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CHART Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 5, 2007 Minutes

**Present**

Members

Stephen Bach  
Stan Binsted  
Bobby Burke  
James Currie, Chair  
Marc Evans  
Jay Gauldin  
Calvin Morris  
John Pfaltz, Vice Chair  
Linda Seaman

Representing

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

Members Absent

Steve Bolton  
James Burton  
Ann Mallek  
Tricia Traugott

Representing

City At-Large  
City At-Large  
County At-Large  
MPO

Staff

Melissa Barlow  
John Giometti  
Jeanette Janiczek  
Harrison Rue  
Ann Whitham

Representing

TJPDC  
VDOT  
City of Charlottesville  
TJPDC  
TJPDC

The meeting was called to order.

**Matters from the Public:**

There were no matters from the public.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Pfaltz, seconded by Ms. Seaman, the November 7, 2007 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

**Review proposed TIP Amendments:**

Mr. Giometti introduced the three TIP amendments to the Committee. The first amendment would make Albemarle County eligible to for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for rural roads. The second amendment would obligate funds for the already-approved Lewis and Clark TEA Grant application. The third amendment would obligate preliminary engineering (PE) funds the major widening of Route 29 between Polo Grounds Road and Airport Road.

Mr. Pfaltz stated that obligating the PE funds for the Route 29 major widening seems to prioritize this project, but in his opinion, the Berkmar Bridge should have higher priority. Mr. Giometti noted that the project, which receives primary road funding, will not drain money from the Berkmar Bridge project, which receives secondary road funding. Mr. Rue added that the Berkmar Bridge is still a priority for the MPO, but that the bridge is a difficult project for which to accrue funding because there is no additional secondary road money currently available. Mr. Pfaltz suggested at least moving forward with preliminary engineering for the bridge in anticipation of a developer proffering its construction. Mr. Morris agreed. Mr. Rue responded that Code of Virginia limits how the MPO can spend primary road monies, and the County Planning Commission is hesitant to rezone the land on both sides of the proposed bridge so far in advance of its construction.

Mr. Gauldin asked if the Lewis and Clark Center project is the best use of the TEA grant money. Mr. Giometti responded that the program is competitive and that the Policy Board has endorsed the project. Mr. Rue suggested having a CHART discussion about what a good list of TEA grant ideas would be and suggest likely applications.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Bach, with Mr. Pfaltz dissenting, the CHART Committee supported the TIP Amendments.**

#### **Long Range Plan Year of Expenditure Dollars Discussion**

Mr. Giometti introduced the process of updating the list of fiscally-constrained projects in UnJAM 2025, explaining that SAFETEA-LU requires that the MPO provide its Long Range Plan fiscally constrained project list in year of expenditure dollars. He explained that the task was to make an educated guess about when funds are be likely to be spent and inflate the cost estimate to match that year, using a 3% per year rate of inflation. He noted that because this is a revision, no projects will be added or removed from the list.

Mr. Bach asked how the MPO has allowed projects to be added to the TIP without being in the constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP). Mr. Giometti explained that many TIP projects come from Six Year Improvement Plans from both VDOT and DRPT, which do not always check to assure that a project is in an MPO's CLRP. Mr. Bach asked who is responsible for adding projects to the TIP without them being in the CLRP. Mr. Giometti responded that it is the fault of both the state and the MPO.

Mr. Rue emphasized that putting the CLRP projects into year of expenditure dollars will not preclude City, County or VDOT from reprioritizing a project as funds become available. The TIP is the controlling document for moving projects along.

Mr. Giometti explained that after review by CHART and MPO Tech, the revised list will be presented to the MPO Policy Board for review in January, with a public hearing to be held in February.

Mr. Giometti requested feedback from the Committee about how the funds are allocated in the revised table.

Mr. Currie asked if the 3% inflation figure is realistic given that construction costs always seem to outstrip the projections. Mr. Rue agreed and believes that there will be more money to spend over time than is reflected in this plan. Ms. Barlow noted that this message is contained in the vision section of the UnJAM 2025. Mr. Giometti added that in 2009, SAFETEA-LU expires and a reauthorization discussion will occur.

Mr. Giometti asked the Committee to look over the project list and return in January with comments.

### **Local Food Access Presentation**

Alex Linthicum, a masters candidate at UVA, made a presentation to the Committee about his research on accessibility of food growers to residents of the TJPDC. Mr. Linthicum used a Power Point presentation to illustrate the transportation models he used to calculate access to local producers of different types of food. The presentation is available [here](#) via TJPDC's website.

Mr. Morris commented that it would also be useful to calculate farmers' access to different types of markets in urbanized areas.

### **Review of Draft Work Program Status**

Ms. Whitham introduced the item and requested feedback from the Committee. Comments can be submitted to her by Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Morris noted that the Eastern Connector Steering Committee met in November and December. He also asked if the 29H250 process should be noted in the Work Program.

### **Other Business**

CHART: January meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Bach, the Committee unanimously voted to move the meeting to Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Matters from the Public**

There were no matters from the public.

The meeting was adjourned.