



## Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Agenda

#### CHART Citizens' Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010 7:00 p.m.

TJPCD Large Conference Room

Item	Time	Description
1	7:00-7:05	<b>Matters from the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker</b> <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	<b>Approval of the December 2, 2009 Draft Meeting Minutes</b>
3	7:10-7:15	<b>TJPCD Staffing Update</b> Mr. Williams will discuss the newly hired transportation planner Johnny Han.
4	7:15-7:20	<b>Updates for all MPO Committees</b> Mr. Williams will give an update on changes to MPO Policy Board, MPO Tech and CHART.
5	7:20-7:40	<b>Draft Public Participation Presentation</b> Ms. Eissler will present specific details of the revised public participation presentation. This presentation is being edited for review by the MPO Policy Board at their March meeting.
6	7:40-8:00	<b>Process for Establishing Community Outreach</b> Ms. Eissler will present on possible agencies open to hearing the CHART Committee's presentation and the process establishing for planning to meet with the agencies. This process will be reviewed by the MPO Policy Board at their March meeting.
7	8:00-8:10	<b>CHART Committee Schedule</b> Ms. Eissler will present on recent efforts to have Bill Watterson of CTS speak at a future CHART committee meeting.
8	8:10-8:20	<b>Information Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. <u><i>VDOT's Route 29 Corridor Study</i></u> Mr. Williams will discuss the changes made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board regarding the Route 29 Corridor Study.</li><li>B. <u><i>State Acquisition of Biscuit Run</i></u> Mr. Williams will discuss the State's recent acquisition of Biscuit Run and how this acquisition affects the MPO.</li></ul>
9	8:20-8:25	<b>Other Business</b>
10	8:25-8:30	<b>Additional Matters From the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker</b> <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>



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CHART Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 2nd, 2009 Minutes

**Present**

Members

Bobby Burke  
Tom Loach  
Jeff Monroe  
Bruce Odell  
John Pfaltz  
Linda Seaman, Chair  
Peggy Westfall

Representing

MPO, Pedestrian  
County Planning Commission  
Albemarle County At-Large  
City-At-Large  
City-At-Large  
City-At-Large  
City-At-Large

Not Attending

Stephen Bach  
Jim Currie  
Mac Lafferty, Vice Chair  
Bill Wuensch

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

Staff:

Sarah Eissler TJPDC  
Chuck Proctor VDOT  
Steve Williams TJPDC

Ms. Seaman called the meeting to order.

**Matters from the Public**

Peter Kleeman: Mr. Kleeman stated that he was extremely pleased with the CHART Committee's public participation efforts and encouraged the committee to not just seek public comment but actively educate the public.

**Discussion of the New Format for Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Eissler explained that from this meeting forward, with the committee's permission, the CHART committee's meeting minutes will be presented in a summary format. Ms. Seaman stated that important items should be presented in appropriate detail.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Upon a motion from Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Westfall, the November 4, 2009 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.**

**Discussion of the Draft Public Participation Presentation**

Ms. Eissler presented on the second draft of the public participation presentation, specifically highlighting changes that the committee members had requested. Ms. Eissler emphasized that most of the major edits to the presentation focused on funding transportation in the Commonwealth. The committee members mentioned only minor typos and small edits in the early portion of the presentation. The committee members requested that the funding information become simplified. Furthermore, committee members

requested that the total annual funding amount be broken down by program to easier see how the funding is allocated, specifically how much money is going to maintenance.

Further concerns about the presentation focused on the Alternative Strategies slide. Mr. Odell was concerned that these strategies and the funding portions of the presentation focused primarily on roadways. Mr. Odell continued that he thought transit and the RTA should be better represented. Committee members felt that the funding discussion and alternatives discussion had been framed to be accessible to the average citizen outside of transportation planning. Mr. Williams stated that given the 20-minute time limit of this presentation it would be difficult to fully discuss the complexities and purposes of a Regional Transit Authority. Mr. Odell continued that because the presentation touches on transit topics that we should at least briefly explain an RTA.

Mr. Loach expressed concern that the Alternative Strategies slide mentioned a bypass to Route 29 North. Mr. Loach was concerned because the County has stated repeatedly that a Western Bypass is not a viable alternative for improving route 29 north and that they will not support this project. Mr. Williams stated that while the County Board of Supervisors does not support this project, numerous citizens still feel that a Western Bypass is the only option for improving route 29 north. Ms. Eissler agreed with Mr. Williams, stating that during the RLRP public outreach process numerous citizens in Albemarle County and Greene County thought a Western Bypass was the best way to improve transportation problems in the region. Mr. Loach stated that in this presentation the Western Bypass is being portrayed as a single answer to problems on Route 29 North and that this is not the case. Mr. Williams stated that the public sees the Western Bypass as a viable improvement and to not include the bypass in the alternatives strategies list would overlook a significant debate in our region. Mr. Williams also clarified that the purpose of this presentation is not validate or invalidate and County or City policies, but to better understand the public's perception of transportation planning in our region.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Odell mentioned that CHART has been hoping to have Bill Watterson, of CTS, come to a committee meeting and discuss transit in the region. Mr. Odell was hoping staff could ask Mr. Watterson again now that his semester commitments are ending. Ms. Eissler stated that she would check with Mr. Watterson about his future availability.

Mr. Williams stated that MPO staff will need to cancel the January meeting due the holiday schedule.

Mr. Pfaltz stated that the JPA Extended Bridge Replacement project will cause significant congestion through this portion of the City. Mr. Pfaltz stated that he proposed to City Council that the City close the major thoroughfare into this neighborhood, Old Lynchburg Road at Azalea Park, to all vehicles except transit to see if the planned transit improvements and other alternative strategies are viable. Ms. Seaman suggested presenting this idea to the MPO Policy Board as the Policy Board would be a better forum for this issue.

#### **Additional Matters from the Public**

There were no additional matters from the public.



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### Memorandum

**TO:** CHART Committee  
**FROM:** Sarah Eissler  
**DATE:** January 27<sup>th</sup> 2010  
**RE:** Updates for all MPO Committees

**Purpose:** Due to recent elections and shifts in the MPO committee structure, significant changes have been made to all of the MPO's Committees.

#### **Background:**

*MPO Policy Board:* In the November 2009 elections Rodney Thomas defeated the MPO Policy Board Chair David Slutzky. Supervisor Thomas has been appointed as the new Albemarle representative on the MPO Policy Board. In the May 2009 primary Mayor David Norris and Kristin Szakos defeated Julian Taliaferro. Ms. Szakos has been appointed as the new representative on the MPO Policy Board. Albemarle County Supervisor Dennis Rooker and City Council Member Satyendra Huja are both returning to the board.

*MPO Technical Committee:* The MPO Technical Committee and the Community Mobility Committee were combined on a trial basis in November 2009. The committee is anticipated to vote on making this merge permanent in May 2010.

*CHART Citizen Advisory Committee:* The CHART Committee is not at full membership as two positions in the MPO and one position in the County are vacant. Both the MPO and the County are advertising these vacancies and hope to have the positions filled by March 2010.



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### Memorandum

**TO:** CHART Committee  
**FROM:** MPO Staff  
**DATE:** January 27<sup>th</sup> 2010  
**RE:** Public Participation Presentation Update and Next Steps

#### **Updates: Public Participation Presentation**

TJPDC staff has continued to edit the public participation presentation to include the CHART Committee's suggestions made at the December meeting. Significant desired changes discussed at the meeting include editing the funding slides to be clearer, improving the alternative strategies slide and including additional "informative slides" should an organization require a longer more education-oriented presentation.

#### **Next Steps: Process for Establishing Community Outreach**

MPO staff is hoping to begin scheduling presentations in March 2010. Our goal is to begin with organizations that CHART Committee members are familiar with and then expand to other areas. Current organizations that have been suggested and are being pursued as possibilities include...

- The Virginia Statesmen
- The Greenbrier Neighborhood Association
- The Fry Springs Neighborhood Association
- The Martha Jefferson Neighborhood Association
- The Crozet Advisory Council

Please let us know what specific organizations you are associated with that would appreciate and enjoy this presentation. Please email me or bring contact information to our next meeting so I can begin compiling an official list. It is easier and more organized if all contacts are officially made by the TJPDC staff. This will help keep the schedule of these presentations ordered. TJPDC staff will keep a list of all contacts and when they would like to schedule our presentation.