

## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes February 16, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	Lee Eshelman, JMU	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
✓ Ted Byrd, Vice Chairman	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Jonathan Howard, CSPDC
✓ Kurt Hodgen	Nick Britton, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Reggie Smith	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
Rick Chandler, Chairman	Michael Breeden, Rockingham	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg
✓ Fred Eberly	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ James Baker, Harrisonburg
Stephen King	✓ Casey Armstrong, Rockingham	✓ Pete Kesecker, Rockingham
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
✓ Dennis Driver	Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ Nolan Stout, DNR
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
Robert Popowicz	Susan Smith, Dayton	
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
✓ Jay Litten	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
<b>VDOT</b>	Terry Jackson, VDOT	
Randy Kiser	Terry Short, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

### Call to Order

The February 16, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Ted Byrd.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fred Eberly moved, seconded by Mr. Don Komara, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017, Policy Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Vice Chairman Byrd opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

### **Consideration of the FY 2015-2018 Highway Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (PB AF #17-4)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the FY 2015-2018 Highway Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement TIP Amendment (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the TIP Amendment, noting that the TIP Amendment was spurred by a cost estimate increase for rumble strips, the installation of which is funded through a number of child projects within this grouping. She stated that the TIP Amendment was released for public review for 21 days and no comments were received. Mr. Reggie Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Fred Eberly, to approve the FY 2015-2018 Highway Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement TIP Amendment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Consideration of Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP Release to Public Comment (PB AF #17-5)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP to be released for public comment (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the TIP, noting that funding identified in the TIP is intended for transportation projects and programs to be obligated for the federal fiscal years 2018-2021. She reported on several project changes highlighted in the TIP, noting that the changes will be corrected in the document submitted for public comment. Mr. Kurt Hodgen moved, seconded by Mr. Reggie Smith to release the Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Consideration of Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Release for Public Comment (PB AF #17-6)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Draft LRTP, noting that at its February 2, 2017 meeting, the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) voted to recommend that the Policy Board release the document for public comment. She stated that the Draft LRTP reflects the changes recommended by the Town of Dayton to move projects #77B and #39 from the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) to the Vision List. Ms. Cundy stated that the revenues for these two projects remained in the CLRP under secondary road projects for unspecified future improvements because those are still projected revenues. She reviewed the next steps, noting that the final Public Open House for the 2040 LRTP is scheduled for March 1, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Rockingham County Government Center in the Community Development Department's Community Room. Ms. Cundy stated that final adoption is scheduled for the HRMPO Policy Board March 16th meeting. Mr. Kurt Hodgen moved, seconded by Mr. Don Komara, to release the LRTP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Mr. Kurt Hodgen reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. He stated that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Mr. Stephen King, Mr. Randy Kiser, and himself, recommended that the current Chairperson, Rick Chandler, and Vice Chairperson, Ted Byrd, continue serving for the next two years, effective July 1, 2017. Vice Chairman Byrd stated that the Policy Board will take formal action on the recommendation by the Nominating Committee at their next meeting.

### **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented VDOT Update. Mr. Brad Reed reported on the 2025 VMTP Open House that was held on February 15, 2017, at the Fishersville Transit Facility. He also reported on Smart Scale projects and funding, noting that there was an earmark that added funds to each district. Decisions will be made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in March or April on how to allocate the remaining funds. Mr. Reed gave an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), noting that tentative selections will be released at the April CTB meeting. He reported on the State of Good Repair (SGR) funding and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Mr. Don Komara gave an update on several projects in the HRMPO area. He reported on the Route 11 bridge project in Mt. Crawford and on the Port Republic Road interchange realignment project in Rockingham County.

### **Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented DRPT Update. Mr. Reggie Smith reported on FTA Section 5307 funds for FY17, noting that five percent was being withheld until Maryland, DC and Virginia passed safety legislation for the Metro Safety Commission. He also reported on the City of Harrisonburg's Department of Public Transportation's (HDPT) Transit Development Plan, noting that the public survey was currently being tabulated.

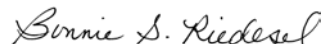
### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Bonnie Riedesel reported on a kick-off meeting for a small urban area study for the Bridgewater Main Street Improvement Project. Also under Other Business, Ms. Riedesel noted that staff is currently working on the FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and will present a draft to the TAC and the Policy Board at their next meetings.

### **Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Byrd announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017. He reminded everyone about the LRTP Open House on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There being no further business to come before the Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie S. Riedesel  
HRMPO Administrator