

## HRMPO TAC Minutes February 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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

Voting Members	Alternates	Staff
<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	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	<b>Others</b>
✓ Gerald Gatobu	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg	✓ Adam Campbell, VDOT
<b>Rockingham County</b>	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
✓ Rhonda Cooper, Vice Chairperson	Dan Rublee, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
James May	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT	✓ Nolan Stout, DNR
✓ Casey Armstrong	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	✓ William Bushman, Hurt & Proffitt
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	Josh Dunlap, VDOT	
✓ Alex Wilmer	✓ Katie Schwing, DRPT	
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	
✓ Robert Popowicz	Kevin Jones, FHWA	
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	
J. C. Smythers	Lee Eshelman, JMU	
<b>VDOT</b>	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ Terry Short		
✓ Don Komara		
<b>VDRPT</b>		
Nick Britton		

### Call to Order

The February 1, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman Blessing.

### Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the December 7, 2017, TAC meeting. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Chairman Blessing opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

## **FY18 Small Area Study Selection (TAC AF #18-1)**

Chairman Blessing presented for consideration FY18 Small Area Study Selection. Ms. Cundy stated that at the December 7, 2017 TAC meeting, staff was directed to obtain cost estimates for three proposed small area/corridor studies for the MPO to pursue for FY18 and FY19. She presented a brief review on each project and cost estimates that were requested from consultants in the CSPDC's on-Call Program for: 1) Rockingham County VA 42/Garbers Church Road Bike and Buggy Access for approximately \$15,000-\$20,000, with a timeframe of February-June 2018; 2) City of Harrisonburg Port Republic Road Operations and Access Corridor Study for approximately \$40,000-\$50,000, with a timeframe of July-December 2018; and 3) Town of Mt. Crawford/US 11/Dinkel Avenue Operations and Safety for approximately \$40,000-\$50,000, for 2019. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the three proposed small area studies as presented and implementation schedule for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **Draft FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (TAC Memo: #18-1)**

Chairman Blessing presented the Draft FY19 UPWP. Ms. Cundy gave a brief update on the Draft FY19 UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the HRMPO. She stated that the UPWP details the administrative and planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year, and the federal, state, and local funds used for these activities. Ms. Cundy stated that staff proposes shifting funding resources from the Long Range to Short Range Planning element in the UPWP to reflect the shift in focus from the LRTP Amendment in FY18 to conducting the three, small area/corridor studies identified above in TAC AF #18-1. She reviewed the next steps, noting that the FY19 UPWP will be presented to the TAC at their April 5, 2018, meeting to recommend to the Policy Board at their April 19, 2018 meeting to release the FY19 UPWP to public comment and then following public comment, will be presented to the Policy Board for final approval at their May 17, 2018 meeting.

## **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment Update (TAC Memo: #18-2)**

Chairman Blessing presented the update to the 2040 LRTP Amendment. Mr. Howard gave an update on the LRTP and summarized the work of the MPO and VDOT staff, and the LRTP Working Group since the December 2017 TAC meeting. He presented the HRMPO 2040 LRTP Vision List, noting that the finalized list of vision projects was developed by the LRTP Working Group. Mr. Howard noted that MPO and VDOT staff have incorporated the project description revisions, completed scoring tool development, and begun the scoring process. He stated that the scoring results will be presented to the TAC and Policy Board in late spring.

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

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed stated that in preparation for Round 3 of SMART SCALE, several training events are planned to learn about the pre-application process and other changes/enhancements to the SMART SCALE application. He announced that the first training event is scheduled for February 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., hosted via Webex, at the VDOT Harrisonburg Residency; a pre-application refresher and full application training will be held on February 27, 2018, via Webex, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with the location to be determined; and the SMART Portal will open on March 1, 2018. Mr. Reed stated that VDOT is available to assist any jurisdiction that has potential projects if needed.

Mr. Komara gave an update on various bridge projects in the area. He noted that a public hearing regarding the proposed realignment of the north-bound off-ramp at Exit 245 on Interstate 81 will be held on February 28, 2018, at Harrisonburg City Hall in City Council Chambers from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On a question regarding the status of the Revenue Sharing applications, Mr. Komara responded that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is scheduled to announce their recommendations at their February or March meeting.

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

Under DRPT Update, Ms. Schwing reported on Virginia Breeze, a new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81, launched December 1st. She stated that the Virginia Breeze, which connects travelers from Blacksburg to Washington, D.C. with multiple destinations in-between, has exceeded rider expectations, with Harrisonburg as one of the top stops for service. Ms. Schwing announced that Transportation, Commuter Services/TDM and FTA Section 5310 and 5311 program applications are due today. She reported that the Statewide Rail Plan was approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at their January 9, 2018 meeting. Ms. Schwing reported on the Bus Driver Assistance Technology program for bus safety improvement.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy stated that she received a request from The Arc of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County seeking capital assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia through the FTA Section 5310 program to purchase transportation equipment to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She noted that the total cost of the project is approximately \$110,000 with 20% agency responsibility (\$22,000), to purchase two 9-passenger raised roof vans with lifts. Ms. Cundy stated that the application will be presented to the Policy Board at their next meeting. Also under Other Business Ms. Cundy reported that the Town of Bridgewater has a signed agreement for the Transportation Alternatives Grant for the Riverwalk Project, a plan to create a path connecting Wildwood Park with the Sandy Bottom Golf Course. She stated that the Town hoped to have authorization from the Federal Highway Administration in the next few weeks to begin engineering on the project.



## **Adjournment**

The next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on March 1, 2018. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager