



CHART Advisory Committee Meeting
August 1, 2007 Minutes

Present

Members

Stephen Bach
Stan Binsted
Bobby Burke
James Burton
James Currie, Chair
Jay Gauldin
Ann Mallek
Calvin Morris
John Pfaltz, Vice Chair
Tricia Traugott

Representing

MPO, Bicycling
County At-Large, Small Business
MPO, Pedestrian
City At-Large
County At-Large, Environment
MPO
County At-Large
Planning Commission, Albemarle County
City At-Large
MPO

Members Absent

Steve Bolton
Marc Evans

Representing

City At-Large
MPO

Staff

Kellem Emanuele
John Giometti
Jeanette Janiczeck
Juan Wade
Ann Whitham

Representing

TJPDC
VDOT
City of Charlottesville
Albemarle County
TJPDC

Matters from the Public

No matters from the public.

Approval of the Draft Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Burton, the July meeting minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

Nomination of a Vice-Chair:

Upon a motion by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Committee unanimously nominated John Pfaltz as Committee Vice-Chair.

Transportation 101: Transportation Programming and Funding

Mr. Giometti made a presentation to the Committee about transportation programming and funding. He explained VDOT's system for allocating funds to programs, including maintenance,

construction, operations, special financing and debt. He explained how the Six Year Improvement Plan (SYIP), State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) relate, described the process for allocations and obligations, and the associated funding formulas. His presentation focused on the Fiscal Year 2006 funding for the Culpeper District.

FY06 Transportation Improvement Program Addendum:

Mr. Giometti explained that the Addendum would bring VDOT and the MPO's TIP into compliance with the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act-a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The strategy extends the existing TIP to cover a four year period instead of a two year period. The addendum identifies those projects that would enter a new phase in those years. He explained that ultimately, VDOT is working to streamline the STIP, SYIP and the TIP.

Trans 101: Bioregional Planning

Ms. Whitham made a presentation to the Committee about the theory and practice of bioregional planning, which incorporates the goals of ecology and conservation planning into those of regional land use and transportation planning.

Mr. Currie asked how these ideas will play into the UnJam 2025 update process. Ms. Emanuele suggested that during the conceptual phase of the UnJAM update, the MPO can employ tools such as a bioregional planning approach. Mr. Pfaltz feels that people in this community are aware of these issues. Ms. Traugott agrees that bioregional planning should be an early step in the long range planning process.

National Household Transportation Survey

Ms. Emanuele summarized the survey process and questionnaire and requested feedback from the Committee on the add-on questions. Ms. Mallek suggested including a question about the price of parking compared to using transit. Also, the Committee noted that the transit questions are phrased very negatively.

FY08 "Game Plan" for Updated UnJAM2025

Ms. Emanuele explained that several background documents were included in this month's meeting packet and that these materials are the topic of discussion at both the August and September meetings. She requested feedback from the Committee on the draft timeline and milestones. Mr. Currie and Mr. Pfaltz think that waiting until February or March to hold Round 1 workshops is too late.

Mr. Pfaltz conveyed the MPO Technical Committee's idea of listing potential problem areas (such as Free Bridge and the Advance Mills Bridge). Ms. Mallek suggested a potential workshop activity during which participants could write their issues down

Other Business

DRPT: Ms. Emanuele reported that DRPT's Six Year Improvement Plan included the Regional Transit Authority grant. The total grant award is \$100,000. She explained that the study is looking at three key aspects of creating a Regional Transit Authority, including services and operation management, governance, cost-estimation and funding.

MPO Policy Board: The Policy Board will decide on term lengths for the four new CHART Committee members at its August meeting. Staff is recommending a 3 year appointment.