

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes January 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	✓ 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		Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Fred Eberly, Rockingham
Rick Chandler, Chairman		✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
William Kyger	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg
✓ Stephen King	Casey Armstrong, Rockingham	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
Town of Mt. Crawford	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
✓ Dennis Driver	Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ Nolan Stout, DNR
Town of Dayton	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
✓ Robert Popowicz	Susan Smith, Dayton	✓ Josh Dunlap, VDOT
Town of Bridgewater	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ Andrew Williams, Berkley Group
Jay Litten	Toni Ray, Mt. Crawford	
VDOT	Terry Jackson, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser	✓ Terry Short, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

Call to Order

The January 19, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Ted Byrd. He introduced and welcomed Mr. George Hirschmann, new representative for the City of Harrisonburg. Ms. Riedesel welcomed and introduced Mr. Jonathan Howard, new CSPDC Transportation Planner.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stephen King moved, seconded by Mr. Robert Popowicz, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016, Policy Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Vice Chairman Byrd opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Kim Sandum stated, with regard to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, that she understood that they may be making some changes to the categorization of road projects from the Constrained Long Range Plan to the Vision List, and if so, she requested that the HRMPO consider doing the same for project #129, Switchboard Road, to allow for study under the new transportation model and to provide citizens the opportunity to provide input before it is actually placed on the Constrained list. She also asked to hear comments from VDOT who attended the I-81 legislative caucus.

Consideration of Final Approval of the Amended Title VI Plan (PB AF #17-1)

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration Final Approval of the Amended Title VI Plan. Ms. Cundy noted that following the HRMPO's update of the Title IV Plan in 2015, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation responded with a list of additional required updates to the Plan in which staff added to meet these additional requirements. Ms. Cundy stated that the Title VI Plan was released for a 21-day public comment period, and that no comments were received. Mr. Reggie Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Kiser, to approve the Amended Title VI Plan. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Final Approval of the FY17 Highway Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (PB AF #17-2) and Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement TIP Amendment for Public Comment (PB AF #17-3)

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration final approval of the FY17 Highway TIP Amendment (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that she had received an additional TIP Amendment for the Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement grouping to be released for a 21-day public comment period (attached to file minutes). She gave a brief review on the FY17 Highway TIP Amendment, noting that the TIP Amendment was released for a 21-day public comment period and no comments had been received. Mr. Brad Reed gave a brief description on the Safety/ITS/Operation Improvement TIP Amendment, noting that this 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. Ms. Cundy noted that in order to approve this TIP Amendment, it must be released for public review for 21 days. Mr. Reggie Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Kiser, to recommend final approval of the FY17 Highway TIP Amendment and to release the Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement TIP Amendment for the 21-day public comment period. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Nominating Committee (Board Memo #17-1)

Vice Chairman Byrd presented Appointment of Nominating Committee. The HRMPO Bylaws provide for the election of officers, Chair and Vice-Chair, and the appointment of a Nominating Committee. Vice Chairman Byrd appointed the following to serve on the Nominating Committee: Mr. Kurt Hodgen, Mr. Stephen King, and Mr. Randy Kiser. The Nominating Committee will make their recommendation at the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting.

Update on the Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the Update on the HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Cundy provided a PowerPoint presentation on the LRTP. She reviewed the Long Range planning requirements, 2040 update process, goals and objectives, and gave an overview on the chapters in the document. Ms. Cundy introduced Mr. Andrew Williams, Berkley Group, who reviewed the cost and revenue analysis. He noted that surface transportation funds anticipated through 2040 equal \$108.3

million, and surface transportation needs equal \$883.8 million, which leaves a \$775.5 million shortfall. Mr. Williams stated that transit funding anticipated through 2040 amounts to \$60.4 million, and the annual HDPT budget is approximately \$6 million annually. He reviewed the next steps, noting that final adoption is scheduled for the HRMPO Policy Board March 16th meeting.

Mr. Robert Popowicz stated that he had met with representatives from the HRMPO, VDOT, Rockingham County and the Town of Dayton regarding projects on the Constrained Long Range Plan. Based on that discussion, he recommended moving projects #77B and #39 from the Constrained Long Range Plan to the Vision List. Mr. Popowicz explained that the Town of Dayton would like to explore other options that might be more efficient in eliminating traffic hazards, one of them possibly being Huffman Drive, as well as Route 257, as possible alternatives to these projects. He also requested utilizing the new transportation model to look at potential projects. Mr. Robert Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Kurt Hodgen, to move projects #77B and #39 from the Constrained Long Range Plan to the Vision List. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on the CSPDC On-Call Consultant Program

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the update on the CSPDC On-Call Consultant Program. Ms. Riedesel gave an update on the CSPDC's On-Call Consultant Program. She noted that on September 2, 2016, the CSPDC released an RFP, and 38 proposals were received. The proposals were then scored and ranked by a selection committee and the top six ranked firms have been offered a contract for one-year, which can be extended annually up to a total of five years. The six firms that were selected are: AMT & Associates, Draper Aden Associates, Hurt & Proffitt, Kimley Horn, Timmons Group, and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin. Ms. Riedesel expressed her appreciation to the selection committee for their help in reviewing the proposals.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

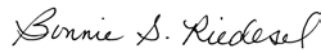
Vice Chairman Byrd presented the VDOT Update. Mr. Terry Short reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting that he had attended on January 17th. He gave an overview on the Smart Scale applications scoring results that the CTB had released at their January CTB meeting. Mr. Brad Reed reported on the Smart Scale FY18 submitted applications for the HRMPO area. He noted that information regarding the Smart Scale scoring is available both on the Smart Scale and the CTB websites. Mr. Reed also noted that Deputy Secretary of Transportation Nick Donohue's presentation regarding I-81 Smart Scale Funded Projects and Recent Applications is also available on the CTB website. Mr. Randy Kiser stated that public hearings regarding the Smart Scale projects will be held in April-May and final decision by the CTB will be in June.

Mr. Short announced that the 2025 VMTP Open House will be held on February 15, 2017, at the Fishersville Transit Facility.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Byrd announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie S. Riedesel
HRMPO Administrator