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of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission**

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Agenda

CHART Citizens' Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 2nd, 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 June 4th, 2008 Draft Meeting Minutes: Click here for draft minutes
3	7:10-7:15	Nomination and Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair
4	7:15-7:30	Thinking Ahead: Footbridge over the Rivanna River Randy Salzman, a sustainability researcher at the Darden Business School, will give a presentation that discusses the feasibility and possible benefits of a Rivanna River footbridge, in the Pantops area of the city. Click here for a Summary Memo
5	7:30-8:15	UnJAM 2035 Document Planning and Review The Committee will provide staff with comments and suggested topical updates to the long range plan, including the Planning Goals and Regional Vision for the 2035 plan. Click here for a Summary Memo
6	8:15-8:30	Other Business
7	8:30-8:40	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

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UnJAM 2035 Document Review	
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CHART Advisory Committee Meeting
June 4, 2008 Minutes

Present

Members

Stephen Bach
James Currie, Chair
Marc Evans
Jay Gauldin
Mac Lafferty
Jeff Monroe
John Pfaltz, Vice Chair
Linda Seaman
Bill Wuensch

Representing

MPO, Bicycling
Albemarle County, Environment
MPO
MPO
Albemarle County
Albemarle County
City At-Large
City At-Large
MPO

Not Attending:

Bobby Burke
James Burton
Cal Morris
MPO, Pedestrian
City At-Large
Albemarle County, Planning Commission

Staff:

Cory Anderson
Melissa Barlow
Ann Whitham
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Matters from the Public

There were no matters from the public.

Welcome to New Members

Mr. Currie introduced himself and welcomed everyone to do the same. The Committee welcomed new members Mac Lafferty and Jeff Monroe, both Albemarle County members.

Approval of the Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Pfaltz, seconded by Ms. Seaman, the April 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Car Sharing Presentation and Discussion

Mr. Zachary Shahan, Executive Director of the Alliance for Community Choice in Transportation, and Mr. Mike Goddard, a University Transit Service TDM Professional, gave a presentation about the possibility of a car sharing service in Charlottesville. The presentation

specifically focused on the ZipCar car sharing programs that allows members to use a car from an hour to an entire day. Currently a Charlottesville-area version of this program is being implemented at the University of Virginia. Mr. Shahan and Mr. Goddard discussed the ZipCar phenomenon, the specifics of the program, and the program's feasibility for the city of Charlottesville.

Mr. Pfaltz added that the ZipCar format is synergistic with other modes of public transit like commuter rail from Crozet. He mentioned that he talked to Mayor Dave Norris, who is supportive of the idea. Mr. Shahan agreed that it is a great compliment to public transit.

Ms. Seaman asked if ZipCar tends to locate their cars at bus or rail terminals. Mr. Goddard answered that yes this was typically the case, but maybe not in Charlottesville. Cars might later be located near the Downtown Transit Center, but the first priority location for ZipCar placement is near the University of Virginia.

Mr. Evans asked about the distribution of the length of trips. Mr. Goddard replied that most ZipCar trips are for lunchtime excursions, for people in carpool situations, or for people who need to run errands midday. For the location of the ZipCars, the City, County or UVA would have to designate the spots, particularly spots that are heavily branded. Some cities even have electric cars/kiosk set-up.

Ms. Barlow asked how the number of cars at the University will be determined. Mr. Goddard stated that the number of cars will be based on the student population. Also, Mr. Goddard explained that the cars will be located near first-year dorms, but only on central grounds. Ms. Barlow asked if the UVA staff members who carpool go through the University or RideShare. Mr. Goddard responded that right now it's RideShare, but the University is working out a policy of incentives for ridesharing. If University employees want ridematching and guaranteed ride home they must still register through RideShare. Ms. Barlow than asked if the number of participants in RideShare were part of the calculation for the number of ZipCars.

Mr. Goddard also explained that when a ZipCar is checked-out for over 40% of the time over an 18 hour period that the ZipCar program will make another car available for use.

Mr. Gauldin asked if there are bike racks on the kiosks or cars. There are not.

Mr. Goddard also explained that the University Hospital staff population was taken into account, even if no ZipCars will be located in that area upon the initial implementation of the program.

Mr. Currie thanked them.

UnJAM 2035 Regional Summit Review and Next Steps Discussion

Ms. Whitham gave a presentation about the recent UnJAM 2035 Regional Summit, which took place on May 10th at Monticello High School. The Summit was an opportunity for the public to participate in a planning workshop that would help shape the framework for the UnJAM 2035 plan, a long-range transportation plan for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District. The summit was a success, but there is still more outreach necessary, particularly for the rural areas.

The Committee noted that there have been significant changes in the cost of energy, transportation since last year.

Ms. Seaman noted that few business have accounted for the cost of fuel increasing as sharply as it has, and specifically mentioned school districts.

Mr. Monroe agreed and stated the Diantha McKeel stated that the Albemarle County schools travel 12,000 miles a day.

Draft FY09 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Review

Ms. Barlow introduced the new format for the FY09 TIP, noting changes in the amount of detail and information as compared to the FY06 TIP. She explained how the new TIP will interact with the new STIP grouping process. She noted that she presented this information to the Policy Board and requested their decision about how to present information in the TIP.

Mr. Bach asked if there will be appendices in the TIP that show the breakouts within the groups. Ms. Barlow agreed that this is a key question and added that the Policy Board has asked for a format similar to the past TIP with the detailed information, followed by grouped projects, then the appendix with the ungrouped projects, plus an appendix with the six year plan.

Mr. Lafferty asked for a recap of the STIP grouping process, which Ms. Barlow provided, adding that the process makes sense, but met with conflict locally because citizens and elected officials desired more detail.

Mr. Pfaltz would like CHART to send a message to the MPO Policy Board about certain projects listed in the TIP. Specifically dealing with projects that will be grouped but that he thinks should be ungrouped. For example, the listed Old Ivy Road project, which he does not think should be under safety, or on the list at all. Ms. Seaman asked if the Old Ivy Road project involved widening the underpass. It does not and the bridge will remain two-lane. Ms. Barlow suggested contacting Albemarle County about whether the project should be in the SYP.

Mr. Gauldin asked what direction CHART should take. Ms. Barlow responded that she would like feedback about the new format of the TIP and whether they agree with the VDOT proposed format, or do they think that we should provide the same amount of detail as in the old TIP.

Mr. Gauldin agreed that the public should see the dollar values for each project. Mr. Pfaltz does not think that the maps and descriptions need to be included. Mr. Gauldin feels that the lack of written description and map is not good. Mr. Lafferty agreed that he would not know a road solely by its route number. Mr. Gauldin suggested a single map showing the projects with a list of Universal Project Codes.

Ms. Seaman noted that a good deal of the TIPs work is front-end work, and that at least the previous TIP's data could be reused.

Other Business

Policy Board: Mr. Pfaltz reported that he attended the May Policy Board meeting where David Slutzky brought up the Berkmar Bridge. Mr. Slutzky believes that the Berkmar Bridge can be built for much less than the estimated \$30 million, even from a private developer. Mr. Pfaltz thinks we should be building bridges at the choke points and letting developers build the roads in between. Mr. Pfaltz also noted that Mr. Slutzky recommended bringing the topic up at CHART

to build enthusiasm. Furthermore, Mr. Pfaltz noted that Mr. Slutzky too is bothered by the earmarking of funds for projects like Old Ivy Road and believes that those funds should be used to construct the Berkmar Bridge.

Mr. Wuensch commented that Stonehaus would like to build at Berkmar Bridge and is willing to put funds on the table, and is asking the County to take those funds to make improvements for the bridge. The County does not want to collect the funds and take the responsibility to design and build the bridge; however, this is Stonehaus' proposal.

Mr. Pfaltz just wants CHART to make a statement about the importance of the bridge as a project.

Mr. Pfaltz brought a motion that the Committee vote to send a memo to the Policy Board and the Board of Supervisors about the high priority of the Berkmar Bridge project. There was no second.

Mr. Monroe noted his concern about the subsequent effects on his Hessian Hills neighborhood.

Mr. Gauldin commented that the County has had Georgetown Road on the books for quite awhile, but there is a lack of funds.

Mr. Lafferty asked Mr. Pfaltz which projects he wants to send to the MPO as a list. Mr. Currie suggested making Mr. Pfaltz's point in the UnJAM 2035 plan.

Executive Director Search: Mr. Bach requested details about finding a new Executive Director. Ms. Barlow noted that the Commission is likely to hire an independent firm to conduct the recruitment effort. The firm should be chosen by fall 2008

Bike Sharing: Mr. Wuensch shared that he saw a bike sharing system in Paris and noted that a similar program is coming to D.C. He would like to see this come to Charlottesville

Chairmanship of the Committee: Mr. Currie noted that he has served as the Chair and representative to the MPO for 1.5 years and welcomed other members to consider nominating someone else or run themselves. He would like to open up both roles to an election at the next meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Pfaltz, seconded by Ms. Seaman, the CHART Committee unanimously passed a motion of appreciation for Harrison Rue.

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no additional matters from the public.

The meeting was adjourned.

Memorandum

To: CHART Committee
From: Randy Salzman, Sustainability Researcher
Date: June 24, 2008
Re: Thinking Ahead, Footbridge over the Rivanna River

Albemarle County projects a doubling, from 28,000 cars daily to 55,000, of traffic crossing the Free Bridge over the Rivanna when Martha Jefferson Hospital moves in 2012. Rather than face horrendous congestion and associated global warming, peak oil, pollution, and health issues, area transportation officials can benefit politically if the area acts today in seeking TEA funding for a footbridge from the Riverview Park area to State Farm Boulevard, where some 500 employees work at the insurance company. MJHs move means 1,500 employees and visitors to 800 beds will likely cross the Free Bridge to the new location but, with (1) a public information campaign showing the populace that a footbridge is both recreation and transportation and (2) an MJH transportation demand management (TDM) program showing employees how, and why, to use alternatives to single occupancy vehicles, that congestion negative becomes an area positive. Intelligent media relations will illustrate that leaders are ahead on peak oil and global warming while addressing local congestion and demonstrating how to produce effective employer-based TDM programs. MJH, for example, will save building extensive parking at the new location by considering an electric bus to transport employees across the footbridge (via electronically removable stanchions also available for emergency vehicles) because the bus would never hang up in Free Bridge traffic.

Randy Salzman, , is a former communications and marketing professor who has extensively studied TDM projects around the world, including Australia's immensely successful TravelSmart concept which is annually decreasing vehicles miles traveled by 14 percent in another car culture.



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Memorandum

To: CHART Committee
From: Ann Whitham, Planner
Date: June 13, 2008
Re: UnJAM 2035 Planning Goals and Regional Vision

The UnJAM 2025 Plan outlines three key goals on which the Regional Vision for the Plan rests. These are:

- Improve connections and travel throughout the region
- Improve mobility within neighborhoods, towns and counties
- Make transportation choices which help foster livable communities

While neither planning thought and practice nor the priorities of the MPO area and the region have changed drastically in the past five years, revisiting these goals and the Regional Vision in the context of a shifting economy, increased transportation costs and limited funding will help us create a relevant and responsive UnJAM 2035. For reference, the Planning Goals and Regional Vision pages from UnJAM 2025 are enclosed with this memo.

Based on CHART's recommendations, MPO staff will revise the Planning Goals and Regional Vision for UnJAM 2035 and present them to the MPO Policy Board and the Planning District Commission for approval at their July and August meetings respectively.

Attachment A:

Goals and Evaluation

The United Jefferson Area Mobility 2025 Plan is a long-range transportation package designed to improve the region's environment, land-use, and economic development. It strives to create an efficient, seamless transportation network. The Plan's goals are to:

- **Improve connections and travel throughout the region**
- **Improve mobility within neighborhoods, towns and counties**
- **Make transportation choices which help foster livable communities**

Each mode in the transportation network delivers on these goals as detailed in each modal section. The following criteria have been developed to help evaluate proposed transportation projects for the CHART 2025 Plan:

1. Provides effective and competitive alternatives to the automobile
2. Supports locally adopted land use goals
3. Supports environmental preservation goals
4. Provides multiple choices for travel
5. Enhances traveler convenience and flexibility
6. Ensures that any new roadways in commercial and/or residential areas are appropriate to a pedestrian scale
7. Enhances intermodal access
8. Enhances neighborhoods and sense of community by protecting or improving residents' travel choices, safe streets, and pedestrian accessibility
9. Shortens overall travel distance through enhanced connectivity
10. Seeks the elimination of congestion at busy nodes
11. Complements scale and character of surrounding area
12. Is visually attractive and enhances or maintains beauty of surrounding area
13. Supports access to community services, public facilities, recreational and natural areas
14. Enhances the safety of travelers using motorized and non-motorized modes.
15. Considers requirements for emergency vehicle access in a manner consistent with the other criteria
16. Meets needs of underserved communities and individuals
17. Provides opportunities for future transit development
18. Enhances local and regional economy, including through tourism
19. Supports intended road network function
20. Meets CHART standards for acceptable Level of Service (LOS)
21. Complements state, national, global transportation network
22. Includes a "no build" alternative in all considerations of transportation improvements
23. Adheres to principles of Environmental Justice

Attachment B:

UnJAM 2025 Regional Vision
Overview

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District has adopted a vision for the region's overall transportation system:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District transportation system will provide an appropriate blend of transportation alternatives to support the movement of people, goods, services and information in the most efficient and effective manner possible, addressing regional and statewide transportation needs in a manner consistent with local goals to maintain and enhance quality of life.

In addition, the individual localities of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission have many shared goals for transportation planning. They may be classified under region-wide mobility, local or neighborhood mobility, and the creation of livable communities:

- **Improve connections throughout the region**
 - Decrease traffic congestion and improve traffic flow
 - Provide a good mix of public transit options
 - Support more park and ride lots
 - Improve rail service, including potential for Light Rail

- **Improve mobility within neighborhoods, towns, and counties**
 - Make walking practical, safe, and enjoyable
 - Create and improve facilities for bicycling
 - Create internal road networks and interconnected streets

- **Make transportation choices which help foster livable communities**
 - Target growth to development areas with good regional mobility
 - Create neighborhood friendly streets with safe facilities for walking and bicycling
 - Decrease strip commercial development
 - Provide a healthy mixture of land uses supporting the local economy

The regional dynamics of interconnected roads, shared transportation systems such as JAUNT, CTS, UTS, Greene County Transit, and Park and Ride lots, commuting patterns, and regional destinations for shopping and recreation point to the need for a coordinated, multi-modal regional transportation plan. This plan must be able to be effectively implemented if the region is to continue to flourish and grow in a manner in keeping with the quality of life that the region's residents currently enjoy.

**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	Final plans completed.	Project to go to bid.	May 11	Project plans completed. Construction likely to start in late or August.	Fall 2008
2	<u>Hillsdale Drive Extension</u>	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Location Study complete. FONSI approved 4/06.	SC Meeting #5	Early 2008	City staff and VDOT currently reviewing 30% plans.	2010 pending sufficient funding
3	<u>Meadowcreek Parkway</u> New 2-lane road connecting McIntire Rd. to Rio Rd.	VDOT	Greg Krystyniak	Right of Way (RW) acquisition authorized for County portion -- VDOT	Utility relocation for City -- VDOT	(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 by committee approved by City Council.	Target Ad date -- Late 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	Summer 2008	City Council will make design recommendations concerning selecting a preferred alternative design concept.	2009
5	<u>Eastern Connector Location Study</u> UPDATED	Albemarle County	Juan Wade and Jack Kelsey	Steering Committee met in May to finalize their recommendations.	The consultant will forward the SC the recommendations for final review. The SC will also review the presentation for the City Council and BOS. The presentation to the CC and BOS will take place in the Fall 2008.	Fall 2008	The consultant will forward the SC the recommendations for final review. The SC will also review the presentation for the City Council and BOS. The presentation to the CC and BOS will take place in the Fall 2008.	December 2008
6	<u>ITS</u> UPDATED	Charlottesville	Jeanie Alexander	Traffic data collected, modeling underway. Weather stations installed and operating. Additional communications equipment purchased. VDOT to install variable message signs at key locations entering City. Schedule TBD.	Model 7 corridors using Synchro and develop timing plans.	Spring 2008	Ongoing -- Ridge, W. Main, Emmet, JPA and Preston implemented. Avon and Market to come. Hope to implement June/July.	Ongoing

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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.	Fall 2008	Replacement Bridge - Federally funded; Working on RFP for Consultant concerning Bridge Replacement ; Repair work completed.	Unknown
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. Design detail coordination with city staff. Revision of plans started.	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	Attempt to acquire lease of land from CSX Pre-construction paperwork. Extend trail down Carlton to Meade Park?	Property Survey complete Historic & Enviro. Appvl– Summer 2008	Still awaiting lease from Railroad \$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.	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Funding allocated for PE (mixture of primary funds, revenue sharing grant, proffer, and local funding)	Continued Coordination between City, VDOT and developer	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 - VDOT	Preliminary Design – VDOT	Winter -Spring 2008	Preliminary design work ongoing. County staff checking for older drainage easements. County considering assisting with acquisition of R/W .	Ad date –Feb 2011 Construction phase start.

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13	<u>Rio Mills Rd.</u> Hard-surfacing Rte. 643	VDOT	Joel DeNunzio	SERP completed	Develop preliminary plans and stream crossing design	undetermined	Project removed from Albemarle County SSYP.	Unknown
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>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	August 2008	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. VDOT Chief Engineer approved Public Hearing on May 7, 2008.	2010 Construction Start
16	<u>Fontaine Avenue</u> Pedestrian, bicycle and turn lane improvements	VDOT	Greg Krystyniak	Design Public Hearing approved	Project put on hold due to funding		Project currently without CN funding. Scope to be reevaluated	Unscheduled Construction
17	<u>Regional Transit Authority Plan:</u> Plan to explore issues associated with expanding current transit system UPDATED	MPO	Melissa Barlow	Met with George Washington PDC Representatives (Fredericksburg) to hear how their pursuit of a Regional Transportation Authority is progressing.	Consultant completion of final Study tasks which include an RTA staffing plan, cost allocation plan, service standards, and a transition plan. Joint Worksession planned for July	July 2008	Currently reviewing consultant tasks	2009

* Project located outside of MPO area.