



CHART Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 6, 2007 DRAFT Minutes

**Present**

Members

Stephen Bach  
Stan Binsted  
James Currie, Chair  
Marc Evans  
Jay Gauldin  
Ann Mallek  
Calvin Morris  
John Pfatlz  
Tricia Traugott

Representing

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

Members Absent

Steve Bolton  
Bobby Burke  
James Burton  
Peter Kleeman

Representing

City At-Large  
MPO, Pedestrian  
City At-Large  
City At-Large

Staff

Kellem Emanuele  
Ann Whitham

Representing

TJPDC  
TJPDC

**Welcome and Matters of the Public:**

Mr. Currie began by welcoming new members Marc Evans, Jay Gauldin and Tricia Traugott. The Committee discussed the role of the CHART Committee and experiences serving on the Committee.

**Approval of May 2, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Bach, the May CHART meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

**SAFETEA-LU Compliance Update**

Ms. Emanuele provided an overview of SAFETEA-LU as it relates to MPO work products: The Long Range Plan, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Work Program and Public Participation Plan. The FY08 Work Program is compliant, but the Long Range Plan needs to be amended to include an Environmental Mitigation section. The Public Participation Plan will also

be updated. MPO staff is in the process of seeking comment on both plans. Public hearings are scheduled for June 20.

### **Review of Draft Public Participation Plan**

Ms. Emanuele explained that the last review was completed in February 2005. The updated plan, approved by the MPO Policy Board at the public hearings January and February of 2007. Mr. Currie opened up the floor for comments on the plan.

Mr. Morris commented that the Glossary of Acronyms is worth its weight in gold. Mr. Currie and Mr. Binsted agreed that it was a great document.

Ms. Emanuele noted that the following additional revisions have been suggested: Light Rail Transit will be added to the acronym list. Additionally, staff suggests that the glossary be removed from the Participation Plan and exist as a separate document. This will enable the glossary to be updated/amended more frequently (as necessary). Mr. Pfaltz suggested that the Long Range Plan and UnJAM be co-referenced in the acronym table.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Pfaltz, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Public Participation Plan was unanimously approved as amended. All were agreed that any additional CHART Committee recommendations should be forwarded to Staff and incorporated.**

### **Review Draft Environmental Mitigation Addendum to UnJAM 2025**

Ms. Emanuele explained that the MPO is working with a wide range of local, state, and federal agencies. Mr. Currie asked if staff has indications that the plan and environmental mitigation section are in good shape. Ms. Emanuele responded that VDOT has told the MPO that the draft meets the core requirements.

Ms. Emanuele noted that while MPO staff wrote the document in collaboration with others, content and data came from numerous state and federal environmental agencies. Ms. Mallek commented that prevention and designating some areas off limits is the only way to control environmental impacts with respect to road building.

Ms. Emanuele reviewed additional revisions that will be made to Figures 1 and 2, including depicting City Historic Districts and more clearly distinguishing the UnJam 2025 road projects (Figure 2).

**Upon a motion by Mr. Pfaltz, seconded by Ms. Mallek, the Environmental Mitigation plan was unanimously approved.**

### **July Meeting Schedule**

The Committee agreed to reschedule the July CHART meeting for Wednesday, July 11 at 7pm. The Meeting will focus on developing a schedule and plan for the long range plan update.

### **FY08 “Game Plan” for Updating UNJAM 2025**

Ms. Emanuele reported that as an alternative to modeling, a benchmark analysis approach has been suggested. This approach would compare data from 2006 (e.g. population, traffic, dwelling units) to the projections for 2025 included in UnJAM.

Mr. Pfaltz commented that the benchmark approach could be used to project where growth will be and where it's occurring as a way to redirect future transportation planning.

Ms. Mallek asked if there are any visiting experts with whom the CHART committee could meet in the meantime to help them brainstorm ideas. Mr. Pfaltz mentioned that he met with David Slutzky and talked about transit ideas. Mr. Slutzky may be someone with whom the Committee should meet.

Ms. Emanuele summarized that CHART's game plan may include gathering more information until a decision about the technical update is made. Ms. Traugott inquired about available traffic and travel data and if the MPO could conduct its own surveys by having a questionnaire on the internet. Ms. Emanuele responded that such surveys wouldn't be statistically significant and thus aren't often used, however that it might be a useful piece of anecdotal information.

Ms. Traugott noted that alternate routes to Rt. 29 are already in use, they're just not improved. Ms. Mallek explained that the roads Ms. Traugott mentioned are in the Six Year Improvement Plan.

### **July Meeting Reschedule**

Mr. Currie suggested a less formal July meeting to get to know each other, look over maps and discuss LRP game plan update ideas. Mr. Evans mentioned that he has lots of ideas for updates that he will pass on Ms. Emanuele, who will include the list in the next packet.

**The Committee agreed to hold the meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Ms. Emanuele asked for any other items to include on the July agenda.

Mr. Morris asked for a list of plans of area projects that could inform the long range plan update.

### **Citizen Letter of Support for Photo Red Cameras**

Ms. Emanuele noted that this letter will be made available to all MPO committees.