

HRMPO TAC Minutes April 6, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Rockingham County Administration Center
20 East Gay Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Voting Members	Alternates	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Susan Smith, Dayton	✓ Ann Cundy
✓ James Baker	Jay Litten, Bridgewater	✓ Rita Whitfield
✓ Bill Blessing, Chairperson	Lisa Perry, Rockingham	✓ Jonathan Howard
✓ Thanh Dang	Shane Stevens, Mt. Crawford	
✓ Tom Hartman	Avery Daugherty, Harrisonburg	Others
✓ Gerald Gatobu	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
Rockingham County	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Noland Stout, Daily News Record
✓ Rhonda Cooper, Vice Chairperson	Dan Rublee, Harrisonburg	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
James May	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT	✓ Adam Campbell, VDOT
✓ Casey Armstrong	✓ Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
Town of Bridgewater	Josh Dunlap, VDOT	
✓ Alex Wilmer	Jay Lindsey, DRPT	
Town of Dayton	Non-Voting Members	
✓ Robert Popowicz	Kevin Jones, FHWA	
Town of Mt. Crawford	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	
✓ J. C. Smythers	✓ Lee Eshelman, JMU	
VDOT	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ Terry Short		
✓ Don Komara		
VDRPT		
✓ Nick Britton		

Call to Order

The April 6, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing.

Minutes

Chairman Bill Blessing presented the minutes from the February 2, 2017, TAC meeting. Ms. Rhonda Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Thanh Dang, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Bill Blessing opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Kim Sandum, Community Alliance for Preservation (CAP) Executive Director, requested Cross Keys Battlefield be added to the HRMPO FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) map.

Consideration of Release of the Draft FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Public Review (TAC AF #17-3)

Chairperson Blessing presented for consideration Release of the Draft FY18 UPWP for Public Review (copy attached to file minutes). Ms. Ann Cundy gave a brief overview of the Draft FY18 UPWP. She noted that the UPWP is substantially changed in its organization from FY17 and reviewed the changes and the new work elements. Ms. Cundy noted that this is a draft UPWP and may be changed before final submittal and approval. Ms. Rhonda Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Thanh Dang, to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the release of the Draft FY18 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Election of Officers

Chairman Blessing presented Election of Officers. He stated that the HRMPO Bylaws provide for the election of officers, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected. Those members elected to office shall assume their duties on July 1st. Mr. Blessing ask for nominations for Chairperson. Nominations for Chairperson were opened. Mr. Don Komara nominated Mr. Bill Blessing for the office of Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Rhonda Cooper. Mr. Bobby Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Casey Armstrong, for nominations for Chairperson to be closed. Motion was carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Blessing was unanimously elected to the office of Chairperson.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Don Komara nominated Ms. Rhonda Cooper for the office of Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Casey Armstrong. Nominations for Vice Chairperson were unanimously closed. Ms. Cooper was unanimously elected to the office of Vice Chairperson.

Rockingham County Urban Development Area (UDA) Plan Update

Chairman Blessing presented the Rockingham County UDA Plan Update. Ms. Rhonda Cooper gave an update on the UDA Plan, noting that last fall, Rockingham County received a grant from VDOT's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to put together an aerial plan for an existing UDA. She stated that the Plan was well underway and reported on the timeline for the Plan.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Updates

Under VDOT Updates, Mr. Brad Reed announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will host a Spring Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) public meeting, April 27th, at Blue Ridge Community College, at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to review and discuss SMART SCALE projects



recommended for funding in the FY 2018 SYIP. Mr. Cooper gave an update on the Smart Scale schedule, noting that there is approximately \$7.5 million in unallocated funding in the district grant SMART SCALE grant program. Mr. Terry Short responded to a question regarding the Smart Scale process. Mr. Don Komara reported on current projects in the HRMPO area.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Under DRPT Updates, Mr. Nick Britton introduced himself, noting that he was DRPT's Statewide Manager of Transit Planning. He stated that if anyone had any questions regarding transit to let him know. Mr. Gerald Gatobu reported on the City of Harrisonburg's Department of Public Transportation's (HDPT) Six-Year Transit Development Plan.

Other Business

Under Other Business, a question was raised regarding the status of the Inter-Regional Transit Feasibility Study connecting Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Staunton, and Harrisonburg. Ms. Ann Cundy gave a brief update on the Study and the timeline for completion. She stated that she would present a more formal update on the Study at the next meeting.

Also under Other Business, Ms. Ann Cundy reported on the following:

- Noted that the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was adopted by the Policy Board at their March 20, 2017, meeting. Staff has submitted the adopted 2040 LRTP to VDOT, VDRPT, FHWA, and FTA to meet the requirement of updating the LRTP every five years. She stated that the next steps center on MPO and VDOT staff developing a framework and methodology for performance-based project evaluation. This is the first step in aligning the MPO's long range planning process with the federal performance-based planning requirements of the FAST Act.
- Announced that the Sixth Annual 2017 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bike Walk Summit will be held on November 3, 2017, at the James Madison University (JMU) campus.
- Reported on the Virginia Tourism Corporation grant award funding for the Bike the Valley program.
- Ms. Thanh Dang gave an update on the City of Harrisonburg's Comprehensive Plan, noting that the kick-off process began in January 2017. She stated that key information and upcoming events regarding the Plan can be found on the City's website.



Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager