment period. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Draft HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Release for Public Comment (BAF#23-7)**

Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the Draft HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Release for Public Comment. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the LRTP, noting that the Draft LRTP incorporates comments provided by the Policy Board, the TAC, and the LRTP Working Group. She reviewed the public engagement events, noting that staff will host two webinars on April 25, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively; and an in-person Open House at the Rockingham County Administration Center on May 4, 2023, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Ms. Cundy stated that the LRTP will be presented to the Policy Board for approval at their May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Staff will then address the final changes and submit the 2045 LRTP to state and federal agencies for concurrence. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to release the Draft 2045 LRTP for the 21-day public comment period. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Presentation: Mt. Crawford Comprehensive Plan and Non-Motorized Infrastructure 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 13, 2023, which is the first update since the late 1970s. Mr. Beard 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. He reviewed the Town's Non-Motorized Infrastructure Plan, noting that it was developed concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan

through an Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) grant program called the Growth and Accessibility Program (GAP). 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**

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

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Gave an update on bridge construction projects in Mt. Crawford;
- Reported on the Route 720 Smithland Road bridge project, noting that the project is moving along;
- Gave an update on the Route 33 bridge construction project at Exit 247;
- Reported on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway, noting that the project is scheduled to be completed this summer;
- Reported on the status of the four-lane widening on Route 11 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, noting that rights-of-way negotiations were continuing;
- Gave an update on the Route 33 west curb widening project, Rawley Pike towards West Virginia;
- Announced that Kokosing Construction Company was awarded the design-build contract for the widening of Interstate 81 between Exits 221 and 225 in Augusta County near Staunton;
- 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.

Mr. Reed noted that in May 2023, the CTB will consider the consensus scenario for the SMART SCALE grant program. He announced that ten public meetings were held in the valley and well attended regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail, which involves the construction of a 50-mile trail from Broadway to Front Royal.

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

Ms. Heller reported on the following for DRPT:

- Announced that DRPT has released its FY24 Draft Six-Year Improvement Program and can be found on the DRPT Open Data Portal;
- Announced that FY24 Section 5303 applications are due May 1, 2023;
- Reported on FTA 5303 Federal Waivers for non-Federal match for Section 5305 funding, which includes Section 5303 funding to MPOs;



- Reported on Discover Transit Campaign, noting that DRPT is promoting Virginia's transit services this spring and fall, starting April 17, 2023;
- Announced a new funding opportunity: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program. Ms. Ansley 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. She 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.

Ms. Cundy reported on a \$2.5 billion Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant, which is the first electric vehicle (EV) charging station grant available for all localities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. She noted that the CFI program provides an opportunity for localities to install EV charging stations on publicly accessible areas. Ms. Cundy stated that the CSPDC submitted a survey to the localities to evaluate the level-of-interest for installing EV charging stations, and for potentially applying for CFI funding through a region-wide CSPDC application. She noted that the first CFI application cycle deadline is May 30, 2023.

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

Mr. Gatobu reported on the public meeting that was held regarding the Transit Strategic Plan. He noted that HDPT is working with consultants Kimley-Horn in gathering data for the Plan. Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Microtransit program survey, noting that the survey is available to the public until April 21st. He stated that the survey asks things like preferred cost, what areas of the city it should serve, and what times of day the services should be offered. Upon a question regarding the status of electric school buses, Mr. Gatobu noted that they are in production and tentatively scheduled to be received by fall.

### **Localities**

#### **Town of Bridgewater**

Mr. Wilmer reported on the upgrading of pedestrian crosswalk signals and the completion of a new pedestrian signal at Oakwood Drive. He noted that the projects were funded by a Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) grant that was awarded to the Town of Bridgewater a few years ago.



*City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works*

Mr. Hartman announced that the following day was the City's annual spring cleanup day. He reported on paving projects occurring in the City; gave an update on the East Market Street project, noting that construction has not yet started; and reported on the status of SMART SCALE projects in the City.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Chairperson Chandler announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on May 4, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on May 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy  
Director of Transportation



## HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda May 18, 2023, 3:00 PM

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

### To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

**Meeting ID:** 837 7370 5321 \*\*\*\* **Passcode:** 396918 \*\*\*\* **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 20 2023, Policy Board Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Election of Officers
5. Approval of FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP (BAF #23-8)\*)
6. Approval of FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-9)\*
7. Approval of FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (BAF #23-10)\*
8. Approval of 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (BAF #23-11)\*
9. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
  - d. Localities
10. Other Business
11. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, June 1, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, June 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment

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\* Action needed

**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
**May 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

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

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✓ Dany Fleming	✓ Grace Stankus, DRPT*	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Bill Yates, JMU	
Ande Banks	Valerie Kramer, JMU	<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Kim Sandum, Shenandoah Alliance
✓ Rick Chandler, Chair	✓ Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	
✓ Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	
Neal Dillard	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Robert Taylor, Mt. Crawford	
Earl Mathers	✓ Libby Clark, Mt. Crawford	
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	Christa Hall, Dayton	
Jay Litten	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
Todd Stevens	Matt Dana, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
*Zoom Participants		

**Call to Order**

The May 18, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rick Chandler. 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 Chandler presented the minutes from the April 20, 2023, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Chairperson Chandler opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Sandum stated that after living in Ireland for a year and a half, she has developed a greater appreciation for how beneficial roundabouts are and how they control the flow of traffic at roadway intersections. She felt roundabouts improve safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists, improved the character of intersections and the way people drive, and are environmentally friendly. Ms. Sandum encouraged the development of additional roundabouts where feasible.

### **Appointment of Nominating Committee for Election of Officers**

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration Appointment of Nominating Committee for Election of Officers. He appointed Stephen King, Ande Banks, and Don Komara to the Nominating Committee. Chairman Chandler stated that the Nominating Committee will present their nominations to be voted on at the next Policy Board meeting.

### **Approval of FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (BAF#23-8)**

Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the Draft FY24 UPWP, noting that the UPWP identifies all activities to be undertaken by the HRMPO for FY24, and is required for all federal funding assistance. She noted that the draft FY24 UPWP was released by the Policy Board at their April 20, 2023, meeting for the 21-day public comment period. Ms. Cundy stated that staff has not received any public or agency comments during the comment period to date. Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Ms. Dent, to approve the FY24 UPWP. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Approval of FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-9)**

Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment. Ms. Heller gave a brief review on the TIP Amendment. She noted that the



Amendment reflects changes in funding for three grouping categories in the FY21-24 TIP and reviewed the three grouping categories. Ms. Heller stated that the TIP Amendment was released by the Policy Board at their April 20, 2023, meeting for the 21-day public comment period and to date, staff has not received by public or agency comments. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the FY21-23 TIP Amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (BAF#23-10)**

Chairperson Chandler presented the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Heller gave a review of the TIP, noting that it is the region's fiscally-constrained four-year programming document for all transportation 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 noted that the draft TIP was released by the Policy Board at their April 20, 2023, meeting for the 21-day public comment period. She stated that staff has not received any public or agency comments during the comment period to date. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the FY24-27 TIP. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Approval of HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (BAF#23-11)**

Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Cundy stated that the LRTP has been completed and was released by the Policy Board for public comment on April 20, 2023. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the LRTP, noting that staff hosted informational webinars, held a public open house to share the LRTP, and was made available for public review online and at several locations around the region. She stated that advertising and promotion of the public comment period included legal notices and stories in *The Daily News Record* and *Nuevas Raices*, WHSV coverage, email communications to community partners and local elected officials, and social media (Facebook and LinkedIn) paid posts. Ms. Cundy stated that as of May 11, 2023, MPO staff has included all comments received in Appendix A, Public Comment. She distributed and reviewed an updated copy of Appendix A, Public Comment, noting that additional comments were received after May 11<sup>th</sup> and are highlighted in yellow (Appendix A, Public Comment attached to file minutes). She noted that staff had made some corrections and revisions to the draft plan in response to some comments. Discussion ensued regarding multiple comments to amend the Erickson Avenue improvements to add bike lanes on both sides from US-33 to the city limits to a shared use path, due to Erickson Avenue being such a congested road, and whether to consider a feasibility study regarding



the project. After discussion, Ms. Dent moved, seconded by Mr. King, to amend the LRTP by removing Project #9, Erickson Avenue Improvements to Add Bike Lanes to Both Sides from US-33 to WCL, from the Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan, and adding it to the List of Proposed Studies, and to approve the LRTP as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Agency Updates**

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

Mr. Reed announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will hold a meeting on May 23, 2023, in Culpeper, 8:30 a.m., and will be reporting on the consensus scenario for the SMART SCALE grant program at that meeting. He stated that a kickoff meeting will be held next week for the Project Pipeline studies in the HMRPO area and reported on the projects.

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Reported on the CTB public meeting that was held on May 3, 2023, at Blue Ridge Community College, regarding the Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program, noting that it was well attended.
- Reported on the status of the Route 33 and Route 720 Smithland Road bridge projects, noting that both projects were moving along;
- Reported on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway, noting that the project is ahead of schedule;
- Reported on the status of the four-lane widening on Route 11 and the right-of-way negotiations;
- Gave an update on the bids for the Route 33 west curb widening project, Rawley Pike towards West Virginia; and
- Reported on the Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Programs.

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

Mr. Gatobu reported on the Transit Strategic Plan development process, noting that a stakeholder meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the process is anticipated to last approximately a year. Mr. Gatobu gave an update on electric school buses and chargers, noting that the buses are in production and tentatively scheduled to be received by December.



### **Localities**

#### **City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works**

Mr. Hartman reported on paving projects in the City. He gave a status update on roadway reconfigurations and the public questionnaire that was released for the month of April to serve as a tool to collect public comments. Mr. Hartman stated that the majority of the responses from the survey were in support of the configurations. He noted that the City is currently working on 10 transportation focused design projects.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Chairperson Chandler announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on June 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on June 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Cundy  
Director of Transportation



## HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda July 20, 2023, 3:00 PM

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

### To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

**Meeting ID:** 899 9276 2319 \*\*\*\* **Passcode:** 917676 \*\*\*\* **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 18 2023, Policy Board Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. Election of Officers (Board Memo #23-6)\*
5. FY24 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment (BAF #23-12)\*
6. FY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Release for Public Comment (BAF #23-13)\*
7. Presentation: Overview of Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes– Brad Reed, VDOT
8. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
  - d. Localities
9. Other Business
10. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, August 3, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, August 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

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\* Action needed

## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes July 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

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<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC*
Deanna Reed	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
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✓ Rick Chandler, Vice Chair	Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Shane McCabe, VDOT*
✓ Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Jeremy Mason, VDOT
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	
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*Zoom Participants		

### Call to Order

The July 20, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rick Chandler. 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 Chandler presented the minutes from the May 18, 2023, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Komara moved, seconded by Mr. King, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Election of Officers (Board Memo #23-6)**

Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration Election of Officers. He stated that the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Chairperson at their May 18, 2023, meeting, consisted of Stephen King, Ande Banks, and Don Komara. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to elect Laura Dent as Chairperson, and Rick Chandler as Vice Chairperson. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment (BAF #23-12)**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the FY24 UPWP Amendment. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Amendment, noting that the Amendment moves \$7,920 from the FHWA PL contingency and \$3,394 from the FTA 5303 Long Range Planning work element into the Administrative work element to cover the \$11,314 cost of migrating the HRMPO website to the Wordpress platform. She noted that the Drupal-based HRMPO website could no longer be hosted by the current contractor and Avid Core has been requested to rebuild the HRMPO website in Wordpress. Ms. Cundy noted that completion of the migration and the launch of the website is anticipated by October 2023. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to release the FY24 UPWP Amendment for 21 days of public comment. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-13)**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the FY21-24 TIP Amendment. Ms. Cundy stated that at the request of the VDOT Federal Programs Division, HRMPO staff have prepared an amendment and three administrative modifications to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order to complete the closeout of the FY21-24 TIP and STIP. She noted that the TIP Amendment adds \$6,500,000 to the Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation Grouping, and changes to the maintenance groupings in the TIP do not yet reflect funding for specific projects. The modifications reflect changes in funding in three maintenance groupings: 1) Maintenance: Traffic and Safety Operations — move \$2,069,444 in FFY23 to Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation; 2) Maintenance: Preventive Maintenance for Bridges — move \$6,648,943 to Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation; and 3) Maintenance: Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation—

shifts funds between years within the grouping. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to release the FY21-24 TIP Amendment as presented for a 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Presentation: Overview of Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes**

Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on SMART SCALE Policy Changes, noting that there is a process review for SMART SCALE underway for potential policy changes to the SMART SCALE scoring system, led by the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI). He reported on the SMART SCALE Program Stakeholder Survey and findings conducted by OIPI to collect information about the SMART SCALE program. Mr. Reed noted that the data collected will be used to provide feedback to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as it considers policy changes to the SMART SCALE process for utilization in future SMART SCALE rounds. He reviewed the potential issues identified, the SMART SCALE prioritization process, and potential process changes. Mr. Reed reviewed the next steps and schedule, noting that policy adoption by the CTB is scheduled for December 2023. After the presentation, discussion ensued regarding the proposed SMART SCALE changes, and the impact on the HRMPO region. After discussion, it was the consensus of the members present for HRMPO staff to draft a letter to the CTB addressing the potential negative impacts to the HRMPO region as a result of the proposed changes, and localities are encouraged to communicate with the CTB on the matter as well.

### **Agency Updates**

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

Mr. Reed announced that the SMART Portal will be accepting applications from localities starting August 1<sup>st</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup> for the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program (VHSIP) Systemic applications. He reported on Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) applications, noting that the applications are due October 2, 2023.

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Reported on the status of the Route 720 Smithland Road and Route 33 bridge projects;
- Reported on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway;
- Announced a presentation regarding sound walls will be made to the Harrisonburg City Council on September 12, 2023; and



- Reported on the Interstate 81 Staunton-area widening project between mile marker 221 and 225 in Augusta County near the City of Staunton.

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

Mr. Gatobu reported on the Transit Strategic Plan, noting that the kick-off meeting was well attended. He reported the Microtransit Study, a City-operated on-demand ridesharing service, has been completed. Mr. Gatobu reported that the City is seeking to hire full-time transit and school bus drivers for the fall season.

### **Localities**

#### **City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works**

Mr. Hartman announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the City of Harrisonburg a \$14,368,180 RAISE Grant to convert one driving lane of U.S.-11 (Liberty Street and Noll Drive) to a two-way separated bicycle facility between the intersections of Main Street and Noll Drive, and Grattan Street and Liberty Street. He gave a status update on roadway reconfigurations; the Mt. Clinton Pike shared-use path project; and the use of speed enforcement cameras in the City of Harrisonburg.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Vice Chairperson Chandler announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on August 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on August 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cundy  
Director of Transportation





## HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda August 17, 2023, 3:00 PM

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

### To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

**Meeting ID:** 893 6558 1669 \*\*\*\* **Passcode:** 883121 \*\*\*\* **Dial In:** 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the July 20 2023, Policy Board Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation: Overview and Update on The Port of Virginia
  - *Chris Gullickson, Director, Economic Development, Virginia Port Authority*
5. Approval of Draft FY24 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment (BAF #23-14)\*
6. Approval of the Draft FY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-15)\*
7. Approval of the SMART SCALE Policy Changes Response Letter (BAF #23-16)\*
8. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
  - d. Localities
9. Other Business
10. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, September 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

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\* Action needed

**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes**  
**August 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
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Rick Chandler, Vice Chair	Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Chris Gullickson, VA Port Authority*
Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Jakob zumFelde, Harrisonburg*
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	✓ Meggie Roche, Dayton	
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Jay Litten	Brad Reed, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Todd Stevens	Matt Dana, VDOT	
*Zoom Participants		

**Call to Order**

The August 17, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairperson Laura Dent. 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 Dent presented the minutes from the July 20, 2023, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. She noted that on page 4, under “Upcoming Meetings,” it should state “Vice Chairperson Chandler

announced the following upcoming meetings....” instead of “Chairperson Chandler”. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Presentation: Overview and Update on The Port of Virginia**

Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Mr. Chris Gullickson, Director, Economic Development, the Port of Virginia, who gave a presentation and overview of the Port of Virginia. He explained that The Port of Virginia is made up of six terminals across the Commonwealth (Norfolk International Terminals, Virginia International Gateway, Richmond Marine Terminal, Virginia Inland Port, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, and Newport News Marine Terminal) and is the most modern gateway in America with unlimited possibilities. He stated that the two main container terminals are the Virginia International Gateway and the Norfolk International Terminals, with the Norfolk International Terminals being the largest terminal. Mr. Gullickson stated that having connectivity with Norfolk Southern and CSX railroads allows goods to be shipped from the Port of Virginia to the western U.S. The Virginia Ports are able to be successful and flexible during moments of high demand due to “The Virginia Model.” He noted that the benefit of The Virginia Model is that there is a single port authority and a single operating entity that can assign contracts. Mr. Gullickson reported on the top trading partners, the 2022 volumes for twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), and the economic impacts of the Port of Virginia. Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Gullickson was unable to complete his presentation but agreed to do so at a future HRMPO meeting.

### **FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment (BAF #23-14)**

Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the FY24 UPWP Amendment. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Amendment, noting that the Amendment moves \$7,920 from the FHWA PL contingency and \$3,394 from the FTA 5303 Long Range Planning work element into the Administrative work element to cover the \$11,314 cost of migrating the HRMPO website to the WordPress platform. She noted that the Policy Board released the FY24 UPWP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period at their July 20, 2023, meeting and staff has not received any public comments. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the FY24 UPWP Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (BAF #23-15)**

Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the FY21-24 TIP Amendment. Ms. Heller reviewed the TIP Amendment, noting that the TIP Amendment adds \$6,500,000 to the Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation Grouping in the Highway section of the TIP. She stated that the following administrative modifications were also made to the Highway TIP: 1) Maintenance: Traffic and Safety Operations – move \$2,069,444 in FFY23 to Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation; 2) Maintenance: Preventive Maintenance for Bridges – move \$6,648,943 to Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation; and 3) Maintenance: Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation—shifts funds between years within the grouping. Ms. Heller noted that the Policy Board released the FY21-24 TIP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period at their July 20, 2023, meeting, and staff has not received any public comments. Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to approve the FY21-24 TIP Amendment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Approval of the SMART SCALE Policy Changes Response Letter (BAF #23-16)**

Chairperson Dent presented for consideration the letter to the Secretary of Transportation regarding SMART SCALE Policy Changes. Ms. Cundy noted that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is considering changes to the SMART SCALE project scoring process that will affect project eligibility and competitiveness for the HRMPO region. She stated that at their July 20, 2023, Policy Board meeting, the Board directed staff to draft a letter to the Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board outlining the MPO's concerns. Ms. Cundy distributed updated copies of the letter (attached to file minutes). She reviewed the primary concerns as follows: Proposed eligibility requirements for the High Priority Projects (HPP) Program; the reallocation of Land Use percentage points to other Goal Areas; and the reduced cap on applications in Tier 1 regions of the state. Discussion ensued regarding how the proposed changes to the SMART SCALE project scoring process will affect the HRMPO region, its localities, and rural Virginia more broadly. Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to approve and submit the letter to the Secretary of Transportation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Agency Updates**

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

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Reported on the status of the Smithland Road bridge project, noting that it was moving more slowly than anticipated;



- Reported on the Route 33 project, I-81 Exit 247 in Harrisonburg, noting that the project was going well. He reminded everyone of the work zone speed limit and stated that the speed cameras were in operation;
- Reported on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway, noting that it was moving along;
- Reported on the Route 11 project widening of two lanes to a four-lane divided highway near the Rockingham County Fairgrounds;
- Reported on the status of the widening of Route 33 west towards West Virginia;
- Announced a presentation regarding sound walls will be made to the Harrisonburg City Council on September 12, 2023; and
- Reported on the Interstate 81 Staunton-area widening project between mile marker 221 and 225 in Augusta County near the City of Staunton.

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

Ms. Cundy reported on behalf of DRPT. She noted that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released their Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning. She noted that the Pilot Program for TOD Planning provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. Ms. Cundy announced that proposals are due October 10, 2023, and DRPT is available to provide technical assistance if needed.

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

Mr. Gatobu reported that DRPT is preparing for the return of James Madison University (JMU) students next week and the opening of City schools. He reported on the availability of bus drivers, noting that there was a slight improvement in submitted applications. Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Transit Strategic Plan and community outreach scheduling for the Plan. He reported on the Microtransit Study, a City-operated on-demand ridesharing service, noting that DRPT was looking into potential grants to implement the new service. Upon a question regarding the status of the electric school buses, Mr. Gatobu noted that they are currently in production and hoped to receive them by December.



## **Localities**

### **City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works**

Mr. Hartman reported the City is concluding their paving season for the year in the area. He noted that at the intersection of Garbers Church Road and West Market Street, a new paint color was added. Mr. Hartman stated that the City hopes the bright green paint color will bring attention to cyclist and drivers to be extra cautious in that area. He reported the City is working on the design phase for the City's SMART SCALE projects.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Chairperson Dent announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on September 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Fleming moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, 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  
September 21, 2023, 3:00 PM  
VIA Zoom Only**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the August 17, 2023, Policy Board Meeting\*
3. FY25 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Applications Resolutions of Support (BAF #23-17)\*
4. FY24 Small Area Study: Dinkel Ave/Friedens Church Rd Corridor (Board Memo #23-7)
5. FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification (Board Memo #23-8)
6. Public Comment
7. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
  - d. Localities
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, October 5, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

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\* Action needed

## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes September 21, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

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

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Chelsea Beytas, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Laura Dent, Chair	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	✓ Ansley Heller, CSPDC
✓ Dany Fleming	✓ Grace Stankus, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Bill Yates, JMU	✓ Allyson Finchum, CSPDC
Ande Banks	✓ Valerie Kramer, JMU	<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
✓ Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Jeremy Mason, VDOT
✓ Rick Chandler, Vice Chair	Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Dylan Nicely, Rockingham County
✓ Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Shane McCabe, VDOT
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Meggie Roche, Dayton	✓ Kim Sandum, Shenandoah Alliance
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Jay Litten	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT	
<b>VDOT</b>	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Todd Stevens	Matt Dana, VDOT	

### Call to Order

The September 21, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Chandler. Based on the 2022 amendment to Virginia’s FOIA law, the HRMPO is eligible to hold up to three meetings virtually each year. The HRMPO September 21, 2023, meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing.

### Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented the minutes from the August 17, 2023, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.





## **Public Comment**

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

## **FY25 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Applications Resolutions of Support (BAF #23-17)**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration FY25 TAP Applications Resolutions of Support (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that TAP applications for projects within the HRMPO area require a resolution of support from the Policy Board. She noted that approved applicants have until October 2, 2023, to submit their resolutions with their final applications.

Mr. Wilmer presented the Town of Bridgewater's TAP project for Gen Oak Connector, Phase II. He noted that Phase II of the Gen Oak Connector will extend a shared-use permeable paver path further into Oakdale Park and running along Mt. Crawford Avenue to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in the corridor. Mr. Wilmer stated that the total path would be approximately 900 feet in length.

Mr. Hartman reviewed the following TAP projects for the City of Harrisonburg:

- **Non-Infrastructure Application for a Safe Routes to School Coordinator:** The application would fund a new full-time Safe Routes to School Coordinator for the City of Harrisonburg, serving all 10 public schools in the city beginning fall 2024. The program will include using funds to support bicycle skills education and for various activities that encourage walking and biking to school.
- **Northend Greenway Connection:** The project constructs a shared use path along the south side of Mt. Clinton Pike between Virginia Avenue and the railroad tracks, constructs intersection improvements at Mt. Clinton Pike and Virginia Avenue to facilitate path connectivity through the intersection and constructs a path crossing of the railroad tracks that is separated from the existing Mt. Clinton Pike roadway.
- **SRTS Sidewalks at Multiple Schools:** This project will construct three sidewalk segments to fill gaps between existing sidewalks and improve safe pedestrian access to Waterman Elementary School and Keister Elementary School.

Mr. Nicely presented Rockingham County's TAP projects as follows:

- **Sidewalk Project on Stone Spring Road at The Shops at Stone Spring:** The project will construct a sidewalk segment along The Shops at Stone Spring frontage on the north side of Stone Spring Road, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA).



- **Sidewalk Project on Stone Spring Road at Bellaire at Stone Port Assisted Living and Memory Care:** The project will construct a sidewalk segment along the Bellaire at Stone Port Assisted Living and Memory Care frontage on Stone Spring Road and a portion of Port Hills Drive, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA).
- **Sidewalk Project on Stone Spring Road at F&M Bank and Shenandoah Oral and Facial Surgery:** This project will construct two sidewalk segments along the F&M Bank and Shenandoah Oral and Facial Surgery frontage on Stone Spring Road and a portion of Ridgedale Road, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA).
- **Sidewalk Project on Apple Valley Road at Moe's Southwest Grill:** The project will construct a sidewalk segment along the Moe's Southwest Grill frontage on Apply Valley Road, to improve safe pedestrian access within the Stone Port area of the Stone Spring Urban Development Area (UDA).

Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to endorse the Resolutions of Support for TAP projects within the HRMPO. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **FY24 Small Area Study: Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road Corridor (Board Memo #23-7)**

Vice Chairman Chandler presented the FY24 Small Area Study: Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road Corridor. Ms. Cundy stated that during FY24, the MPO will work with consultants Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) and a study team consisting of staff from VDOT, Rockingham County, and the towns of Bridgewater and Mt. Crawford, to evaluate operations and safety needs and potential improvements in the Dinkle Avenue/Friedens Church Road corridor. She noted that the purpose of this study is to create a cohesive vision for future development along Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road between I-81 Exit 240 in Rockingham County and Main Street (VA 42) in the Town of Bridgewater. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that HRMPO staff are scheduling a kick-off meeting with the study team in the next two weeks to include a discussion of preferred public engagement strategies for the Study.

#### **FY24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Modification (Board Memo #23-8)**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented FY24 UPWP Administrative Modification. Ms. Cundy stated that HRMPO staff has administratively modified the FY24 UPWP to reflect the final FY23 carryover

amount for FTA 5303 funds. She noted that transit planning expenses in the fourth quarter exceeded the projections when the draft FY24 budget was developed, and thus the carryover amount is \$46,301 rather than \$75,000. Ms. Cundy stated that staff reduced the FTA 5303 allocations to Administration, Long Range Planning, and Short-Range Planning to reflect the reduced carryover revenue.

## **Agency Updates**

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

Mr. Reed reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting that was held on September 20, 2023, as follows: VTrans Objectives, noting that new midterm needs are being developed and will be published in December; gave an overview and status update on the SMART SCALE process review recommendations, noting that final recommendations will be presented to the CTB at their October meeting, and final action anticipated at their December meeting; and gave an overview on the proposed new Economic Development Performance Measures.

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Reported on the status of the Smithland Road bridge project, noting that it was behind schedule but moving along;
- Reported on the Route 33 project, I-81 Exit 247 in Harrisonburg, noting that the project was going well;
- Reported on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway, noting that it was anticipated to be completed in October 2023;
- Reported on the Route 11 project widening of two lanes to a four-lane divided highway near the Rockingham County Fairgrounds;
- Reported on the status of the widening of Route 33 west towards West Virginia;
- Reported on the presentation regarding sound wall barriers that was provided the Harrisonburg City Council;
- Reported on the Interstate 81 Staunton-area widening project between mile marker 221 and 225 in Augusta County near the City of Staunton. He encouraged everyone to explore [Improve81.org](https://www.improve81.org) for current updates on upcoming and ongoing projects on Interstate 81.

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

Ms. Stankus announced DRPT is seeking FY24 Mid-Cycle applications for all four Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) project categories: Regional Connectivity, Zero and Reduced Fare, Public

Safety, and Passenger Amenities, beginning September 25, 2023. She stated that the program provides funding to transit agencies and governing bodies for the purpose of creating more accessible, safe, and regional significant transit networks. Ms. Stankus also announced that DRPT is launching a new grant application software, Webgrants, for the FY25 Grant Cycle. She stated that Webgrants will replace DRPT's current software OLGA. Ms. Stankus noted that additional information and training materials regarding the new software will be forthcoming. She reported that there will be a freeze on reimbursements from November 15 through December 1, 2023.

### **Localities**

#### **City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works**

Mr. Hartman announced that the City's Mt. Clinton Pike Shared Use Path project has been awarded to GB Foltz Contracting, Inc. from Mt. Jackson. He stated that the City hopes to start construction on the project in October. Mr. Hartman reported on the Federal Street Shared Use Path Phase II project, noting that the City is in the final stages of VDOT authorization and is expected to go out to bid for the project in October.

Mr. Fleming reported on sound barriers, noting that as major I-81 construction nears, people who live and work closest can weigh in whether they want a sound barrier. He stated that in October VDOT will mail surveys to both the owners and tenants of buildings most affected by the highway as to whether they want a barrier constructed on the portion of I-81 closest to them. Mr. Fleming stated that a second round of balloting will be submitted if less than 50% of relevant parties respond the first time. Mr. Fleming also reported on the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County's liaison meeting regarding the SMART SCALE project scoring process and how the proposed changes will affect the area, and other university cities across the state. He noted that JMU President Alger was alerted of the possible impact on JMU, and President Alger has asked his staff to look into this and alert other universities of the potential impact of the proposed changes.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

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



## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:35 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**  
**November 16, 2023, 3:00 PM**  
Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes of the September 21, 2023, Policy Board Meeting\*
4. HRMPO 2024 Meeting Calendar (Board AF #23-18)\*
5. FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (Board AF #23-19)\*
6. Update on Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes (Board Memo #23-9)
7. Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce Policy Priorities, Chris Quinn, President and CEO, HRCC
8. Agency Updates
  - a. VDOT
  - b. DRPT
  - c. HDPT
  - d. Localities
9. Other Business
10. Upcoming Meetings
  - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
  - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, December 21, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

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**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes  
November 16, 2023, 3:00 p.m.**

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✓ Gerald Gatobu	Bill Yates, JMU	
Ande Banks	✓ Valerie Kramer, JMU	<b>Others</b>
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**Call to Order**

The November 16, 2023, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Chandler. 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**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented the minutes from the September 21, 2023, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Dillard moved, seconded by Mr. Stevens, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with Ms. Cooper abstaining due to being absent from the meeting.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **HRMPO 2024 Meeting Calendar (BAF #23-18)**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the HRMPO 2023 Meeting Calendar. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Calendar, noting that staff will publish a public notice for the 2024 meeting schedules in local newspapers and post them on [www.hrvampo.org](http://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 published in local newspapers as required by the PPP. Ms. Cooper stated that the Community Development Room has been reserved for the listed meetings for 2024. It was the consensus of the Policy Board members present to approve the HRMPO 2023 Meeting Calendar as presented.

## **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Amendment (BAF #23-19)**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented for consideration the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Amendment). Ms. Heller gave a review on the TIP Amendment, noting that the TIP must include all funded construction projects in an urbanized area. She stated that HRMPO staff and VDOT identified an ungrouped project in the current FY 2024-2027 TIP under which funds need to be added to the project as follows: UPC 108810-US 11 Valley Pike Road Improvements. Mr. Stevens moved, seconded by Mr. Dillard, to release the FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period and pending no public comments received during the comment period, to approve the TIP Amendment to VDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **Update on Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes (Board Memo #23-9)**

Vice Chairman Chandler presented Update on Proposed SMART SCALE Policy Changes. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the SMART SCALE Policy Changes, noting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is considering changes to the SMART SCALE project scoring process that will affect project eligibility in the HRMPO region. She noted that after reviewing the changes at their August 17, 2023 meeting, the HRMPO Policy Board submitted a letter to the CTB expressing their concerns regarding several of the changes. Ms. Cundy reviewed the updates on the policy changes as presented by staff from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) and the Virginia Economic



Development Partnership (VEDP), including proposed revisions to the Economic Development performance measures, that were presented to the CTB at their October 20, 2023 meeting. She noted that OIPI staff presented a modified recommendation to include three Tiers instead of two, and increase the new application cap from two to three applications for Tier 1 applicants like the HRMPO and its member jurisdictions. Ms. Cundy reviewed defining the eligible project types for High Priority Program (HPP), noting that the proposed change would limit the HPP Program to certain project types on Corridors of Statewide Significance and Regional Network roadways and presented the limited project types. She reviewed the land use scoring factor and Economic Development Measure ED.1 changes. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that it is anticipated that the CTB will vote on the policy changes in the coming months prior to Round 6 opening for preapplications in early 2024. Ms. Heller distributed and reviewed a list of projects in the HRMPO area that meet new HPP eligibility criteria and those projects that do not (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that the CTB's next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2023. This meeting presents a final opportunity to provide comments directly to the CTB and Secretary of Transportation on the SMART SCALE changes.

**Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce (HRCC) Policy Priorities, Chris Quinn, President and CEO**

Vice Chairperson Chandler presented HRCC Policy Priorities. Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Mr. Chris Quinn, HRCC President and CEO, who was present to discuss the policy priorities identified by HRCC. Mr. Quinn stated that HRCC's Board, along with other Chambers in the state, submitted a letter to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) regarding proposed policy changes to SMART SCALE. He distributed and reviewed the document on HRCC Priority Issue Areas and Policy Areas of Engagement. Mr. Quinn stated that the purpose of the document is to ensure that the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan area has a thriving collaborative business environment. He noted that to make this area the best place to live, work, and play, the Chamber will advocate for the Priority Issue Areas and Policy Areas of Engagement in an effort to allow for equal economic opportunity and quality of life for all as follows:

Priority Issue Areas

- Affordable Housing
- Childcare
- Transportation/Public Transit

Policy Areas of Engagement

- Business Climate
- Infrastructure and Logistics
- Small Business



- Workforce Development and Education
- Agriculture
- Environment
- Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Health Care
- International Trade

## **Agency Updates**

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

Mr. Komara reported on the following:

- Reported on the status of the Smithland Road bridge project, noting that it would be open by next week for traffic;
- Reported on the Route 33 project, I-81 Exit 247 in Harrisonburg, noting that the project was moving forward;
- Reported on the Route 259 bridge replacement project in the Town of Broadway, noting that it was completed;
- Reported on the Route 11 project widening of two lanes to a four-lane divided highway near the Rockingham County Fairgrounds;
- Reported on the status of the widening of Route 33 west towards West Virginia, noting that a preconstruction conference was held on the project and completion of the project is scheduled for June 2025;
- Reminded everyone to explore [Improve81.org](http://Improve81.org) for current updates on upcoming and ongoing projects on Interstate 81; and
- Reported on the Preliminary Field Inspection (PFI) for the climbing lanes near Weyers Cave, which is expected to go out to bid next fall.

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

Ms. Stankus announced that the FY25 grant application cycle will open December 1<sup>st</sup>, utilizing the new grants administration software, Webgrants. She noted that the FY 2024-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), has been posted on the DRPT website, which includes the latest TIP Amendment as of November 13, 2023.



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

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT's Transit Strategic Plan (TSP), a comprehensive document that will shape the future of public transportation service in Harrisonburg over the next ten years. He noted that a survey is available and will be open until the end of this month to share thoughts and ideas that will help shape the TSP and the service improvements it recommends.

### **Localities**

#### **City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works**

Mr. Hartman reported on the public hearing that was held on October 26<sup>th</sup> for the University of Boulevard and Evelyn Byrd Roadway Reconfiguration and Sidewalks project, noting that the survey is available until November 27<sup>th</sup> for comments on the project. He announced that the City's Mt. Clinton Pike Shared Use Path has started construction on the project and hopes to be completed next year. Mr. Hartman noted that traffic in Harrisonburg will be congested this weekend due to James Madison University hosting ESPN's College GameDay on Saturday.

#### **James Madison University (JMU)**

Ms. Valerie Kramer announced that James Madison University (JMU) is a Silver Level award holder and is committed to promoting and providing a more bikeable campus for students, staff, and visitors.

#### **Town of Dayton**

Ms. Roche reported on the Town of Dayton's wayfinding and signage project, noting that installation began today. She announced that the Town has appointed a new Town Manager, Mr. Brian Borne, and he will begin his duties on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Vice Chairperson Chandler announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on December 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on December 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.



## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:05 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