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**HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
January 21, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Meeting by ZOOM Video Conference**

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the November 19, 2020, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation: Shenandoah Rails to Trails Partnership – Don Hindman, Project Director
5. Nominating Committee Appointment (PB Memo #21-1)
6. MAP-21 Safety and System Performance Targets (PB Memo #21-2)
7. FY21 UPWP and TIP Administrative Modifications, FY22 5310 Applications (PB Memo #21-3)
8. FY21 Small Area Study Program Update (PB Memo #21-4)
9. FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-5)
10. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
11. Other Business
12. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, February 4, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, February 18, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment

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HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
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✓ Dennis Driver, Chair	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ William Bushman, Hurt & Proffitt
Town of Dayton	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
Angela Lawrence	Susan Smith, Dayton	
Town of Bridgewater	Terry Short, VDOT	
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Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

Presentation: Shenandoah Rails to Trails Partnership – Don Hindman, Project Director

Ms. Riedesel gave a brief summary on the Shenandoah Rail Trail Exploratory Partnership. She stated that the Partnership is an unincorporated coalition of public, private, and non-profit organizations formed in November 2019 to transform an unused single-track railroad corridor from Strasburg to Broadway into a multi-use 38.5 mile trail. Ms. Riedesel noted that the Governing Council of the Partnership is made up of 16 members representing the localities and organizations along the trail and encompasses 2 planning districts, 2 counties, and 8 towns. She welcomed and introduced Mr. Don Hindman, Project Director of the Shenandoah Rails Trails Partnership. Mr. Hindman presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Shenandoah Rails to Trails Partnership. He stated that the Partnership is working collaboratively to support trail development and revitalization efforts throughout the corridor. Mr. Hindman reported on a feasibility study being conducted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the help of VDOT, to study the feasibility of a Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail project. He stated that the feasibility study is an important next step in the ongoing exploration of converting the discontinued rail line into a multi-purpose trail. Mr. Hindman reviewed the health benefits and historical preservation, noting that the Partnership is committed to exploring all options to find the best fit for the rail company and the towns and counties along the corridor.

Nominating Committee Appointment (PB Memo #21-1)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration Appointment of Nominating Committee. Ms. Riedesel stated that the Bylaws provide for the annual election of officers, Chair and Vice-Chair, and the appointment of a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of three voting and/or non-voting members of the Policy Board and is to be appointed not less than 25 days prior to the regular meeting at which its report is given and the election of officers is scheduled. Chairperson Driver appointed Stephen King, Eric Campbell, and Randy Kiser to the Nominating Committee.

FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-5)

Chairman Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of November 30, 2020, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

MAP-21 Safety and System Performance Targets (PB Memo #21-2)

Chairperson Driver presented the MAP-21 Safety and System Performance Targets. Ms. Cundy stated that in accordance with MAP-21 and FAST Act legislation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) set final rulemakings for National Performance Measures for Safety Performance in March 2016, and System Performance and Asset Management in January 2017. She noted that safety targets must be updated annually, and the HRMPO's deadline to set its own targets or concur with the State's targets is February 27, 2021. Ms. Cundy stated that in 2019, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved VDOT's recommendation to set statewide targets in accordance with its own annual trendline methodology. She noted that the CTB requested a more data-driven process that accounts for increases in vehicle-miles-traveled, economic influences, and behavioral changes, and presented the 2021 Safety Performance Targets. Ms. Cundy stated that MPO staff will submit a letter to the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) stating the HRMPO's intent to concur with the State's 2021 safety targets. She stated that MPO staff will also submit a letter concurring with VDOT's adjusted target for the percentage of bridge deck surface in good condition (letters attached to file minutes).

FY21 UPWP and TIP Administrative Modifications (PB Memo #21-3)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modifications, FY22 5310 Applications. Ms. Cundy reviewed the FY21 UPWP modification, noting that it reflects the final FY20 FTA Section 5303 (transit funds) carryover amount after the close-out of FY20. She noted that the updated carryover amount is \$33,063, which was split between the Long and Short Range Planning Work Elements in the UPWP. She stated that following conclusion of the Port Republic Road Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study, the MPO will have \$50,000 available for a second small area study in the second half of FY21.

Ms. Cundy reviewed the FY21-24 TIP modification, noting that DRPT notified the MPO that the vehicle cost amounts in the TIP for three 5310 providers needed to be updated. She stated that the transit portion of the TIP's financial plan reflects adjusted funding amounts for the Arc of

Harrisonburg/Rockingham and Pleasant View, Inc. Ms. Cundy noted that staff also corrected the VPAS entry and moved \$18k from capital to operating.

FY21 Small Area Study Program Update (PB Memo #21-4)

Chairperson Driver presented FY21 Small Area Study Program Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the Program, noting that this small area study has evaluated the feasibility of a bicycle-pedestrian bridge over Port Republic Road at the intersection with Bluestone Drive and Hillside Avenue. She stated that Phase I of the study concluded that a pedestrian bridge over Port Republic Road is infeasible. Ms. Cundy noted that the Study Team and AMT are finalizing Phase 2 of the Study, which is evaluating Alternative 4, a consolidation of the two crosswalks on Port Republic Road to the western leg of the intersection. She presented the draft concept for Alternative 4, noting that it includes improvements for pedestrian safety and reviewed the next steps. Ms. Cundy noted that AMT is refining the Alternative 4 concept and cost estimate based on comments from the Study Team. She stated that the Study Team is developing a plan for gathering public input on the concept, and evaluating a timeline and method for delivering the project. Ms. Cundy noted that the Study is planned to conclude in early 2021.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed gave an update on SMART SCALE, noting that VDOT staff presented a preliminary list of transportation projects recommended for funding through the SMART SCALE program to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) on January 19th. He stated that the recommended project list will be reviewed by the CTB over the next coming months and will be finalized with the Six Year Program adoption in June. Mr. Reed noted that statewide, there were 397 applications submitted, totaling \$6.5 billion in requested funds; and in the Staunton District, there were 45 applications, totaling \$235 million in requested funds. He gave an update on the U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan in Rockingham County, noting that it was underway, and the working group meeting is scheduled for January 29th. Mr. Reed reported on VDOT's Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study in the City of Harrisonburg, which will be evaluating safety issues at 10 intersections in the downtown area.

Mr. Komara gave updates on several construction projects in the HRMPO area. He reported on: the Mt. Crawford Park and Ride project; the Mauzy bridge construction project for \$12.5 million, noting that it was six months ahead of schedule; the Smithland Road bridge project, which is scheduled to be

advertised this fall; the Route 682 Friedens Church Road project improvements; Route 11 right-of-way four-lane project; announced that the Route 33 bridge project for \$60 million over I-81 is scheduled for 2022; and gave an update on VDOT winter operations including brush cutting and upcoming snow removal.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on the following: Draft DRPT FY21 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) that was published in early December, noting that it can be viewed on DRPT's website; the FY22 transit grant application cycle period, noting that applications are due February 1, 2021; and the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), noting that their next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2021.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu reported on the status of HDPT's grants submission to DRPT. He gave an update on JMU and local schools route schedules, noting that transit ridership was currently low but is expected to see an increase in the upcoming weeks when JMU official opens and local schools have increased in-person learning. Mr. Gatobu noted that HDPT was looking into a feasibility study regarding a suitable location for a park and ride and a transfer center in the City of Harrisonburg.

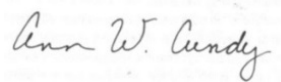
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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Kiser moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, for adjournment at 3:55 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



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March 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
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6. FY 2022 UPWP Development (PB Memo #21-7)
7. FY 2021 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-8)
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 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, April 1, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
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Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the January 21, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board Zoom video conference meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public. Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Manas Ranjan, new CSPDC Transportation Planner.

Draft Title VI Plan Review and Amendment Release to Public Comment (BAF #21-1)

Chairperson Driver presented the Draft Title VI Plan Review and Amendment Release to Public Comment. Ms. Cundy reviewed Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, noting that as a recipient of federal funds, the HRMPPPO adheres to this law, and documents this in the Title VI Plan. She stated that in the fall of 2020, VDOT conducted a triennial review of the MPO's Title VI Plan and program and reported on its Letter of Findings. Ms. Cundy noted that staff is working to address the deficiencies listed in the letter, adding the Title VI Certifications and Assurances, and revising the Discrimination Complaint Procedures to ensure compliance with FHWA's new requirement that all complaints made against a subrecipient of federal funds be routed directly to FHWA for review. She reviewed the next steps, noting that following the 21-day public comment period, staff will incorporate any additional edits and public comments into the amended document. Ms. Cundy stated that staff will present the final 2021 Title IV Amendment to the Policy Board for approval at their April 15, 2021 meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Kiser, to release the Draft Amendment to Title VI to a 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Port Republic Road/Bluestone Drive Study Public Involvement (PB Memo #21-6)

Chairperson Driver presented the Port Republic Road/Bluestone Drive Study Public Involvement. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the study, noting that the study has evaluated the feasibility of a bicycle-pedestrian bridge over Port Republic Road at the intersection with Bluestone Drive and Hillside Avenue. She stated that the Study Team and AMT have finalized Phase 2 of the Study, evaluating the Alternative 4 concept, a consolidation of the two crosswalks on Port Republic Road to the western leg of the intersection that includes improvements for pedestrian safety. Ms. Cundy presented the study website which shows a presentation and survey, noting that 37 comments have been received to date. She stated that the survey's purpose is to gather community input on proposed Port Republic Road and Bluestone Drive intersection improvements, and is open until the end of March.

FY 2022 UPWP Development (PB Memo #21-7)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development. Ms. Cundy noted that the UPWP is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She stated that

it 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 presented the table comparing FY 2021 UPWP with the Draft FY 2022 UPWP funding. She noted that after input from the TAC and Policy Board, staff will present a draft document to the Policy Board at their April meeting for review and to be released for public comment, with final approval at their May meeting.

FY 2021 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-8)

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Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Kiser announced that the Secretary of Transportation is planning on holding a virtual spring public hearing to receive input on VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Plan. He stated that information regarding the public hearing will be submitted once it is finalized.

Mr. Reed reported on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program, noting that the portal will be opening on May 17th for preapplications and the due date July 1st. He stated that the TA full application development period is from July 1st through October 1st. Mr. Reed gave an update on the Revenue Sharing Program, noting that he has not received an official schedule yet, but is expected to follow a similar schedule as the TA program. He reported on VDOT's Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study in the City of Harrisonburg, which will be focusing on safety issues at 10 intersections in the downtown area. Mr. Reed gave an update on the U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan in Rockingham County and reported on the public survey responses and the top issues, noting that 2,400 responses had been received.

Mr. Komara reminded everyone the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program initiatives happening across the district can be viewed on <https://improve81.org>. He gave an update on several construction projects in the area: the Mt. Crawford Park and Ride expansion project; the Smithland Road bridge construction project, which is scheduled for this fall; the Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project improvements with advertisement scheduled for this fall and completion tentatively scheduled for

2022; the Route 11 four-lane right-of-way project, which is continuing to move forward; and the Route 33 bridge project at Exit 247 for \$60 million over I-81, scheduled for 2022.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on the Section 5303 grant application period. He noted that the grant application period is currently open and will close on May 14, 2021, at midnight.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on COVID-19 vaccinations for HDPT drivers; working with the City of Harrisonburg for increasing in-person learning; and gave an update on the feasibility study regarding a suitable location for a park and ride and a transfer center in the City of Harrisonburg.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy gave an update on statewide and national policy matters. She noted that at the state level, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved a resolution adopting the VTrans Mid-term Needs Prioritization Policy, as well as a new approach the CTB is taking called the Multi-Modal Project Pipeline. Ms. Cundy reported on the policy and options for accessing federal dollars, noting that the MPO will continue to advocate for this part of the state. Ms. Cundy reported on recommendations from the Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area Standards Review Committee to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding changes to the standards for delineating metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas. She reported that OMB is proposing that instead of an MSA being defined by having a core urban area of 50,000, the core area would need to have 100,000 people. Ms. Cundy stated that MPOs are required to represent localities in all urbanized areas with populations over 50,000, as determined by the U.S. Census.

Also under Other Business, Ms. Riedesel reported on the American Rescue Plan, noting that President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 in early March. She stated that the \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill is to speed up recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. Ms. Riedesel noted that the ARPA will provide direct assistance to state and local governments, along with billions of dollars for public health, vaccines, education, transportation, housing, and more. She stated that the U.S. Treasury Department will provide guidance, and will oversee and administer these payments to local governments, which must be used by December 31, 2024.



Upcoming Meetings

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Adjournment

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Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



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4. Election of Officers*
5. Approval of the Title VI Amendment (BAF #21-2)*
6. Release of the Draft FY 2022 UPWP for Public Comment (BAF #21-3)*
7. FY 2021 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-9)
8. Remarks from Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Member Mark Merrill, and Presentations from MPO Members
9. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
10. Other Business
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 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, May 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, May 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment

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Public Comment

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Election of Officers

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration Election of Officers. He stated that the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Chairperson at their January 21, 2021 meeting, consisted of Mr. Eric Campbell, Mr. Stephen King, and Mr. Randy Kiser. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, for the current Chairperson Dennis Driver and Vice Chairperson George Hirschmann, to continue serving for the next two years, effective July 1, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of the Title VI Plan Amendment (BAF #21-2)

Chairperson Driver presented the Title VI Plan Amendment for consideration. Ms. Cundy gave a review of the Amendment, noting that the Amendment is a federally required document that outlines compliance with federal non-discrimination regulations that impact community engagement. She stated that in the fall of 2020, VDOT conducted a triennial review of the MPO's Title VI Plan and program. Ms. Cundy noted that HRMPO staff addressed the deficiencies listed in the letter by amending the MPO's Title VI Plan, and the deficiencies related to consultant procurement will be addressed later this year. She stated that the HRMPO Policy Board approved the release of the Amendment for the 21-day public comment period at their March 18, 2021 meeting, and the HRMPO did not receive any public comments. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Mr. King, to approve the Title VI Plan Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Release of the Draft FY 2022 UPWP for Public Comment (BAF #21-3)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the Draft FY 2022 UPWP for public comment. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the Draft UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She stated that the draft UPWP details the administrative and planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year, and the federal, state, and local funds to be used for these activities. Ms. Cundy noted that the UPWP shifts funding and staffing hours to focus on the 2045 LRTP update. She stated that this is a draft UPWP, and may be changed before final submission and approval. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, to release the Draft FY 2022 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

FY 2021 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-9)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of February 28, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding. She noted that carryover funds can be used in the next fiscal year for future projects.

Remarks from Mark Merrill, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Member, and Presentations from HRMPO Members

Mr. Kiser introduced and welcomed Mr. Mark Merrill, new CTB member. He noted that Mr. Merrill recently retired from Valley Health as President and CEO, and is a graduate from the University of North Carolina. Mr. Merrill expressed his appreciation to the HRMPO members for their service to the Commonwealth. He presented a slide presentation showing projects removed from and added to the staff recommended funding scenarios. Mr. Merrill gave an update on the I-81 Improvement Program, reviewed the capital projects, operational improvements, and reported on the truck parking taskforce (slides attached to file minutes). Each locality gave a presentation on their projects as follows: Mr. Hartman reported on Route 33 bridge projects over I-81 and the Norfolk Southern Railroad (NSRR) and revenue sharing projects; Mr. Dyjak reported on Rockingham County's SMART SCALE project application for Smithland Road Route 720 widening project; Chairperson Driver reported on the Mt. Crawford Park and Ride expansion at Exit 240; Mr. Wilmer reported on the Town of Bridgewater's Riverwalk Phase I and future phases; and Ms. Lawrence reported that the Town of Dayton does not have an active project at this time and reported on potential upcoming projects. On behalf of the HRMPO, Chairperson Driver expressed his appreciation to Mr. Merrill for his attendance on the Zoom meeting and for his presentation.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Kiser announced that the Secretary of Transportation is holding a virtual spring public hearing to receive input on VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Plan on April 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Reed noted that anyone wishing to submit comments on VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Plan would be able to do so by calling in with comments at the public hearing or can submit comments online until May 17, 2021. He reported on the following: 1) the revenue sharing program, noting that a webinar will be held on April 29, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, regarding the upcoming revenue sharing application process; 2) the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) and



VDOT's upcoming project pipeline which is in the formation stages; 3) a feasibility study being conducted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the help of VDOT, to study the feasibility of a 50-mile long Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail project. Upon a question from Mr. Merrill regarding the timeline of the Study, Mr. Reed responded that the draft is expected in September; 4) VDOT's Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study in the City of Harrisonburg, which will be focusing on safety issues at 10 intersections in the downtown area; and 5) the U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan in Rockingham County and on the public survey responses regarding the Plan, noting that approximately 2,400 survey responses were received.

Mr. Komara gave an update on the following: the Route 720 Smithland Road widening project, which is scheduled for this fall; the Route 33 bridge project at Exit 247; the Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project improvements, noting that advertisement is scheduled for this fall with completion tentatively scheduled for March 2022; the Route 11 four-lane right-of-way project; and the Mt. Crawford Park and Ride expansion project.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on the 2022 Statewide Rail Plan and the outreach coordination process. He gave an update on the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), which is responsible for promoting, sustaining, and expanding the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in Virginia. Mr. Hudson announced that Mr. Donald A. (DJ) Stadtler, Jr., was appointed as the Executive Director for VPRA and their next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2021. He gave an update on DRPT's Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), noting that the SYIP for transit will be presented to the CTB at their meeting next week.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT's feasibility study regarding a suitable location for a park and ride and a transfer center in the City of Harrisonburg. He noted that a kick-off meeting will be held on



April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Gatobu reported on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for replacing new cameras inside HDPT school buses to help ensure safety and security of students.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on May 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on May 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Ms. Lawrence moved, seconded by Mr. Kiser, for adjournment at 4:28 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
May 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Meeting by ZOOM Video Conference

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91411313176?pwd=UFJWa0RWL0JHZWRjd01wNzZ0dVVpUT09>

Meeting ID: 914 1131 3176

Passcode: 125447

Dial In: 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the FY22 UPWP (BAF #21-4)*
5. 2020 Census Bureau Proposed Criteria for Urban Areas (PB Memo #21-11)
6. FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-10)
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, June 3, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, June 17, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
May 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Video Conference Meeting via Zoom

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	✓ Bill Yates, JMU	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
✓ Sal Romero	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Manas Ranjan, CSPDC
Eric Campbell	✓ Wood Hudson, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann, Vice Chair		Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
Casey Armstrong	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC
Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	✓ Bradford Dyjak, Rockingham	
✓ Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	
Town of Mt. Crawford	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	
✓ Dennis Driver, Chair	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
Town of Dayton	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
Angela Lawrence	✓ Christa Hall, Dayton	
Town of Bridgewater	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT	
Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
VDOT	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser	Matt Dana, VDOT	
	Dan Sonenklar, DRPT	

Call to Order

Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in Virginia on March 12, 2020, in response to COVID-19. In light of this emergency, the May 20, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board meeting was conducted via video conferencing using Zoom. The May 20, 2021, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Driver.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the April 15, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board Zoom video conference meeting. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Mr. Kiser, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of the FY22 UPWP (BAF #21-4)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the FY22 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Cundy gave an update on the FY22 UPWP, noting that the UPWP identifies how federal, state, and local funds will be spent on HRMPO administrative and programmatic activities during FY22. She stated that the Policy Board released the draft FY22 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period at their April 15, 2021, meeting and no comments were received. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to recommend approval of the FY22 UPWP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

2020 Census Bureau Proposed Criteria for Urban Areas (PB Memo #21-11)

Chairperson Driver presented the 2020 Census Bureau Proposed Criteria for Urban Areas. Ms. Cundy stated that the U.S. Census Bureau is proposing a new methodology for defining urban areas based on the 2020 Census results. She noted that the proposed changes would change the size of the HRMPO urban area, and could affect Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) designations of MPOs and small urban transit systems. Currently, the Census Bureau urban designations are based on population density. Ms. Cundy noted that the seven new criteria defining an urban area are based on using housing units per square mile instead of population density, and combining all current urban designations under one single definition of “urban area.” She stated that the proposed urban criteria changes would not only create difficulty in aligning demographic data from the Census with the HRMPO’s regional planning processes, but also have implications for the FHWA and FTA federal code standards. Ms. Cundy stated that staff submitted a letter to the Census Bureau on behalf of the HRMPO to meet the deadline addressing the concerns with the urban criteria methodology, and encouraged the U. S. Census Bureau to simplify the criteria for planning purposes (letter attached to file minutes). She noted that a second letter will be drafted to the state Senators and Congressman to outline the FHWA and FTA code implications, and will be presented to the Policy Board at their next meeting. Ms. Cundy stated that the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), and several national transit advocacy groups had jointly submitted a letter to the U. S. Census Bureau with similar comments as outlined by HRMPO staff. She stated that she would forward their comments to the HRMPO.

FY21 UPWP Budget Update (Policy Board Memo#21-10)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of April 30, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Kiser reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting that was held earlier in the week. He stated that the CTB passed the SMART SCALE Consensus Scenario and no changes occurred within the HRMPO from the staff recommended scenarios. He stated that the Consensus Scenario will be presented to the CTB next month for approval.

Mr. Reed gave an update on the Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternative (TA) programs, noting that both are currently open for applications on May 17, 2021. He stated that the mandatory preapplications are due by July 1st, and the full application period will be from August 16 through October 1, 2021. Mr. Reed reported on a new study program from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), entitled the Project Pipeline Program, which will start up in June. He stated that it is a separate program from any current study efforts that are underway from VDOT or the HRMPO and is specifically geared to address priority one locations in VTrans. He presented a map showing the HRMPO area priority locations.

Mr. Komara reported on the following: the Route 720 Smithland Road widening project, which advertisement is scheduled for this fall; the Route 33 bridge project at Exit 247, noting that the funding was approved and advertising is scheduled for late 2022; the Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project improvements, noting that advertisement is scheduled for this fall with completion tentatively scheduled for March 2022; gave an update on the Dayton bridge construction project, I-81 widening project to a six-lane project, and the Route 11 four-lane right-of-way project; reported on the bridge project north of Dayton, noting that it is scheduled to be completed July 1st; and reported on paving projects in the HRMPO area. He announced that Celebrate Transportation Day in Virginia will be held this year on May 27, 2021.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on the MPO transit funding section 5303 applications, noting that completion is scheduled over the next few weeks; and reported on the 2022 Statewide Rail Plan and the outreach coordination process. He noted that DRPT will be working with Harrisonburg Transit on their microtransit study that was funded as part of DRPT's FY22 SYIP package for technical assistance projects.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on James Madison University (JMU) and public schools upcoming fall schedules and providing effective transit routes. He announced that HDPT is currently seeking to hire bus drivers. Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT's feasibility study regarding a suitable location for a park and ride and a transfer center in the City of Harrisonburg. He reported on the kick-off meeting that was held on April 21, 2021, for the feasibility study.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy gave an update on the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail project. She stated that the study process includes an online MetroQuest survey to gauge interest, need, and support for a rail trail project, and to gather input from communities along the study. Ms. Cundy announced that the online survey opened on May 18th and so far, 3,300 responses had been received. Ms. Riedesel noted that the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail Exploratory Partnership is an unincorporated coalition of public, private, and non-profit organizations formed in November 2019 to transform an unused single-track railroad corridor from Front Royal to Broadway into a multi-use 50-mile trail, currently owned by Norfolk and Southern. She reported on the feasibility study of the Rail Trail, being conducted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the help of VDOT.

Also under Other Business, Chairperson Driver presented for discussion the option of meeting in-person or virtually for future HRMPO meetings. Ms. Riedesel stated that the HRMPO is in compliance with meeting and voting virtually so long as the COVID-19 state of emergency continues, and the HRMPO provides the option for public access and comment. She noted that once the state of emergency as declared by the Governor ends, the HRMPO will need to go back to in-person meetings unless the policy changes. After discussion, it was agreed to hold the June 17, 2021, HRMPO meeting by Zoom video conferencing and then consider to hold the July HRMPO meeting in-person.



Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on June 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on June 17, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Kiser moved, seconded by Mr. King, for adjournment at 3:45 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
June 17, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Meeting by ZOOM Video Conference

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99370052735?pwd=UmJabU1yVHAzVVRsMU9iTWRQUVQ3QT09>

Meeting ID: 993 7005 2735

Passcode: 161196

Dial In: 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. 2020 Census Bureau Proposed Criteria for Urban Areas (BAF #21-5)*
5. Presentation: COVID Impacts on Transportation in the HRMPO – Manas Ranjan (PB Memo #21-12)
6. FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-13)
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
8. Other Business
 - a. Return to In-Person Meetings
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, July 1, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, July 15, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
June 17, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Video Conference Meeting via Zoom

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Bill Yates, JMU	Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Sal Romero	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Manas Ranjan, CSPDC
Eric Campbell	✓ Wood Hudson, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann, Vice Chair		Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC
✓ Casey Armstrong	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
✓ Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	Bradford Dyjak, Rockingham	✓ Kim Sandum, Shenandoah Alliance
Stephen King	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	
Town of Mt. Crawford	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	
✓ Dennis Driver, Chair	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
Town of Dayton	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
✓ Angela Lawrence	Christa Hall, Dayton	
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Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
VDOT	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
Randy Kiser	Matt Dana, VDOT	
	Dan Sonenklar, DRPT	

Call to Order

Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in Virginia on March 12, 2020, in response to COVID-19. In light of this emergency, the June 17, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board meeting was conducted via video conferencing using Zoom. The June 17, 2021, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Driver.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the May 20, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board Zoom video conference meeting. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

2020 Census Bureau Proposed Criteria for Urban Areas (BAF #21-5)

Chairperson Driver presented the 2020 Census Bureau Proposed Criteria for Urban Areas. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the U.S. Census proposal, noting that the U.S. Census Bureau is proposing a new methodology for defining urban areas based on the 2020 Census results. She noted that the proposed changes would change the size of the HRMPO urban area, and could affect Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) designations of MPOs and small urban transit systems. Ms. Cundy stated that staff submitted a letter to the Census Bureau on behalf of the HRMPO to meet the deadline addressing the concerns with the urban criteria methodology. She presented a second letter to the state's Senators and Congressman to outline the FHWA and FTA code implications. Ms. Cundy stated that the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), and several national transit advocacy groups had jointly submitted a letter to the U. S. Census Bureau with similar comments as outlined by HRMPO staff. Ms. Wolf-Garrison moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve a letter to our U.S. Senators and Congressman outlining concerns about the impact of the U.S. Census Bureau's proposed urban area definition changes on the HRMPO and BRITE Transit. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: COVID Impacts on Transportation in the HRMPO – Manas Ranjan

Mr. Ranjan gave a PowerPoint presentation on COVID Impacts on Transportation in the HRMPO. He noted that HRMPO staff wanted to explore how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the transportation networks and requirements in the region, and study the findings in comparison to national trends and trends. He stated that the comparative study found interesting variances and region-specific insights that contrast with national trends, and raised valuable questions regarding transportation characteristics and needs particular to the region. Mr. Ranjan noted that based on the studies conducted nationally and in Northern Virginia, HRMPO staff conducted a study focused on the CSPDC region to explore if the region also followed the national trend or, if it differed, then by how much. He stated that the study used crash data from VDOT to develop models to explore the nature of crashes, increase in fatal crashes, and the reason behind the increase specific to the rural nature of our region. Mr. Ranjan noted that the study found that, unlike the trends noticed in urban areas and

Northern Virginia, the region did not face the same effects of COVID-19 pandemic on transportation. He reported on overall crashes in the region, the number of fatal and major injury crashes as compared to previous years, and the different ways the pandemic may have impacted urban and rural regions. Ms. Cundy noted that the presentation was shared with VDOT and with the HRMPO TAC. She stated that the TAC discussed the need and purpose for additional future studies to explore other factors contributing to fatal and severe crashes during and after COVID-19 at their June 3rd meeting.

FY21 UPWP Budget Update (Policy Board Memo #21-13)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of May 31, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed reported on the Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternative (TA) programs, noting that mandatory preapplications are due by July 1st, and the full application period will be from August 16 through October 1, 2021. He gave updates on the following: 1) U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan in Rockingham County; 2) VDOT's Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study in the City of Harrisonburg, which will be focusing on safety issues at 10 intersections in the downtown area; 2) Feasibility study being conducted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the help of VDOT, to study the feasibility of a 50-mile long Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail project between Broadway and Front Royal. He reported on the public survey for the Rail Trail, noting that over 8,500 responses have been received to date. Mr. Reed stated that DCR will be leading a virtual public meeting tentatively scheduled in July regarding the project; and 3) A study program from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP), entitled the Project Pipeline Program, noting that it is scheduled for kickoff in early July.

Mr. Komara gave an update on several Revenue Sharing and Transportation Alternative (TA) projects in the area. He reported on the following: the Route 720 Smithland Road widening project, which advertisement is scheduled for this fall; the Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project improvements in Rockingham County, noting that advertisement is scheduled for this fall with completion tentatively scheduled for early 2022; the Route 33 bridge project at Exit 247, noting that advertising is scheduled for late 2022; Route 11 four-lane right-of-way project, noting that it was moving forward; reported on

the bridge project north of Dayton, noting that it is scheduled to be completed in the end of June; reported on I-81 Corridor Improvement Program initiatives happening across the district, noting that updated information can be viewed on <https://improve81.org>; and reported on paving and mowing in the HRMPO area.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported that DRPT is wrapping up the FTA 5303 applications; noted that the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for transit projects will be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) this month for final approval; and reported on SMART SCALE Round 5, noting that DRPT staff is available to provide technical assistance.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT's feasibility study and survey regarding a suitable location for a park and ride and a transfer center in the City of Harrisonburg; reported on the City of Harrisonburg's public school schedule for the summer; and reported on James Madison University's (JMU) upcoming in-person fall schedule.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy stated that the HRMPO is in compliance with meeting and voting virtually so long as the COVID-19 state of emergency continues, and the HRMPO provides the option for public access and comment. She noted that absent a declared state of emergency, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act authorizes certain limited electronic participation, provided that the public body has first adopted a written policy providing for electronic participation in meetings, and subject to certain other restrictions and requirements. Ms. Cundy stated that the Commission's attorney is developing a policy to be approved in order to allow the HRMPO to enable its members to participate remotely in meetings to the extent possible allowed under law and will be presented to the Policy Board at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on July 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on July 15, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.



Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Ms. Lawrence moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, for adjournment at 3:55 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda August 19, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88018388136?pwd=Wkc1TnlDR0lhdkl4a0Z3MHNWWVpsQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 1838 8136

Passcode: 935062

Dial In: 301-715-8592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Electronic Participation in Meetings of the HRMPO (BAF #21-6)*
5. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scoping Session (PB Memo #21-14)
6. FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-15)
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, September 2, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, September 16, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Summary of Meeting August 19, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Bill Yates, JMU	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Sal Romero	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Manas Ranjan, CSPDC
✓ Eric Campbell	✓ Wood Hudson, DRPT (Zoom)	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Gerald Gatobu (Zoom)	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
George Hirschmann, Vice Chair		Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
Casey Armstrong	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	
Sallie Wolfe-Garrison	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	
Stephen King	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	
Town of Mt. Crawford	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
✓ Dennis Driver, Chair	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
Town of Dayton	Christa Hall, Dayton	
✓ Angela Lawrence	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT	
Town of Bridgewater	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
Jay Litten	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
VDOT	Matt Dana, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser		

Call to Order

The August 19, 2021, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Driver. He noted that a quorum was not present, and all action items would be presented at the next meeting.

June 17, 2021 Policy Board Minutes

Chairperson Driver stated that the minutes from the June 17, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board Zoom video conference meeting will be considered at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

Resolution Authorizing Electronic Participation in Meetings of the HRMPO (BAF #21-6)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration a Resolution Authorizing Electronic Participation in Meetings of the HRMPO (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy reported that the Governor of Virginia's Executive Order allowing public bodies to meet by electronic means in response to the COVID-19 pandemic expired on June 30, 2021. She stated that the HRMPO must approve a policy based on Code of Virginia §2.2-3708.2 to enable its members and committees to participate remotely in meetings. Ms. Cundy noted that the Code allows members to participate electronically if a member notifies the Chair or other presiding officer on or before the date of the meeting that the member is unable to attend due to: 1) a specified personal matter; 2) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents physical attendance; or 3) the member's principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location. Chairman Driver stated that this item required action from the Policy Board and will be considered by the Policy Board at their next meeting.

FY21 UPWP Budget Update (Policy Board Memo #21-15)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of June 30, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scoping Session (PB Memo #21-14)

Chairperson Driver presented the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Scoping Session. Ms. Cundy stated that the HRMPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) must be updated every five years. She noted that the HRMPO adopted the 2040 LRTP on March 16, 2017, and amended the document on May 17, 2018, and August 15, 2019. Ms. Cundy stated that staff anticipates this update process being largely a staff, rather than a consultant-led process. She stated that staff conducted a visioning session with the TAC at their August 5, 2021 meeting using Mentimeter software, to understand the vision, critical challenges, and potentials in the MPO region. Using the Mentimeter software, Ms. Cundy solicited input from the Policy Board members present on identifying regional transportation challenges and opportunities; reviewing changes in demographic and transportation data trends since the last update in 2017; and reviewing potential data sources for information that may be required to update

the existing conditions, transportation demand management (TDM) modeling, and transportation needs in the region. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that the 2045 LRTP final document will be completed in early 2023.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed reported on the following: 1) U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan in Rockingham County. Mr. Reed reported on the feedback received from the online public survey regarding the Plan, noting that the focus of the survey was to gather opinions on travel experiences with the study area between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton. He explained that a subsequent public survey is planned for the end of the month after draft study recommendations have been developed. Mr. Reed noted that completion of the Study is scheduled for October; 2) VDOT's Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study in the City of Harrisonburg, noting that the study involves a safety-focused analysis of 10 intersections located on various roadways within the City of Harrisonburg to develop short- and long-term solutions for mitigating crashes. Mr. Reed reported that the online survey to provide feedback on the draft study recommendations is currently live and will close at the end of the week. He stated that approximately 700 responses have been received so far; 3) Project Pipeline Program study in the City of Harrisonburg, noting that this is a new study program from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI); and 4) Feasibility study being conducted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the help of VDOT, to study the feasibility of a 50-mile long Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail project between Broadway and Front Royal. He reported on the public survey for the Rail Trail, noting that over 9,000 responses have been received to date.

Mr. Komara gave an update on the following construction projects: the Route 720 Smithland Road widening project, noting that advertisement is scheduled for this fall; the Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project improvements in Rockingham County, noting that construction is tentatively scheduled for early 2022; the Route 33 bridge project at Exit 247, noting that construction is tentatively scheduled for 2022; reported on citizens information meetings and I-81 Corridor Improvement Program initiatives happening across the district, noting that updated information can be viewed on [https://improve81.org.](https://improve81.org;); and reported on upcoming paving projects in the HRMPO area.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on the following: 1) Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP). He noted that the program is a new statewide grant program dedicated to improving transit's regional connectivity in urban areas with a population in excess of 100,000 and reducing barriers to transit use by supporting low income and zero fare programming. Mr. Hudson stated that the application period is open from August 1, to September 17, 2021; 2) Reported on the COVID Recovery Toolkit and Marketing Resources to support strategies to develop, deploy, and demonstrate innovative solutions to improve the operational efficiency of transit agencies throughout a public health emergency. Mr. Hudson noted that the marketing campaign will consist of a unified message to most appropriately attract riders back to Virginia systems, reiterating the presence of new safety measures, and providing explanation on why public transportation is a safe and viable option; and 3) Gave an update on the Transit Equity and Modernization Study which focuses on identifying opportunities to advance equitable transit within the Commonwealth.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the City of Harrisonburg's public school system, noting that there are approximately 50 school buses currently in operation for fall 2021. He reported on James Madison University's (JMU) upcoming fall schedule, noting that JMU is starting in-person classes next week. Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT's feasibility study and survey regarding a suitable location for a park and ride, and a transfer center in the City of Harrisonburg. He reported on a meeting that was held the previous day with DRPT and the consultants to review the survey results. Mr. Gatobu reviewed the next steps for the feasibility study, noting that DRPT will be identifying and looking at potential areas for a suitable location. Mr. Gatobu announced that HDPT is actively seeking bus drivers for the fall season and asked if anyone knew of any potential drivers, to please contact him.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on September 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on September 16, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.



Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, the Policy Board adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda September 16, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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

Join Zoom Meeting:

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2021, Policy Board Meeting, and August 19, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Resolution Authorizing Electronic Participation in Meetings of the HRMPO (BAF #21-6)*
5. HRMPO TAP Resolutions of Support (BAF #21-7)*
6. 2045 LRTP Update Scope of Work (BAF #21-8)*
7. FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications (PB Memo #21-16)
8. FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-17)
9. Presentation: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – Alleyn Harned, Virginia Clean Cities
10. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
11. Other Business
12. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, October 7, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, October 21, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes September 16, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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*Zoom Attendees		

Call to Order

The September 16, 2021, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver.

June 17, 2021 and August 19, 2021 Policy Board Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the June 17, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Driver presented the Summary of Meeting from the August 19, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, to approve the Summary of Meeting as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Sandum stated that she had proposed several changes to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) at the HRMPO TAC meeting on September 2, 2021, and expressed her appreciation to staff for making those changes. She stated that one of the concerns she had expressed at the TAC meeting was that under “Methodology – Freight and Goods Movement,” the statement *“Following the historic investment being made in freight capacity and safety through the I-81 Improvement Program, potential improvement strategies to accommodate goods movement will focus on improving access on the primary and secondary road network”* suggested that freight rail would not be included as part of the proposed improvement strategies. Ms. Sandum read this to suggest that while data to be analyzed will include rail and freight movement, the focus of solutions will be on improving access on the primary and secondary roads. This implies that the solutions have already been decided before the analysis, as opposed to considering both rail and road options. Ms. Cundy stated that she would address the comments under agenda item number six, 2045 LRTP Update Scope of Work.

Resolution Authorizing Electronic Participation in Meetings of the HRMPO (BAF #21-6)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration a Resolution Authorizing Electronic Participation in Meetings of the HRMPO (attached to file minutes). He noted that the Code allows members to participate electronically if a member notifies the Chair or other presiding officer on or before the date of the meeting that the member is unable to attend due to: 1) a specified personal matter; 2) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents physical attendance; or 3) the member’s principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location. Chairman Driver stated that this item had been presented and discussed at the last HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Ms. Lawrence moved, seconded by Mr. King, to approve the HRMPO Remote Attendance Policy. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO TAP Resolutions of Support (BAF #21-7)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration HRMPO Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) Resolutions of Support. Mr. Ranjan gave an overview on the TAP applications as follows:



City of Harrisonburg:

- **Northend Greenway Brookside Phase:** The application would fund the design and construction of a shared use path connecting existing Northend Greenway at Jefferson Street to Drake Lane and Roberts Court.
- **Country Club Rd Sidewalk – SRTS:** This application would fund the design and construction of a sidewalk along the south side of Country Club Road between Linda Lane and the private road at Spotswood Homes Trailer Park.
- **Harrisonburg Public Schools – SRTS Non-infrastructure:** This application would fund a full-time Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coordinator employed by Harrisonburg City Public Schools.

Town of Bridgewater:

- **Riverwalk, Phase III:** The application would fund the design and construction of a shared use path as the third phase of Riverwalk.

Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Ms. Spain, to endorse the Resolutions of Support for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) projects within the HRMPO. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

2045 LRTP Update Scope of Work (BAF #21-8)

Chairperson Drive presented for consideration the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update Scope of Work. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the 2045 LRTP Scope of Work, noting that that the Draft Scope of Work details the tasks for the update including MPO Coordination, TDM model update, evaluation of existing and future conditions, multi-modal transportation needs, roadway deficiencies, climate mitigation strategies, pedestrian and bicycle planning needs, goods movement, and the development of a methodology to score projects for the region. She stated that staff conducted visioning sessions with the TAC at their August 5, 2021 meeting, and with the Policy Board at their August 19, 2021 meeting. Ms. Cundy noted that the visioning sessions highlighted the regional transportation challenges and opportunities after reviewing changes in demographic, economic, and transportation trends for the region since the previous LRTP update in 2017. She addressed the comment from Ms. Sandum regarding inclusion of rail strategies for freight and goods movement, noting that the MPO recognizes rail as an important part of the solution but that it has less influence over rail. Ms. Cundy noted that the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is currently updating the Virginia Statewide Rail Plan, and that any recommendations and analysis coming from DRPT's specific to the

region can be incorporated into the LRTP. Likewise, any deficiencies regarding industrial access or railroad safety access programs can be identified to address smaller scale improvements if necessary. Mr. Hudson reported on the Virginia Statewide Rail Plan and how the data regarding rail freight service and any planned improvements can be useful to the MPOs. Ms. Cundy noted that the 2045 LRTP update process will take approximately 18-months, and the final document will be completed in early 2023. She stated that the TAC reviewed the 2045 LRTP Update Scope of Work at their September 2, 2021 meeting, and recommended approval to the Policy Board. Upon recommendation of the TAC, Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the 2045 LRTP Update Scope of Work. Motion was carried unanimously.

FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications (PB Memo #21-16)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications. Ms. Cundy stated that staff has administratively modified the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect Harrisonburg Department of Public Transit (HDPT) FY22 grant awards and has submitted these changes to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). She noted that the modifications include the purchasing of eight replacement 35-foot transit buses and ITS equipment in FY22 and will increase the FY22 Operating Assistance by \$55,000. Ms. Cundy stated that no action is needed by the HRMPO for these modifications. She noted that MPO staff will submit the modified TIP to DRPT.

FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-17)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of August 31, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

Presentation: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Mr. Alleyn Harned, Mr. Liam Sullivan, and Mr. John Maiorana from Virginia Clean Cities who were present to give a presentation on electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Mr. Harned gave a PowerPoint presentation on electric-drive vehicles, noting that electric-drive vehicles use electricity as their primary power source and can offer several benefits, including improved fuel economy, lower fuel costs, and reduced emissions. He reviewed the safety, maintenance, public and home charging outlet locations, and potential federal funding and financing program opportunities with electric vehicle eligibilities. Questions were raised and discussion ensued

regarding charging units, how long it takes to recharge, and the distance an electric-drive vehicle can travel on battery power alone without recharging.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Komara gave an update on the following projects: the Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project improvements in Rockingham County, noting that it is going out to bid next month; railroad crossing project on River road, Route 867, noting that the road will be closed for construction the third week in October for about a week; the Route 720 Smithland Road widening project, noting that advertisement is scheduled for this fall; reported on the VDOT citizen information meeting for the planned widening of Interstate 81 in the Harrisonburg area on September 14, 2021, at Pleasant Valley Elementary School, in Harrisonburg, noting that it was well attended; and reported on upcoming lane closures on I-81 due to paving. Mr. Reed reported on the Route 33 Corridor Study between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton, noting that the study is scheduled to enter into its second phase of public input later this month.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on the following:

- Gave an update on the Transit Equity and Modernization Study which focuses on identifying opportunities to advance equitable transit within the Commonwealth. He stated that an interim report is due to the General Assembly by December 2021 and the final report by August 2022.
- Reported on SMART SCALE Round 5, noting that the portal is schedule to open in March 2022. He stated that DRPT is encouraging all eligible applicants with potential transit or rail projects to reach out to DRPT for technical assistance in developing the applications.
- Gave an update on the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP), a new statewide grant program dedicated to improving transit's regional connectivity in urban areas. He noted that applications opened August 1 and will close September 17th.
- Reported that the Virginia Breeze intercity bus service is expanding service along the I-81 Corridor with a fourth route titled the Highlands Rhythm.
- Announced that the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority will meet on September 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the VDOT Central Auditorium in Richmond.
- Reported on the Freight Rail Enhancement to Increase Goods and Highway Throughput (FREIGHT) grant program, a DRPT funding program to utilize the Commonwealth Rail Fund for



planning purposes and rail projects not administered by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority. He noted that the next steps include finalizing program guidance, adoption by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and accepting applications on December 1, 2021.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain gave an update on HDPT's Multimodal Transit Center Feasibility Study. She stated that the project is to develop an improved passenger transfer center for its community bus routes, noting that HDPT is looking into including electric charging stations. Ms. Spain gave an update on HDPT's bus routes for public schools and James Madison University, noting that HDPT is running at full capacity and reported on the bus driver shortage. She stated that she would be attending the Virginia Transit Conference, along with Gerald Gatobu, on September 28-29, 2021.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on October 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on October 21, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, the Policy Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda October 21, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the September 16, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Update: HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (PB Memo #21-18)
5. FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-19)
6. Presentation: *Transforming Virginia Rail*—Mike McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, November 4, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
October 21, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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Randy Kiser		
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Call to Order

The October 21, 2021, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Driver presented the minutes from the September 16, 2021, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update (PB Memo#21-18)

Chairperson Drive presented for consideration the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the LRTP, noting that MPO staff and the LRTP Working Group are currently developing the 2045 Travel Demand Model scenario inputs, and a Public Engagement Plan for the 2045 update. Mr. Ranjan discussed the process and expected outcomes of the Travel Demand Model for the 2045 update. He reported on the development of regional data sets for projected 2045 population, employment, and households, and assigning the projected data to Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs). Ms. Cundy reviewed the purpose, needs, goals, and tools for the 2045 LRTP Public Engagement Plan. She reported on the three Plan Phases for the public engagement process, noting that the first phase of the LRTP Update will focus on assessing what the community feels are the current needs for transportation and their vision for future regional transportation. Phase II of public engagement will involve the culmination of all the outreach and research, and Phase III will combine all the research, analysis, and evaluation conducted by HRMPO staff. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that following completion of the TAZ assignment work, MPO staff will begin Tasks 2 and 3 in the LRTP Scope of Work, and issue a notice to proceed to a consultant upon receipt of a satisfactory fee proposal. She noted that Phase I public engagement is planned to begin in early 2022.

FY21 UPWP Budget Update (PB Memo #21-19)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of September 30, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

Presentation: Transforming Virginia Rail – Michael Mclaughlin, Chief Operating Officer, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Mr. Michael Mclaughlin, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, who was present to give an overview on transforming rail in Virginia. Mr. Mclaughlin stated that the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA), established by Chapter 1230 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly, will be responsible for promoting, sustaining, and expanding the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth. Once fully operational, the new authority will assume all administrative and fiduciary responsibilities for Virginia’s state-supported passenger rail services, including the current six daily roundtrip Amtrak Northeast Regional services originating in Roanoke, Norfolk, Newport News, and Richmond. Mr. Mclaughlin noted that the VPRA will also provide funding to Virginia Railway Express (VRE), which will continue to operate commuter rail service in northern Virginia. He reviewed the major features of transforming rail in Virginia, proposed future service plans, district projects, future phases across Virginia, project costs, and planned improvements.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed reported on presentations from the Commonwealth Transportation Board’s (CTB) October 19, 2021 meeting, regarding two important SMART SCALE-related updates. He noted that one update is regarding revenue changes for SMART SCALE Round 4 that recommend allocating surplus funding for additional projects. The second update relates to scoring changes for SMART SCALE Round 5, which propose changes impacting the environment and land use factors. Given the potential benefit to projects in the HRMPO area for adding the land use measure, it was the consensus of the HRMPO Policy Board for staff to draft a letter of support on behalf of the HRMPO regarding the proposed environment and land use factors. Ms. Cundy noted that she would forward copies of the two CTB presentations from their October 19th meeting and the draft letter to the HRMPO Policy Board for review and comment.

Mr. Reed gave an update on the Route 33 Arterial Management Plan between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton. He reported on the second public survey, which gathers feedback on recommendations to improve travel conditions on Route 33 in Rockingham County between Harrisonburg and Elkton, noting that approximately 900 responses were received. Mr. Reed stated that he anticipated presenting an update on the outcomes of the survey responses next month.



Mr. Komara reported on I-81 Corridor Improvement Program initiatives happening across the district. He encouraged everyone to review updated information regarding the I-81 program updates on <https://improve81.org>. Mr. Komara gave updates on the following projects: the Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it is currently out to bid; the railroad crossing project on River Road, Route 867; the Route 720 Smithland Road project; the Route 33 bridge construction project, noting that it is scheduled for advertisement this winter; and reported on snow removal for the upcoming winter season.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson reported on the Transit Equity and Modernization Study which focuses on identifying opportunities to advance equitable transit within the Commonwealth. He stated that an interim report is due to the General Assembly by December 2021. Mr. Hudson gave an update on the upcoming transit grant cycle, noting that if any jurisdiction needed assistance on the grants, to let him know.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT's Multimodal Transit Center Feasibility Study. He reported on the bus driver shortage, noting that HDPT is actively seeking drivers and requested if anyone knew of any potential drivers, to please contact him.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. Hirschmann moved, seconded by Mr. King, for adjournment at 4:10 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda December 16, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the October 21, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. HRMPO 2022 Meeting Schedule (Board AF #21-9)*
5. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (Board Memo #21-20)
6. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Update (Board Memo #21-21)
7. FY22 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #21-22)
8. Presentation: *“Preparing for the Next Dimension of Mobility”* – Lisa Peterson, VP of Business Development, [Airspace Link](#)
9. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
10. Other Business
 - a. Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail
11. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, January 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, January 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment

* Action needed

**HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
December 16, 2021, 3:00 p.m.**

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Public Comment

Chairperson Driver opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

HRMPO 2022 Meeting Schedule (Board Action Form #21-9)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the 2021 meeting calendar for the HRMPO Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the schedules, noting that a public notice for the 2022 meeting calendar will be published in local newspapers and posted on the HRMPO website, in accordance with the HRMPO Public Participation Plan. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the 2022 HRMPO Policy Board and TAC meeting calendar as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update (Board Memo#21-20)

Chairperson Drive presented for consideration the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Mr. Manas gave an update on the 2045 LRTP Scope of Work, noting that the HRMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) must be updated every five years. He reported on the Travel Demand Model, noting that staff developed the 2045 control totals for all the member jurisdictions within the MPO for population, total employment, retail employment, dwelling units, and proportion of households without cars. Mr. Ranjan stated that staff worked with each member jurisdiction individually to confirm and incorporate suggested changes as needed to the TAZ distribution. He noted that staff compiled the final count for all the TAZs within the MPO and sent the dataset to VDOT central office to start the work on the Travel Demand Model. Ms. Cundy reported on the Public Engagement Plan, noting that that staff issued a Notice to Proceed to CSPDC On-Call Consultant Kimley Horn and sub-consultant Avid Core to assist the MPO with this LRTP task, as well as provide assistance to MPO and VDOT staff on LRTP project scoring. Mr. Manas noted that the HRMPO TAC discussed ensued utilizing the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) data versus data from the 2020 Weldon Cooper Center for the LRTP Update and it was agreed by the TAC to utilize the ACS data

for the LRTP Update and will document the reasons for doing so. Mr. Ranjan reported on the next steps, noting that staff will begin public engagement with the help of the consultants in early 2022. He noted that staff will also start reviewing all relevant plans and data that will provide essential background information on land use, development trends, economic development, tourism, and multi-modal transportation needs.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Update (Board Memo #21-21)

Chairperson Driver presented the IIJA Update. Mr. Beard presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). He stated that the U.S. House of Representatives passed the \$1.2 trillion IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. Mr. Beard noted that the IIJA will provide significant public investment in US transportation networks, broadband, and public works projects, and modernize the country's aging infrastructure through extensive upgrades for roads and bridges. He stated that the Act allocates an estimated \$1.2 trillion in total funding over ten years, including \$550 billion in new spending, divided between improving the surface-transportation network (\$284 billion) and society's core infrastructure (\$266 billion). Mr. Beard noted that the Act will provide \$284 billion in new spending for transportation and reviewed the breakdown of spending, how much money Virginia will receive, eligibility criteria, and new programs. Questions were raised regarding availability of funding allocation programmed towards local maintenance and potential projects.

FY21 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #21-22)

Chairperson Driver presented the FY21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of November 30, 2021, noting that spending is shown by task, and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

Presentation: U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan

Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on the U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton, noting that it was entering into its final phase. He reported on the two public online surveys, noting that 2,424 completed surveys were received on the survey available from February to March 2021, and 916 were received on the survey available from September 27 to October 2021. Mr. Reed reviewed the survey traffic analysis, project ratings and priorities, safety management and recommendations, corridor level strategies, and traffic operations benefits. He reviewed the next steps, noting that a in-person public meeting will be held in January

2022, then will finalize the alternatives, deliver the report, and support SMART SCALE application development.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Komara reported on the following: Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that six bids were received; West Virginia Project, noting that one bid was received; Broadway bridge project; the Route 33 bridge construction project, noting that construction is scheduled for 2022; Route 720 Smithland Road bridge project; and reported on recent railroad accidents.

Mr. Reed reported on the following: SMART SCALE program changes to the proposed environmental and land use measures, noting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approved these changes at their last meeting; reported on SMART SCALE applications that are upcoming in March, noting that if anyone needed assistance with their applications, to please let VDOT know; STARS VDOT's Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study in the City of Harrisonburg, noting that the study involves a safety-focused analysis of 10 intersections located on various roadways within the City of Harrisonburg to develop short- and long-term solutions for mitigating crashes, noting that he has received the final report; Project Pipeline Program study in the City of Harrisonburg, between Mosby Road and the Interstate, noting that a public outreach in the form of a survey is scheduled for January 2022; Federal Lands Access Program, which relates to lands adjacent to federal lands, noting that the IJA released additional funding for the program and no longer requires a match. He noted that applications will be accepted in February 1, 2022, and due May 2, 2022.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Hudson gave an update on the following: upcoming transit grant cycle, noting that grant applications are due on February 1, 2022; Transit Equity and Modernization Study which focuses on identifying opportunities to advance equitable transit within the Commonwealth, noting that the report is due to the General Assembly by the end of December 2021.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the following: upcoming triennial annual review process, noting that the review occurs every three years; HDPT's Multimodal Transit Center Feasibility Study; Microtransit study that HDPT may be considering next year; bus driver shortage; and noted that ridership is up from last year.

Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman gave an update on the upcoming and ongoing activities of the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works as follows: Garbers Church Road and Federal Street Shared Use Path projects; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sidewalk project near West Market Street; University Boulevard relocation project, scheduled to hold a design public meeting in April 2022; two project pipeline studies in the City of Harrisonburg; and two new road lane reallocation studies.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy gave an update on the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail, a proposed 48.5-mile, multiuse recreational trail to be built along a portion of the Norfolk Southern railroad track in the Northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The trail would run through three counties and nine towns in the Valley, from Front Royal in the north to Broadway in the south. She noted that the feasibility study conducted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, with the help of VDOT, to study the feasibility of a Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail project has been completed. Ms. Cundy reported on the economic impact of the proposed Shenandoah Rail Trail, prepared by Dr. Robert Cline. Discussion ensued on the regional economic impacts expected from the Shenandoah Rail Trail.

On behalf of the HRMPO, Chairperson Driver expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Eric Campbell, City of Harrisonburg representative, for his outstanding leadership and notable service shown during his term on the HRMPO Policy Board.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on January 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on January 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.



Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, for adjournment at 4:45 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation