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Agenda

CHART Citizens' Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 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 the January 7, 2008 Draft Meeting Minutes: Click here for draft minutes
3	7:10-7:40	Greene County Multi-Modal Corridor Study Presentation TJPDC is working with Greene County and the Renaissance Planning Group to develop a plan for the US 29 and US 33 transportation corridors in conjunction with Greene County's Comprehensive Plan update. Bill Wanner, TJPDC's Senior Regional Planner will give the Committee an overview of the project and discuss how growth and development in Greene County will affect the transportation network Click here to download a summary memo
4	7:40-7:55	UnJAM 2035 Public Participation Phase II Update MPO staff will provide the Committee with an update on plans for Phase II outreach including the development of the www.unjam.org website and the March 2009 UnJAM 2035 Open House.
5	7:55-8:00	Other Business
6	8:00-8:05	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

March

April

UnJAM 2035 Final Draft Review	RTA Update
FY10 MPO Work Program Review	ITS Presentation

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CHART Advisory Committee Meeting
January 7, 2009 Minutes

Present

Members

Stephen Bach
Bobby Burke
Jim 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 County Planning Commission
Jon Schroeder City At-Large
Bill Wuensch MPO

Staff:

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

Ms. Seaman called the meeting to order and introduced new TJPDC staff member Will Cockrell.

Matters from the Public

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of the Minutes

Upon a motion from Mr. Pfaltz, seconded by Mr. Lafferty, the December 3, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Upon a motion from Mr. Bach, seconded by Mr. Burke, the October 1, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

UnJAM 2035 CLRP Update and Year of Expenditure Discussion

Ms. Whitham presented the recently revised CLRP Project List. The list was recently updated to show project cost estimates in future year of expenditure (YOE) dollars. The YOE cost estimates caused the fiscally constrained project list to exceed its anticipated federal funding allocation by \$50 million.

Ms. Whitham asked the Committee to review the CLRP project list and determine which projects could be moved to the Vision List or reduced in scope to reduce the deficit. The Committee's suggestions will be conveyed to the MPO Policy Board for consideration.

Mr. Burke asked if the recent budgetary changes to the Six-Year Program (SYP) affected the CLRP project list. Ms. Barlow stated that most of the SYP budget cuts had affected major projects in the Culpeper and Staunton districts.

Mr. Pfaltz stated that the new bridge listed in US 250 East Pantops Master Plan Improvements project was only considered by the City in tandem with the Eastern Connector Study. Since the Eastern Connector has been removed from the CLRP, he suggested that the bridge portion of the project be removed. The Committee agreed.

Ms. Barlow stressed that MPO staff has not yet met with City and County planning staff to discuss projects that could be shifted to the Vision List.

Mr. Pfaltz then suggested I-31 stating that the bridge was recently replaced. Mr. Proctor clarified that the deck of the bridge was replaced not the entire bridge. Mr. Pfaltz asked if the planned I-31 project would be two lanes wide. Mr. Proctor stated that it would.

Ms. Barlow suggested that the Proffit Road project could be shifted to the Vision List and asked the committee if they had any objections. The Committee agreed to recommend the Proffit Road Improvements project for the Vision List.

Mr. Currie asked about the costs for the I-64 Exit 118 project. He wanted to know if the \$33 million cost estimate had to do with safety improvements. Mr. Proctor stated that safety was a concern for this project noting especially the dangerous on and off-ramp weaving movements in the eastbound direction. Mr. Evans asked if Mr. Proctor had any data concerning vehicular accidents at this location. Mr. Proctor stated that there were over safety issues to consider beside vehicular accidents. Mr. Currie asked if interchange projects have a better chance of receiving funding. Ms. Barlow responded that there is more federal funding available for interstate and primary roads projects than secondary road projects.

Ms. Seaman asked for clarification regarding the University of Virginia's development requirements from VDOT. She wanted to know if the University is required to fund access improvements when it constructs a new facility. Mr. Proctor responded that the University typically funds alternative modes of transits and promotes satellite parking facilities instead of constructing new parking areas in conjunction with new building projects.

Mr. Currie asked if the \$2 million cost estimate for the US 29 Bypass project is necessary. Mr. Proctor responded that the \$2 million only covers the cost of managing the properties that VDOT acquired in the potential Bypass right of way, not acquiring additional right of way.

Ms. Whitham suggested shifting the Route 20 Improvements project to the Vision List. Mr. Proctor stated that many of the necessary improvements will be funded by a developer. The Committee agreed to move the project to the vision list.

Ms. Seaman asked if the current cuts discussed are sufficient for CHART's recommendations to MPO Policy Board. Ms. Barlow stated yes, but encouraged the Committee to consider other projects to give the City more options when the TJPDC talks with them to discuss removing projects from the CLRP project list. Mr. Lafferty asked Mr. Proctor if he could see any other projects that could be removed or reduced. Mr. Proctor stated that he could not.

Ms. Seaman asked if the CLRP project list was intended to be a guide for the possible economic stimulus funding, or if that process would be separate. Ms. Barlow stated that the process would be separate. Mr. Proctor stated that the possible stimulus funds would focus on "shovel-ready projects." Ms. Seaman asked if a project on the CLRP would be removed if it was funded and constructed with stimulus money. Mr. Proctor stated that would be the case. Ms. Barlow added that that the CLRP project list cannot show a deficit even if project funding from alternative sources is anticipated.

Ms. Barlow summarized the CHART Committee's suggestions. She stated that the Committee suggested moving the Proffit Road and and Route 20 Improvements projects to the Vision List, and reducing the project scope for the Pantops Master Plan Improvements. She stated that the Committee suggested improving some of the New Construction project descriptions and emphasizing connectivity within those descriptions.

UnJAM Public Participation Phase II Planning

Ms. Whitham introduced the agenda item and gave the Committee a brief summary of the timeline for completing the UnJAM 2035 update. She stated that new information on the draft document and project list should be available to the public by mid-February. TJPDC will use March to make presentations to the City and County Planning Commissions. Ms. Whitham explained that the that CLRP will be a major feature of UnJAM 2035 via an interactive map on the www.unjam.org website.

Ms. Whitham asked the Committee for feedback on implementing the Phase II Public Outreach component of the UnJAM 2035.

Mr. Lafferty thought the idea of a map was a good one but suggested that an interactive map would be a lot of work. Mr. Pfaltz suggested showing the CLRP project list as is, but making the project titles link to a map showing the project location. Ms. Whitham stated that the creation of the map was not a major concern but that putting the map on the website might cause issues for some users with slower connections. Mr. Evans suggested using scalable graphics but also stated that that might be time consuming. He also suggested integrating the project list with Google Maps, but was unsure of software compatibility. Ms. Barlow suggested having a PDF option for users with a slower internet connection.

Ms. Whitham also asked the Committee what portions of the UnJAM 2035 document should be highlighted for the public. Mr. Pfaltz asked if public meetings were going to be held. Ms.

Whitham stated that the document would be taken to Planning Commissions but that no separate public meetings were planned. Ms. Barlow mentioned that only the MPO portion of UnJAM 2035 must be completed by May and that the Rural Long Range Plan was on schedule to be complete by the end of 2009.

Mr. Pfaltz stated that in his experience the best public participation forums allow people to have a discussion. Mr. Pfaltz stated that the website would not engender the best discussion forum and suggested having an individual explain what major issues are discussed in UnJAM 2035 and once explained asked citizens what they think about those issues. Ms. Seaman suggested using Public Access Channel 10 as a medium for explaining the UnJAM 2035 document. Mr. Burke suggested recording the presentation at CitySpace. Mr. Currie suggested emailing people the time and date that the broadcast would air. Ms. Barlow suggested letting TJPDC staff consider the idea internally to create a more complete plan and see if the concept matches FHWA public participation requirements.

Other Business

RTA: Ms. Barlow stated that the letter took the form of a short memo. Ms. Seaman asked if the letter has already been mailed. Ms. Barlow said that it had.

Project Tracking Matrix: Mr. Pfaltz stated that he Jeannie Alexander to present data on item 6 at the next CHART meeting. Ms. Barlow stated that she would look into that as a possibility.

TJPDC Executive Director Search: Mr. Bach asked for an update concerning the TJPDC's search for an executive director. Ms. Barlow stated that two rounds of interviews have been conducted and that the Commission was not satisfied with the candidates. The Commission is now re-advertising the position.

Mr. Pfaltz stated that he would like to make a note of appreciation to Chuck Proctor for all his hard work on the CLRP project list. The committee members concurred.

Matters from the Public

There were no matters.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Memorandum

To: CHART Committee
From: Bill Wanner, Senior Regional Planner
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Greene County Multimodal Corridor Study and Comprehensive Plan Update

Overview

In 2007, TJPDC and Greene County jointly applied for and received a VDOT Local Corridor Study Planning Grant to develop a plan for the US 29 Corridor from the Albemarle County line to Ruckersville and for the US 33 corridor from the Orange County Line to the western end of the Stanardsville Bypass. Work on the study began in September 2008 in conjunction with an update to Greene County's Comprehensive Plan, on which TJPDC and Greene County are also partners.

The Comprehensive Plan

The update to Greene County's Comprehensive Plan will provide a new vision and set of goals for future growth and development, review and potentially revise the future land use map and make recommendations for implementation, focusing on planning and funding strategies. The process kicked off with a series of three community "focus groups" around the County to identify key issues and components for the vision statement and goals. Following the community focus group meetings, TJPDC and County staff have worked together with the Planning Commission to develop a Vision Statement, which will be finalized at a January 29, 2009 work session.

The US 29/33 Multimodal Corridor Study

The County and TJPDC have retained Renaissance Planning Group to conduct the corridor study, which will analyze future growth patterns and develop multimodal transportation solutions for the US 29 and 33 corridors to accommodate that growth. It will include strategies for improvements to 29 and 33, a better-connected network of local roads to protect through-capacity, pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the developing areas, improved business access, and coordination between Greene County Transit and regional transit service.

As part of the Corridor Study, Renaissance Planning Group will work with the County to develop a preferred growth scenario through a series of workshops, the first of which was held on November 15, 2008. Scenario planning is an opportunity to create and test how different land use patterns affect our transportation system. Scenario planning also helps us understand where and how we can improve roads and mobility in our community. The Corridor study also comes at a particularly opportune time given its concurrency with both the update to UnJAM, as well as the VDOT Route 29 Corridor Study. The VDOT project lead has already attended a Greene County scenario planning workshop and TJPDC will be able to incorporate current and topical citizen response from the study into UnJAM 2035.

Next Steps

Next steps include a Multimodal/Scenario Planning workshop in early March. County residents will identify a preferred alternative scenario to the trend or "business as usual" scenario. The preferred alternative will then guide the specific transportation and land use recommendations made in the study.

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>	Albemarle County	Juan Wade	Final plans completed.	Project to Advertise ALB. County on December 14 th .	December 2008	Project plans completed. Construction likely to start in December 2008, majority of work in Spring 2009	Spring 2009
2	<u>Hillsdale Drive Extension</u>	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Location Study complete. FONSI approved 4/06.	Design Public Hearing	Spring 2009	City staff and VDOT currently reviewing 30% plans.	2009 (preliminary engineering / design portion)
3	<u>Meadowcreek Parkway</u> New 2-lane road connecting McIntire Rd. to Rio Rd.	VDOT	Greg Krystyniak	City portion: R/W notice to proceed County portion: advertised -- VDOT	City portion: Utility relocation -- VDOT County portion: Construction -- VDOT	City portion: (Delayed pending right of entry agreements) County portion: late winter 2009	City portion – section 106 process ongoing. County portion – Advertised.	Fall 2011
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. CC Work Session 6/4/08.	Currently working with Consulting Parties concerning Section 106 – Historic Resources	2009	City Council selected a preferred alternative design concept – G1 with modified trail system. Design work will continue – focus on bridge, ped connections, etc.	2009
5	<u>250 Bypass Commuter Trail (McIntire Park to Dairy Road bridge)</u>	Charlottesville	Chris Gensic	Plans at 50% - City with consultant help.	1 - Finalize plans 2 - Determine if crushed mall brick can be used	2009	In design	Spring 2009
6	<u>Belmont Bridge</u> UPDATED	Charlottesville	Jeanette Janiczek	Cost benefit analysis supports full replacement	Agreement finalize with design consultant.	Winter 2009	Design RFP advertised – City currently in process of selecting/negotiating with consultant firm.	Unknown

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7	<u>JPA Bridge</u> Bridge replacement over Norfolk Southern Rail Road	VDOT	Tracy Elliott	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. Revisions complete, R/W to finish by April/Utility relocation to begin in May 2009.	Nov 2009 Ad date. CN in Spring of 2010.
8	<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
9	<u>Water Street Bike/Ped Path</u>	Charlottesville	Chris Gensic	\$303,000 Federal grant awarded. Advising Coal Tower developer of grant conditions. No land to be acquired – transfer funds	Design roadway section to add multi-use trail Pre-construction paperwork.	Property Survey complete Historic & Enviro. Appvl– Summer 2008	No lease from Railroad, build without extra land using City funds – TEA grant project shifted to “Water Street Extd. to Meade Park”	2009 – Meade section 2010 or later for developer section
10	<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		Traffic Analysis Being Completed for VDOT Approval and Albemarle Place Proffer Amended	Unknown
11	<u>Georgetown Rd.</u> Rte 656 – Spot Imp., sidewalk & safety features	VDOT	Tracy Elliott	Scoping - VDOT	Preliminary Design – VDOT	Winter -Spring 2008	Preliminary design work ongoing. County staff checking for older drainage easements. Plans being completed for Spring 09 PFI	Ad date –Feb 2011 Construction phase start.
12	<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
13	<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

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14	<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	EARLY 2009 R/W	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. Utility Field Inspection Scheduled for late October 2008. Plans are being finalized for RW submission.	2010 Construction Start
15	<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 <i>Bike lanes striped from Maury to Lewis</i>	Unscheduled Construction
16	<u>Regional Transit Authority Plan:</u> Plan to explore issues associated with expanding current transit system UPDATED Recommended for removal	MPO	Melissa Barlow	MPO has approved final draft.	None.		Complete. .	December 2008
17	<u>Regional Transit Authority:</u> Work to secure enabling legislation to form an Authority, and to levy taxes or fees to finance transit in the urban area. UPDATED	MPO	Melissa Barlow	Joint Working Group (JWG) of City/County elected officials have approved draft bill to authorize formation of RTA, and have also provided comments on language to raise sales tax by up to one cent. Both bills are to be carried to the General Assembly 2009 session by Delegate Toscano.	Feedback from General Assembly on outcome of bills.	Jan/Feb 2009	Project awaiting response from GA.	Continuous until RTA established.

* Project located outside of MPO area.