



CHART Advisory Committee Meeting  
July 11, 2007 DRAFT 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 June 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 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 will be discussed 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.