

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes May 18, 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	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
✓ Rick Chandler, Chairman	Michael Breeden, Rockingham	✓ Jim Baker, Harrisonburg
✓ Frederick Eberly	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
✓ Stephen King	Casey Armstrong, Rockingham	✓ Nolan Stout, DNR
Town of Mt. Crawford	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
✓ Dennis Driver	✓ Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
Town of Dayton	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Justin Kuehn
Robert Popowicz	Susan Smith, Dayton	✓ G. Yogi Gillette
Town of Bridgewater	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ William Bushman, Hurt & Proffitt
✓ Jay Litten	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC
VDOT	Terry Jackson, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser	Terry Short, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

Call to Order

The May 18, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Chandler.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the March 16, 2017, Policy Board meeting. Mr. Ted Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Fred Eberly, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Consideration of Approval of the FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (PB AF #17-10)

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Bonnie Riedesel stated that the Draft FY18 UPWP has been previously reviewed by the Policy Board and the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). She noted that the UPWP was approved for release for the 21-day public review and comment period and no comments were received. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the FY18 UPWP Revenues and Expenditures by federal, state, and local sources for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Ms. Cundy reviewed the proposed work plan, noting that it is based on previous meetings with state agencies and the TAC. She noted that the work program is condensed from the FY17 UPWP to streamline project tracking. There are budgeted funds for both administrative activities and work items that the MPO would like to undertake during the fiscal year. Ms. Cundy reviewed the work items included in the FY18 UPWP. Mr. Ted Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. George Hirschmann, to approve the FY18 UPWP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning and Programming in the HRMPO

Chairman Chandler presented the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning and Programming in the HRMPO. Ms. Riedesel welcomed and introduced the following presenters who each gave a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Mr. Tom Hartman, Assistant Director of Public Works, City of Harrisonburg, gave a presentation on the City of Harrisonburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and current projects. He stated that in April 2017, the City of Harrisonburg approved the updated 2017 Harrisonburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Mr. Hartman reported on the following current projects related to bicycle and pedestrian planning: Garbers Church Road shared use path; North End Greenway; Safe Routes to Schools for Spotswood Elementary School; East Washington Street bike lanes; bicycle parking ordinance and B-1 inventory; and School Zones Study.
- Ms. Rhonda Cooper, Director of Planning, Rockingham County, gave a review on the Rockingham County Bike Advisory Committee and project updates. She reported on the Spotswood Trail (US 33 E) - Stone Spring Road to Massanetta Springs Road project and the Reservoir Street - Stone Spring Road to the City of Harrisonburg project. Ms. Cooper stated that the Rockingham County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was adopted by the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors on October 26, 2016, and the Rockingham Bicycle Advisory Committee Annual Work Plan was adopted April 26, 2017.
- Mr. Jay Litten, Town of Bridgewater Town Superintendent, reviewed the Town of Bridgewater's Riverwalk Phase I project. He stated that the project is for a shared-use path, wide enough for pedestrians and bicyclists ultimately, following the North River from Sandy Bottom Park to Wildwood Park. Mr. Litten noted that the first phase of the project would run through Edgebriar Park, under the Main Street Bridge and into Seven Bridges Park, ending in a bird sanctuary at Bridgeview Park.
- Ms. Ann Cundy, CSPDC Transportation Program Manager, gave an update on the 2017 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bike Walk Summit. She stated that the purpose of the Bike-Walk Summit is to bring together a broad range of partners who are working to make Harrisonburg and Rockingham County a great biking and walking community to live in and visit. Ms. Cundy stated that this year, Ms. Fionnuala Quinn has been invited to be the keynote speaker. She noted that the 2017 Bike-Walk Summit is the 6th Annual Summit and will take place on Friday, November 3rd at James Madison University (JMU) campus.

- Mr. Kyle Lawrence, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, gave a presentation on bicycle and pedestrian programs and projects around the Harrisonburg-Rockingham area, noting that May is bike month. He reported on the Ice Cream Ride that was held on May 7th that rallied at Klins on East Wolfe Street; the Bike to School Day at Thomas Harrison Middle School on May 10th; and the upcoming Bike to Work Day to be held on May 19th at the Courthouse.

Agency Updates

Chairman Chandler presented the following agency updates:

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

Mr. Don Komara gave an update on several sidewalk and bridge projects in the area. He reported on the new traffic signal at Route 11 in Rockingham County and the bridge project in Mt. Crawford, noting that the project should be completed around August. Mr. Komara reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Spring Six Year Improvement Program Public Meeting that was held in April at Blue Ridge Community College's Plecker Center, noting that it was well attended and a very positive meeting.

Mr. Brad Reed reported on district grant funds that remained unallocated in the Smart Scale program. He announced that the Exit 247 Improvement Project in the City of Harrisonburg was awarded under the unallocated funds.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Mr. Nick Britton reported on the intercity bus service to operate between Blacksburg and Washington, D.C. He noted that DRPT had submitted Requests for Proposals earlier this year and three proposals were received. Mr. Britton stated that the anticipated start date for the bus service was scheduled for fall of 2017.

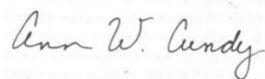
Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) Update

Mr. Gerald Gatobu reported that HDPT is in the process of updating its six year Transit Development Plan. He stated that surveys were conducted for riders on the buses as part of the planning process. The purpose of the survey is to enable area residents to voice their opinions concerning public transportation in the City of Harrisonburg. One request from the survey was for DRPT to extend their bus services earlier and later to coincide with most of the employment centers in the area. As a result of this request, HDPT was currently looking into the possibility of expanding its services.

Adjournment

Chairman Chandler announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on June 15, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager