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Agenda
CHART Citizen's Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2008 7:00 p.m.
TJPDC Large Conference Room

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Item	Time	Description
1	7:00-7:05	Matters from the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker <i>Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transportation-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda.</i>
2	7:05-7:10	Approval of December 9, 2007 Draft Meeting Minutes: Click here for draft minutes
3	7:10-7:40	UnJAM 2035 Public Process Discussion The Committee will review the draft public workshop plan for the Long Range Plan Update, UnJAM 2035, in preparation for a Spring 2008 workshop. Click here for a summary memo
4	7:40-8:00	Green Infrastructure Presentation Rochelle Garwood, TJPDC's Environmental Planner, will make a presentation about the green infrastructure inventory and analysis that she is conducting for the Planning District and the Eco-Logic grant, for which TJPDC is a finalist. The Eco-Logic grant will enable to PDC to continue to focus on the intersection of transportation planning and environmental protection. Materials to be distributed at the meeting.
5	8:00-8:20	UnJAM 2035 Update – MPO Connectivity Discussion The Committee will discuss how to further address network connectivity in the long range plan update. Click here for a summary memo
6	8:20-8:35	Other Business
7	8:35-8:30	Additional Matters From the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker <i>Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transportation-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda.</i>

Upcoming Agenda Items

February

March

UnJAM 2035 Update Preliminary FY09 Work Program preparation	Continued Work Program Prep UnJAM public workshop planning
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DRAFT
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 11th.

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 2nd of January.

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

Matters from the Public

There were no matters from the public.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Memorandum

TO: CHART Committee
FROM: Melissa Barlow, Director of Transportation Programs
DATE: December 20, 2007
Re: UnJAM 2025 Public Participation Training

The draft public participation process for UnJAM 2035 outlined in this memo builds upon and seeks to improve the process from UnJAM 2025 by incorporating the CHART Committee's recommendations for public workshop design and advertising, as well as the call for greater regional planning and cooperation from all six TJPDC localities' elected officials. The draft process also takes into account the proper scope for a long range plan update, as well as the need to adopt an MPO area plan by May, 2009.

The UnJam 2025 process during 2002 and 2003 began with two rounds of workshops in the six localities (nine workshops each) and ended with a single regional Round Three workshop. This format focused necessary attention on individual county issues and generated regional consensus, but the time is ripe for a truly regional conversation. Building on the momentum generated during the May 2007 Regional Information Sharing event for increased regional collaboration, an UnJAM 2035 Regional Summit would provide an opportunity for residents of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District to come together to think regionally and act locally in the process of redefining ongoing issues, identifying new ones, and developing strategies for actions. TJPDC staff is aware that it may be a challenge to assure significant participation from outlying areas, and will discuss this proposed approach with the Rural Technical Committee and the TJPDC Commission.

Draft Proposed UnJAM 2035 Public Involvement Process

Kick-Off Regional Summit

I. Goals

- Review progress since UnJAM 2025
- Redefine/update ongoing issues and projects
- Identify new and emerging issues (health, aging, climate change, funding, etc.)

- Encourage regional thinking and solutions
- Develop strategies for regional action

II. Format

- Tentatively scheduled for April, 2008
- Tentatively a day-long event (or 5 to 6 hours, on Saturday)
- Centrally located for all TJPDC residents and businesses
- Possible UVA-specific lead-in workshop on Grounds
- Skeleton Agenda
 - i. Regional visioning (build on work-to-date from each locality)
 - ii. Review progress-to-date
 - iii. Round One Break-out groups for regional issues
 - iv. Inspiring Lunch Keynote (Virginia Administration or national)
 - v. Round Two Break-out groups for local issues
 - vi. Reconvene and report out

III. Outreach

- Display boards in all localities at prominent locations such as libraries, government offices, post offices, and schools; notices posted in transit stops and vehicles
- Newspaper advertisements in:
 - The Daily Progress
 - The Central Virginian
 - The Greene County Record
 - The Tribune

- Nuevas Raices
- Focus Groups with Partners
- Outreach to partner groups (DSB, Housing, Realtors, Interagency councils etc)
- Save-the-date mailing
- Letter to all past workshop participants
- Flyer with regional summit goals, topics, agenda
- TV and Radio advertisements
- Personal mailing to past citizen participants
- Web based public input

The results from this kick-off Regional Summit will be reviewed by CHART and the Rural Tech Team and will be used to draft the UNJAM 2035 Plan. If necessary, format and content for a second workshop will be developed after the Regional Summit and will tentatively be scheduled for Fall 2008.



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Memorandum

TO: CHART Committee
FROM: Melissa Barlow, Director of Transportation Programs
DATE: December 31, 2007
Re: UnJAM 2035 Update: MPO Area Connectivity Discussion

Recent conversations regarding potential connections between existing subdivisions in the MPO area have highlighted the need for a broader-level discussion of network connectivity. Connectivity should improve mobility while discouraging cut-through traffic between local destinations. A CHART Committee discussion is the next step in the process of clarifying how the MPO should address network connectivity in the Long Range Plan update, UnJAM 2035.

To facilitate an efficient discussion, the planning documents in use or under consideration in the MPO and TJPDC as a whole are summarized below.

UnJAM 2025

Building on the planning principles outlined in the Eastern Planning Initiative, UnJAM 2025 addresses connectivity in the Regional Vision Transit-Ready Development section (p. 67) citing “an ‘urban’ street grid (providing plenty of connections versus cul-de-sacs)” as a desirable characteristic of new subdivisions. The UnJAM 2025 Action Agenda goes on to identify a “more complete network of parallel and connector roads” as a goal for roadway implementation strategies (p. 144).

UnJAM 2025’s vision for a more connected urban fabric defining new development in the MPO is echoed in the more recent City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County Comprehensive Plans, and VDOT’s draft Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements.

Updated Plans Since UnJAM 2025

I. City of Charlottesville 2007 Comprehensive Plan

While the City promotes connectivity between arterial roads and residential areas, it discourages neighborhood-level transportation improvements that make through-travel convenient. “The local street system makes up the majority of the roadway network within the City. Its primary purpose is direct access to property and, as a result, it offers the lowest level of mobility. Service to through-traffic is deliberately discouraged on these roadways.” (Chapter 6, p. 115)

Additionally, the Plan notes cut-through traffic as a City-wide issue, “ISSUE III: Vehicles are traveling at high speeds on local streets and cutting through neighborhoods rather than using the arterial and collector roadway network in place for this type of travel” (p. 132).

II. Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan (amended in 2005):

The Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan’s Transportation Chapter outlines a set of transportation goals that support the need for more connectivity “within and between neighborhoods,” in order to better serve all members of the community (p. 169).

Additionally, the 12 principles of the County’s Neighborhood Model include “transportation networks and interconnected streets” (174). Subsequent road design standards “require interconnection of adjacent developments/neighborhoods within Development Areas, and where appropriate in Rural Area development, to achieve a local road system and provide alternatives to the regional road network for local trips” (186).

Plans Under Development

I. Area Plans

Plans under development in Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa and Nelson Counties—Places 29, the Northwest Fluvanna/Southwest Louisa Corridor Study, the Lovingston Safety Study and the Nellysford Community Plan—emphasize the importance of building a multi-modal network and encouraging connectivity amongst and between local network destinations.

II. VDOT Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements (SSARs)

VDOT is in the process of updating its SSARs. The draft regulations respond to a state statute that mandates “requirements to ensure the connectivity of road and pedestrian networks with the existing and future transportation network.”

The current draft regulation measures connectivity using a link-node ratio, or connectivity index. The link-node ratio is calculated by dividing the number of links (street segments and stub streets) by the number of nodes (intersections or cul-de-sacs). The connectivity requirements vary based on area type, and logically are higher for compact areas than for rural areas.

UnJAM 2035

As the CHART Committee has discussed, the principle of connectivity is often at odds with what area residents want in their neighborhoods. While a connected grid of local roads and streets is beneficial for pedestrians, cyclists, and an aging (and less mobile) population, the issue of cut-through automobile traffic traveling at high speeds has prevented planned neighborhood connections from being constructed, despite UnJAM 2025 and the localities’ Comprehensive Plan goals.

Through UnJAM 2035, the MPO has the opportunity to refine its connectivity goals to reflect the increased mobility benefits of connectivity, remain sensitive to citizen concerns about cut-through traffic, and outline strategies for reducing cut-through traffic, such as traffic calming measures and appropriate road design.

Charlottesville- Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Area Transportation Projects Project Status Matrix

	Project Name/Description	Lead Jurisdiction	Project Lead	Last Milestone Completed & Jurisdiction Responsible	Upcoming Milestone & Jurisdiction Responsible	Date of Next Milestone	Current Project Status	Estimated Project Completion Date
1	<u>Hillsdale Drive Safety Improvements</u> UPDATED	Albemarle County	Juan Wade	95% cost estimate completed	1. Complete final design plans. 2. Bid project 3. Start Work	December 2007 1. December-2007 2. March 2008	Completing design plans for bid.	Project will start construction in Spring 2008
2	<u>Hillsdale Drive Extension</u>	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Location Study complete. FONSI approved 4/06.	SC Meeting #5	Early 2008	Design underway. Utility field inspection scheduled.	2010 pending sufficient funding
3	<u>Meadowcreek Parkway</u> New 2-lane road connecting McIntire Rd. to Rio Rd. UPDATED	VDOT	Greg Krystyniak	Right of Way (RW) acquisition authorized for County portion -- VDOT	Utility relocation --VDOT	Nov. 2007 (Delayed pending right of entry agreements.)	RW acquisition ongoing for County portion. RW phase for City portion is pending subject to final interchange limits. Alt. SWM design ongoing.	Ad date --June 2008 Construction phase start (pending resolution of R/W phase)
4	<u>Rt. 250 Bypass Interchange at McIntire Rd</u> UPDATED	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Citizen Info Meetings (CIM) #1 held 2/23/06, #2 held 6/14/06. CC presentation 8/7/06, MPO Policy presentation held 11/15/06. Planning Comm. presentation held 6/12/07. CC presentation 7/2/07.	Currently working with Consulting Parties concerning Section 106 – Historic Resources	Ongoing	Ongoing – EA document completed. Continued refinement on Alternatives.	2008
5	<u>Eastern Connector Location Study</u> UPDATED	Albemarle County	Juan Wade and Jack Kelsey	Steering Ctm. held meeting on November 16, 2007	Consultant to conduct additional evaluation on alternatives for next Steering Ctm meeting to be held on December 14, 2007	Compiling information from November 28 and 29 public hearings	Compiling information from November 28 and 29 public hearings	Spring 2008
6	<u>ITS</u> UPDATED	Charlottesville	Jeanie Alexander	Traffic data collected, modeling underway. Weather stations installed and operating. Additional communications equipment purchased.	Model 7 corridors using Synchro and develop timing plans.	Fall 2007	Ongoing – Ridge, W. Main and Emmet implemented. Avon, Preston and JPA to come.	Ongoing
7	<u>Belmont Bridge</u> UPDATED	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Cost benefit analysis supports full replacement	Environmental EQ 429 form submitted for approval. Design RFP being developed.	Early 2008	Replacement Bridge - Federally funded; Working on RFP for Consultant concerning Bridge Replacement ; Repair work completed.	Unknown

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8	<u>JPA Bridge</u> Bridge replacement over Norfolk Southern Rail Road	VDOT	Greg Krystyniak	Right of Way Acquisition Authorized - VDOT	Completion of utility relocations -- VDOT	Spring 2009	RW acquisition process ongoing. Re-scoping held.	Nov 2009 Ad date. CN in Spring of 2010.
9	<u>Southern Parkway</u> New East-West connection between Avon St. and 5th St.	VDOT	Joel DeNunzio	Project placed in Secondary Six Year Plan – VDOT & Albemarle	PE Authorization (2012) - VDOT		Awaiting accrual of PE Funds	Unscheduled Construction
10	<u>Water Street Bike/Ped Path</u>	Charlottesville	Chris Gensic	\$303,000 Federal grant awarded. Advising Coal Tower developer of grant conditions	Pre-construction paperwork. Extend trail down Carlton to Meade Park?	Property Survey complete Historic & Enviro. Appvl– Summer 2007	Construction drawings under development. Project will go to design build bid in fall or winter pending environmental and historic review and approval. \$100,000 in leftover funds from Transit Center have been transferred to this project	2008
11	<u>29H250 Phase II</u> Priority projects include possible lane addition on 29S from Hydraulic to 250W ramp, addition of lane on ramp, and addition of lane on 250W to Barracks road exit. UPDATED	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Funding allocated for PE (mixture of primary funds, revenue sharing grant, proffer, and local funding)	Scoping Meeting	Early 2008	Traffic Analysis Being Completed for VDOT Approval and Albemarle Place Proffer Amended	Unknown
12	<u>Georgetown Rd.</u> Rte 656 – Spot Imp., sidewalk & safety features	VDOT	Greg Krystyniak	Scoping	Preliminary Design – VDOT	Winter – 2008	Scoping mtg held. Preliminary design work starting using 10' wide facility as primary design feature.	Ad date –Feb 2011 Construction phase start.
13	<u>Rio Mills Rd.</u> Hard-surfacing Rte. 643 UPDATED	VDOT	Joel DeNunzio	SERP completed	Develop preliminary plans and stream crossing design	undetermined	Survey is complete and preliminary design has started.	Ad date changed to 2015 due to lack of funds

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14	<u>Dickerson Rd.</u> Hard surfacing Rte. 606	VDOT	Joel DeNunzio	PE Authorized – VDOT Project approved as Priority 12 of the County Six Year Secondary Road Priority List in January 2006.	Project put on hold due to funding			undetermined
15	<u>Free State Rd.</u> Construct road from Rio Road to Free State Rd to replace substandard bridge or replace bridge. UPDATED	Albemarle County	Juan Wade	The bridge is currently closed for maintenance.	Belvedere connector road will be constructed to serve Rt. 651 and Belvedere.	Spring/Summer 2008	The bridge has been removed from the County's Six Year Road Priority List because of the Belvedere project.	N/A
16	<u>Jarman's Gap Rd.*</u> Pedestrian, bicycle, and turn lane improvements on Rte. 691	VDOT	Brian Arnold	Design Public Hearing held	Right of Way Acquisition	Fall 2007	Proceeding with administrative adjustments as a result of splitting project into 2 phases. Phase I cost, from Route 240 to Jarman Lake Road. Phase II cost, from Jarman Lake Road to Route 684. Final NEPA approval granted on 10/10/2007. Plans are being finalized for FI and R/W, working on updated estimate.	2010 Construction Start
17	<u>Fontaine Avenue</u> Pedestrian, bicycle and turn lane improvements	VDOT	Greg Krystyniak	Design Public Hearing approved	Right of Way Acquisition		Project currently without CN funding. Scope getting reevaluated	Unscheduled Construction
18	<u>Eastern Albemarle Transportation Study</u> UPDATED	Albemarle County	Juan Wade	Project team conference call to discuss deliverables.	Assist with Village of Rivanna Master Plan	December/January 2008	Contract extended to March 2008 to assist with the Village of Rivanna Master plan.	Spring 2008
19	<u>Regional Transit Authority Plan:</u> Plan to explore issues associated with expanding current transit system	MPO	Melissa Barlow	Discuss first round of work products: draft mgmt. & governance and service & operations reports and next steps	Presentations to City Council and County BOS, joint Council/BOS work session.	December presentations Early 2008 work session	Deliverables reviewed by MPO Policy Board. Second round of review to take place at December meeting.	2008

* Project located outside of MPO area.