



CHART Advisory Committee Meeting
July 11, 2007 DRAFT Minutes

Present

Members

Steven Bach
Stan Binsted
Steve Bolton
Bobby Burke
James Burton
James Currie, Chair
Marc Evans
Jay Gauldin
Ann Mallek
Calvin Morris

Representing

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

Members Absent

John Pfaltz
Tricia Traugott

Representing

City At-Large
MPO

Staff

Kellem Emanuele
Ann Whitham

Representing

TJPDC
TJPDC

Matters from the Public

Peter Kleeman: Mr. Kleeman is concerned about the lack of modeling in the Long Range Plan update. He recommends that the CHART committee wait until the new data comes out to do new modeling, or recommend to the MPO Policy Committee that as much modeling as possible be undertaken for the Long Range Plan update.

Approval of the Draft Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kleeman would like to be removed as an official member of the Committee.

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

Nomination of a Vice-Chair:

The Committee agreed to postpone the nomination until Mr. Pfaltz was present.

Revised Proposed TIP Amendment:

Ms. Emanuele summarized that the proposed amendment would add obligations to the two interstate projects. Mr. Binstead and Ms. Mallek requested a more descriptive map or verbiage for each project description. The Committee members agreed that they would like to continue reviewing TIP Amendments.

FY08 “Game Plan” for Updating UnJAM 2025:

Ms. Emanuele summarized agenda item 5.1, the suggested methodology for a technical alternative to modeling for the Update. The MPO Technical Committee has recommended that the MPO not model for the update process because the transportation data available is from 1988 and thus very out of date. The alternative analysis, a “2006 Snapshot,” would compare actual data from 1998 with actual data from 2006 as a way to assess how close the MPO currently is to meeting its growth projections for 2025. Ms. Mallek concurred that modeling for modeling’s sake is not worthwhile.

Mr. Currie asked for more detail on the 2006 Snapshot, specifically which data will be used. Data in ongoing and recently completed studies within the MPO Area will contribute to the Snapshot. The Committee discussed other potential sources of data (e.g. Places29 and the Eastern Connector). Ms. Mallek noted that UVA has a “where UVA employees live” dataset that may be helpful. Mr. Burke also mentioned the THA/JABA data. Mr. Bach suggested comparing vehicle usage during the 1973 and 1979 oil crises as a method for capturing the impact of fuel prices/fuel security in driver behavior. Mr. Gauldin disagrees with this approach.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Mallek, the Committee unanimously supported not undertaking modeling for the current long range plan update.

Ms. Emanuele facilitated a discussion of Agenda item 5.2, milestones and potential topics for the update process. Ms. Mallek suggested that public input from the other plans could be combined into one document to use as a starting point for discussion during round one public workshops. Mr. Morris likes the idea of consolidating data and public feedback as well. Ms. Mallek also mentioned displaying the current priority projects on a map. Mr. Gauldin suggested documenting this information to create a template for the next update process.

Ms. Mallek urged Mr. Evans to share his Northern Shenandoah Coordinated Transit System ideas to contribute to the current Regional Transit Authority (RTA) discussions. Mr. Burton believes that buses need to have routes originated at apartment complexes and take people directly to work, rather than circulate around downtown.

Mr. Morris requested a summary of the last long range planning process from Harrison Rue. Mr. Bach requested having more time to review documents (2 months instead of 2 weeks).

The Committee invited Mr. Evans to discuss his ideas for topics to address in the update. Mr. Evans suggested revisions and enhancements to several items currently in the long range plan. His ideas included Intelligent Transit System (ITS) improvements, increasing rail capacity, and energy conservation improvements. The Committee was enthusiastic about many of these new ideas.

Other Business:

Places29: Mr. Morris announced that the Albemarle County Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, July 17th from 5-9pm to go over chapters 1-5 of Places 29.

Air Quality Monitor: Ms. Emanuele mentioned the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) presentation to MPO Policy Board on July 18th about the location of the air quality monitoring station in Albemarle County. The selected site is at Albemarle High School.

Supplemental Information: Ms. Emanuele draw the Committee members' attention to Betty Black's citizen letter regarding CTS. The letter is included as Supplemental Information for the CHART, Community Mobility Committee, MPO Policy and MPO Technical Committee meetings.