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CHART Advisory Committee Meeting
October 1, 2008 Minutes

Present

Members

Stephen Bach
Bobby Burke
James Currie
Marc Evans
Mac Lafferty, Vice Chair
John Pfaltz
Linda Seaman, Chair

Representing

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

Not Attending:

James Burton City At-Large
Jay Gauldin MPO
Tom Loach Albemarle County Planning Commission
Jeff Monroe Albemarle County At-Large
Jon Schroeder City At-Large
Bill Wuensch MPO

Staff:

Melissa Barlow TJPDC
Sarah Eissler TJPDC
Chuck Proctor VDOT
Ann Whitham TJPDC

Ms. Seaman called the meeting to order.

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of the September 3, 2008 Minutes:

Upon a motion by Mr. Pfaltz, seconded by Mr. Bach, the September 3, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

UnJAM 2035 Draft Sections Review

Ms. Whitham reported that the MPO Policy Board approved the 2035 Preamble and Vision Statement.

She then introduced the draft sections of the UnJAM 2035 document to the Committee, noting that Sarah Eissler has been responsible for developing the text. She asked for feedback on the organization and content of the document.

Mr. Pfaltz noted that he liked the tenor of the document, but would like to see maps showing choke points and hotspots included in the document.

Ms. Whitham noted that the Issues and Priorities portion of Section II: Planning Process still needed to be developed with the Committee's help. The Committee developed a draft list of issues and priorities for the region which staff will bring back at the next meeting for review.

The Committee went on to suggest additions to the Existing Network section of the document.

Mr. Bach commented that bike and pedestrian connections between neighborhoods should be mentioned. Ms. Seaman agreed and added that these trails should be suitable for small electric vehicles such as scooters and Segways as well. Trails should also connect to parks and schools.

Staff suggested asking City and County trails and greenways planners to attend the next CHART meeting to answer additional questions.

UnJAM 2035 Draft Section V: Regional Vision Review

The Committee reviewed the preliminary staff summary of the UnJAM 2025 Regional Vision chapter and recommendations for additions to the updated 2035 document. Ms. Whitham requested additions and suggestions for the new section.

Mr. Burke emphasized the importance of talking about the Regional Transit Authority Plan.

Ms. Seaman asked if TDM strategies could include HOV lanes and signal coordination. Ms. Whitham responded that it could, but that MPO Tech had responded that HOV lanes are highly unlikely to be implemented in the area in the next twenty years. Mr. Bach stated that given the expense of HOV, it might be more worthwhile to promote carpooling. Mr. Proctor added that if HOV lanes are not part of the initial road design, then it is extremely difficult to implement HOV.

Mr. Evans agreed that creating positive incentives to carpool is more effective than congestion pricing or limiting access on a new road.

Mr. Pfaltz would like the section to include the need for an Easter Connector.

Ms. Seaman again noted the importance of providing routes for persons in low-speed electric vehicles.

UnJAM 2035 Fiscally-Constrained Project List Review

Ms. Barlow provided the Committee with a more current list than what the Committee received in their packets. Ms. Whitham provided the Committee with a summary of the new format of the document and the additional proposed new project list. Ms. Barlow added that she cross-checked the list against the TIP and SYP and has added projects in the FY09 TIP that have not previously appeared in the CLRP.

Mr. Bach asked about the Coal Tower Trail and whether it should be listed in the CLRP. Ms. Whitham will check with the City Trails Planner.

Mr. Evans noted the importance of including a bike and pedestrian underpass at I-64 to connect the Biscuit Run development to the City. Ms. Whitham stated that the Committee needs to clarify an alignment for such an underpass.

Mr. Pfaltz returned to the Old Ivy Road and Proffit Road projects. He suggested that the Old Ivy Road project description should be changed not to include road widening. He also suggested that CHART recommend that the scope and cost of the Proffit Road project be re-examined by the Policy Board. The Committee agreed. He also requested that the Ashwood Boulevard to Polo Grounds Connector and Cedarwood Court to Overlook Drive connections be added back to the list to be examined. Ms. Whitham stated that the MPO Technical Committee recommended against the two projects. The Committee agreed with Mr. Pfaltz that the two projects should be returned to the proposed project list.

Other Business

Policy Board Meeting: Ms. Whitham provided the Committee with the revisions to the Policy Board meeting schedule for October, November and December.

Additional Matters from the Public

There were no additional matters from the public.

The meeting was adjourned.