



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
February 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
Meeting by ZOOM Video Conference

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the December 2, 2021 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. MAP-21 Safety Targets (TAC Memo #22-1)
5. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (TAC Memo #22-2)
6. Presentation: VTrans Risk & Opportunity Register, Jitender Ramchandani, OIPI
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting, Thursday, February 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, March 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO TAC Minutes

February 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Video/Audio Conferencing Call

Voting Member	Alternates	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Megan Byler, Bridgewater	✓ Ann Cundy
✓ Tom Hartman	✓ Libby Clark, Mt. Crawford	✓ Manas Ranjan
✓ Bill Blessing, Chair	✓ Jakob zumFelde, Harrisonburg	✓ Rita Whitfield
✓ Thanh Dang	Elliot Menge, Harrisonburg	
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✓ Cheryl Spain	Josh Dunlap, VDOT	✓ Kim Sandum, Shen. Alliance
Rockingham County	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
Rhonda Cooper, Vice Chair	Grant Sparks, DRPT	✓ Rachel Salatin, Rockingham
Casey Armstrong	✓ Angela Lawrence, Dayton	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC
Vacant		✓ Jitender Ramchandani, OIPI
Town of Bridgewater		
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✓ Brad Reed	✓ Bill Yates, JMU	
✓ Don Komara	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
VDRPT		
✓ Wood Hudson		

Call to Order

Due to rising COVID-19 cases, a 30-day state of emergency in Virginia was declared on January 10, 2022. In light of this emergency, the February 3, 2022, HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was conducted via video conferencing using Zoom. The February 3, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) TAC was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing.

Minutes

Chairperson Blessing presented the minutes from the December 2, 2021, TAC meeting. Mr. Komara moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

MAP-21 Safety Targets (TAC Memo #22-1)

Chairperson Blessing presented the MAP-21 Safety Targets. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Map-21 Safety Targets, noting that the safety targets must be updated annually, and the HRMPO must set its own targets, or concur with the State's targets, by February 27, 2022. She stated that as with the past years' targets, staff recommends concurring with the statewide 2022 targets, noting that there is no penalty for not meeting the targets. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investments (OIPI) projections for fatalities, serious injuries, non-motorized fatalities, and serious injuries statewide. She noted that the 2020 stay-at-home order and reduction in vehicle miles traveled is the likely cause of the almost doubling of the fatality and serious injury rates in 2020, despite the reduction in their actual count. Ms. Cundy stated that HRMPO staff will share this information with the Policy Board on February 17th, and will submit the letter to VDOT concurring with the statewide safety targets for 2022.

HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (TAC Memo#22-2)

Chairperson Blessing presented the HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update. Mr. Ranjan stated that in the past month, HRMPO staff has submitted final Land Use and Sociodemographic data to VDOT for development of the Travel Demand Model (TDM) 2045 scenario, developed existing conditions maps, and continued work to implement Phase I of the Public Engagement Plan. He noted that staff worked with the jurisdictions to incorporate suggested changes to the preliminary distribution and submitted the final dataset to VDOT on January 6, 2022. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the Public Engagement Plan and the Community Partners Toolkit. She reported that staff and Avid Core are implementing Phase I of the Public Engagement Plan, which focuses on the Metroquest survey that will help everyone to understand the region's current transportation needs, and a vision for the region's future transportation system. Ms. Cundy noted that the survey will be open from February 1, 2022 to March 2, 2022. She reported that HRMPO staff has developed a printed version of the survey in English and Spanish language, and have distributed copies to multiple locations around the

Harrisonburg and Rockingham area. Mr. Ranjan reported on the next steps, noting that staff is addressing the Working Group feedback on the existing conditions maps following the January 18th meeting, and after completion of the existing conditions chapter for the LRTP, staff will begin evaluating multi-modal transportation needs. He stated that the HRMPO will host a free webinar on February 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m., to take attendees through the survey platform and answer community members' questions.

Presentation: VTrans Risk & Opportunity Register – Jitender Ramchandani, OIPI

Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Mr. Jitender Ramchandani, Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investments (OIPI) Statewide Transportation Planning Manager. Mr. Ramchandani presented a PowerPoint presentation and video on VTrans Risk and Opportunity Register. He stated that in December 2021, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) adopted the Policy for Development and Monitoring of VTrans Risk & Opportunity Register. Mr. Ramchandani noted that VTrans long-term planning focuses on the development and monitoring of a Long-Term Transportation Risk & Opportunity Register. He stated that a methodical and systematic monitoring of long-term risks and opportunities allows Virginia to be better prepared to achieve the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Vision for Transportation. Mr. Ramchandani reviewed the components of VTrans, and identified the risks and opportunities for Virginia's transportation system due to the external factors or Megatrends in the coming decade (climate, technological advancement, consumption patterns, and socio-demographic changes). After the presentation, Mr. Ramchandani reviewed the next steps, noting that OIPI will monitor long-term risks and opportunities and modify based on new data and information; collaborate with VDOT, DRPT, and other stakeholders to implement and monitor the VTrans Strategic Actions; and inform local and regional jurisdictions of available resources to ensure all stakeholders are aware.

Agency Updates

Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Reed announced that the Virginia Department of Transportation, in coordination with Rockingham County and the Town of Elkton, will host a public meeting for a transportation planning study concerning Route 33 (Spotswood Trail) in Rockingham County on February 3, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Spotswood High School. He noted that the study is part of the Route 33 Arterial Management Plan, which focuses on Route 33 between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton. Mr. Reed gave an update on the Project Pipeline Program study in the City of Harrisonburg on



U.S. 11, from Pleasant Valley Road to Mosby Road, noting that a MetroQuest survey will be posted on February 14th to gather feedback on the project. He reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting that the portal would be open for applications on March 1st. Mr. Reed gave a review on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) discretionary grant programs, which provide funding for the nation's infrastructure, including roads, highways, electric systems, and railway systems. He noted that if any locality wished to pursue any of the programs available and had questions or needed assistance, to let VDOT know.

Mr. Komara reported on the following: Route 682 Friedens Church bridge project improvements in Rockingham County, noting that construction is scheduled for March or April; announced that the flashing and speed limit signs were installed on Route 11 in Mt. Crawford; reported on the Route 720 Smithland Road bridge project, noting that it is scheduled for advertisement next week; noted that the Route 33 bridge construction project is scheduled for spring; and reported on tragedies and traffic accidents in the area.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Mr. Hudson reported on the Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study, which is aimed at identifying opportunities to advance equitable transit within the Commonwealth. He noted that the Interim Report is available on DRPT's website. Mr. Hudson reported on FY23 Section 5303 funding, noting that the estimates will be available this month and applications are due to DRPT by May 2, 2022. He reported on SMART SCALE Round 5, noting that if any jurisdiction needed assistance on their applications, to let DRPT know.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain gave an update on the Multimodal Transfer Center Feasibility Study, a project to develop an improved passenger transfer center for its community bus routes, noting that it is currently in the site selection stage. She gave an update on the transit driver shortage and route changes, noting that HDPT has hired several new drivers who are currently in training.



City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works

Mr. Hartman gave an update on the activities of the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works. He gave an update on the Reservoir Street corridor improvement project; bridge construction maintenance projects; and upcoming SMART SCALE projects.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Blessing announced that the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on February 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.; and the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on March 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

April 7, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

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

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 875 8884 8554 ** Passcode: 594329 ** Dial In: 301 715 8592

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2. Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 2022 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Draft FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (TAC Action Form #22- 1)*
5. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (Draft Survey Report attached)
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9. Adjournment

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Call to Order

The April 7, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO TAC 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.

Minutes

Chairperson Blessing presented the minutes from the February 3, 2022, TAC meeting. Mr. Reed noted that on page 3 of the minutes, it should state “VTrans Risk” instead of “VTrans Rick”. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Spain, to approve the minutes as presented with the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Draft FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) TAC Action Form #22-1)

Chairperson Blessing presented for consideration the Draft FY23 UPWP. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the UPWP, noting that the FY23 Draft UPWP has been prepared in coordination with VDOT and DRPT. She noted that the FY23 UPWP maintains the work elements and annual activities of the FY22 UPWP. Ms. Cundy reviewed the FY23 Budget Revenue estimates. Mr. Hudson reported that DRPT just received notice from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding Section 5303 funding, which shows an increase from last fiscal year. Ms. Cundy stated that in order to align the HRMPO’s work with a revised set of federal Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs), new language was added under several work elements from the updated PEAs. She reviewed the new language. Ms. Cundy noted that this is a draft UPWP and may be changed before final submittal and approval. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to recommend to the Policy Board to release the Draft FY23 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Chairperson Blessing presented the HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the Transportation Visioning Survey Report, noting that the LRTP Visioning Survey used Metroquest to facilitate online engagement in a mobile-friendly format. She stated that a print version was available that posed the same questions to anyone who did not have access to the internet or who preferred a hard copy. Ms. Cundy reviewed the feedback gathered from the survey and how the projects will be clarified and scored from using the survey and meeting the LRTP goals. She stated that approximately 600 people responded to the survey, noting that the highest priorities for new transportation investments centered around expanding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, additional transit service, and improving transportation safety. Discussion ensued regarding sharing the demographic data publicly; identifying community members regarding gender, race, ethnicity and community

members location; suppressing the data information that is not personally identifiable to any individual, and to acknowledge the importance of those who responded to the survey. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that the feedback gathered from the survey will inform Phase Two, the Universe of Projects. She stated that Phase Two, which is anticipated to begin in summer of 2022, will provide the community with an opportunity to weigh in on a list of proposed projects.

Agency Updates

Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Komara reported on the following: Route 11 bridge construction project in Mt. Crawford, noting that it was moving along; gave an update on the Route 720 Smithland Road bridge improvement project, noting that six bids were received; reported on a shoulder widening safety project on Route 259 outside of the HRMPO area, noting that one bid was received; right-of-way negotiations on Route 11 four-lane project; I-81 construction projects; and reported that the Route 33 bridge construction project is scheduled for advertisement in May. He announced that VDOT will be hosting a spring meeting to allow the public to comment on transportation projects recommended for funding in the FY23-FY28 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) on May 2, 2022, 4:00 p.m., at Blue Ridge Community College. Upon a question regarding when the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) would make their decision on revenue sharing projects, Mr. Komara responded that the CTB should announce the projects in April or May.

Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting that 56 preapplications were received in the Staunton District. He gave an update on Phase II of the Project Pipeline Program Study in the City of Harrisonburg on U.S. 11, noting that the project was moving into Phase III. He reported on the Route 33 Arterial Management Plan, which focuses on Route 33 between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton, noting that a draft document was available.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Mr. Hudson introduced and welcomed Grace Stankus, who will be the new DRPT voting member on the HRMPO TAC Committee. He reported on staff changes at DRPT, announcing that Jennifer DeBruhl was appointed as the new Director and Grant Sparks has been appointed as the Acting Chief of Public Transportation of DRPT. Mr. Hudson stated that OLGA, DRPT's online grant administration site, was back in operation. He reported on the following: announced that the FY23 Section 5303 funding applications were due on May 2, 2022; reported on the Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study,



noting that Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study team will host a virtual forum on April 21, 2022, from 10:00-11:00 a.m.; and reported on Discretionary Low or No Emission and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Programs, noting that applications are due May 31, 2022.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain announced that HDPT awarded a contract this week to Passio Technologies to upgrade, install and implementation of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on the City of Harrisonburg's transit buses to improve customer service and increase passenger ridership. She reported that HDPT plans on hiring 15 more full-time transit bus drivers in the upcoming budget year, which will increase James Madison University (JMU) coverage; and gave an update on a Feasibility Study for microtransit in the area.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works

Ms. Yancey gave an update on the activities of the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works. She reported on the University Boulevard relocation project; gave an update on the Mt. Pike project; and reported on the upcoming SMART SCALE applications for the City of Harrisonburg.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Blessing announced that the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on April 21, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.; and the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on May 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda September 1, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Rockingham County Administration Center
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Harrisonburg, VA 22802

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FY 21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications (TAC Memo #22-3)
5. Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Virtual Meeting Policy (TAC Memo #22-4)
6. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (TAC Memo #22-5)
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 - b. HRMPO TAC Meeting, Thursday, October 6, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

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Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Valerie Kramer, non-voting representative for James Madison University (JMU).

Minutes

Chairperson Blessing presented the minutes from the April 7, 2022, TAC meeting. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications (TAC Memo #22-3)

Chairperson Blessing presented the FY23 UPWP and FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications. Ms. Cundy reported that staff has administratively modified the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the transit portion of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She noted that the FY23 UPWP modification reflects the FY22 FTA Section 5303 carryover amount after the close-out of the fiscal year and an additional \$3,412 has been added to the Long Range Planning Work Element of the UPWP. Ms. Cundy reported on the FY21-24 TIP Modification, noting that the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) requested that the MPO modify the TIP to reflect the award of FTA 5307 capital funds in FY24 to install a new ITS system on all buses, replace two medium-duty buses, and seven large heavy-duty buses. She noted that staff submitted the TIP Administrative Modification to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), and the FY23 UPWP modification will be submitted to VDOT and DRPT.

Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Virtual Meeting Policy (TAC Memo #22-4)

Chairperson Blessing presented the FOIA Virtual Meeting Policy. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the FOIA Virtual Meeting Policy, noting that House Bill 444 permits some public bodies to hold a limited number of virtual meetings each year. She stated that the new law allows electronic meetings for MPOs to hold “all-virtual” meetings but must meet all other requirements of the FOIA law, including adoption of a policy on the holding of these meetings, which the HRMPO already has in place. Ms. Cundy noted that these “all-virtual” provisions can only be used for two, or 25 percent of the public body’s meetings per year, whichever is greater. Upon a question regarding all virtual meetings and the number of participants in the same room, Ms. Cundy responded that no more than two voting

members of the TAC or Policy Board may participate in the meeting together. She reviewed the HRMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP), noting that the PPP requires that the HRMPO publish a schedule of Policy Board and TAC meetings at the beginning of the calendar year, including the meeting location. The PPP requires that any meetings for which the date, time, or venue are changed, the MPO must publicly advertise the change on in the local paper of record at least seven days in advance of the meeting. Ms. Cundy noted that the TAC or Board Chair would make this decision and direct staff to publicly notice the change at least one week prior to the meeting. Chairperson Blessing expressed his preference to hold in-person meetings. After some discussion, Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to schedule one virtual meeting for both the TAC and the Policy Board each year in the winter, and leaving the other two meetings “floating” to hold virtually to be utilized as necessary with proper notification. Motion carried only with Chairperson Blessing opposing.

HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (TAC Memo #22-5)

Chairperson Blessing presented the HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update. Ms. Heller gave an update on the LRTP. She reported on Phase 2 of the Public Engagement Plan process, noting that staff has launched a MetroQuest survey to gain community input on the Draft Universe of Projects, and hosted several community events to promote the LRTP survey. She noted that to date, 200 responses to the survey have been received. Ms. Heller distributed copies of the MetroQuest Respondents by Zip Code (attached to file minutes). She reviewed the next steps, noting that following the wrap-up of the MetroQuest survey, staff will work with Kimley Horn and the LRTP Working Group to develop a methodology for scoring projects. Ms. Heller stated that staff will schedule a LRTP Working Group meeting in late September to go over scoring methodology and revenue projections. She noted that public input on the proposed projects with the TAC and Policy Board will be shared in October to finalize the project and study lists.

Agency Updates

Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Komara reported on the following construction projects: Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it was ahead of schedule and should be completed this winter; Route 720 Smithland Road, noting that the project should begin construction next week; Town of Broadway bridge project; gave an update on the I-81 widening project; and on paving projects in the area. He announced a public hearing will be held on October 19, 2022, starting at 4:00 p.m., at the

VDOT Harrisonburg Residency regarding the sidewalk project on Route 11 at Harrisonburg's city limits.

Mr. Reed gave an update on the FY24-27 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Plan. He reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting that 42 applications were received in the Staunton District. Mr. Reed announced the tenth annual Local Programs Workshop will be held on October 4-6, 2022, at the Hotel Roanoke, and that registration is currently open. This workshop will focus on providing an overview of local programs, and will provide training for program management and project development. Mr. Reed announced that the Governor's Transportation Conference will be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach on October 26-28, 2022. Ms. Cundy announced that VDOT will be hosting the September Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting at the Hotel 24 South in Staunton on September 20-21, 2022.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus announced that September is Discover Transit Month. She noted that throughout the month of September, DRPT will be informing Virginians about transportation options and encouraging use of local transit services to commute, travel, and explore their communities. Ms. Stankus stated that DRPT is in the process of developing the Virginia Statewide Rail Plan for 2022. She announced that DRPT will be hosting a virtual public meeting on the Plan on September 27th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment. Ms. Stankus reported on the Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study, which is aimed at identifying opportunities to advance equitable transit within the Commonwealth. The study team is working to complete final review on the action plan and will present it to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in early fall.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT's federal and state triannual audits. He reported on the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on the City of Harrisonburg's transit buses to improve customer service and increase passenger ridership, noting that Passio Technologies is upgrading, installing, and implementing the system. Mr. Gatobu gave an update on the Feasibility Study for Microtransit; and announced that HDPT is hiring additional bus drivers.



City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works

Mr. Hartman reported on paving construction projects in the City of Harrisonburg. He announced that a design public hearing for the University Boulevard realignment project is scheduled for September 8, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the City of Harrisonburg City Council Chambers. Mr. Hartman stated that the hearing is to solicit feedback on the proposal regarding the realignment of University Boulevard from its intersection with Oak Hill Drive/Forest Hill Road to the James Madison University Old Convocation Center parking lot, and the addition of a shared use path from Port Republic Road to Carrier Drive. He noted that a survey on the proposal will be available to facilitate comments submission online. Mr. Hartman reported on the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), noting that he is working with VDOT staff on potential projects for the City of Harrisonburg.

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✓ Cheryl Spain	Josh Dunlap, VDOT	✓ Shane McCabe, VDOT*
Rockingham County	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC*
✓ Rhonda Cooper, Vice Chair	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT	✓ Sam Styers, McCormick Taylor*
Casey Armstrong	Angela Lawrence, Dayton	✓ Jon Crisafi, Kittelson & Associates*
✓ Rachel Salatin	Kayla Yankey, Rockingham	✓ Dylan Nicely, Rockingham
Town of Bridgewater	Wood Hudson, DRPT	✓ Kim Sandum, Shen. Alliance
✓ Alex Wilmer	Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford
Town of Dayton		
✓ Christa Hall		
Town of Mt. Crawford	Non-Voting Members	
J. C. Smythers	Kevin Jones, FHWA	
VDOT	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	
✓ Brad Reed	Bill Yates, JMU	
Don Komara	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
DRPT	✓ Valerie Kramer	
✓ Grace Stankus*		
*Zoom Participants		

Call to Order

The November 3, 2022, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (HRMPO TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing. 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. A voting member who participated by Zoom per the HRMPO Resolution (outlining

electronic participation when the member is unable to attend the meeting) will provide a qualifying reason for participating electronically, which will be recorded in written form and attached to the file minutes.

Minutes

Chairperson Blessing presented the minutes from the September 1, 2022, TAC meeting. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Phase 2 Report and Consideration of 2045 Project and Studies List (TAC Action Form AF#22-2)

Chairperson Blessing presented the LRTP Phase 2 Report and Consideration of 2045 Project and Studies List. Ms. Cundy reported on the MetroQuest survey for Phase 2 of public engagement, noting that the survey closed on September 16th, with 685 respondents. She noted that respondents rated all the projects and studies in the survey more favorably than negatively. Ms. Cundy stated that MPO staff developed a Phase 2 Public Engagement Report, which is posted on the HRMPO's website. She noted that the LRTP Working Group reviewed public input and all comments, which are also posted on the Website. Ms. Cundy reported on the next steps, noting that the HRMPO will continue working with consultants Kimley-Horn to score the project list and prioritize the studies and will present a draft scored project list and final revenue projections for highway and transit investments to the Working Group in December 2022. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to recommend that the Policy Board approve the list of projects and studies for scoring and prioritization in the 2045 LRTP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation: *City of Harrisonburg Mt. Clinton Pike Reconfiguration Study*, Jon Crisafi, PT, PTOE, Senior Engineer, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Hartman introduced and welcomed Mr. Jon Crisafi, Senior Engineer, Kittelson & Associates, Inc. Mr. Crisafi presented a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Harrisonburg Mt. Clinton Pike Reconfiguration Study. He stated that the study purpose was to evaluate existing traffic operations and safety conditions, identify opportunities for improving safety/connectivity, assess future travel projections and development patterns, and develop road reconfiguration design concept. Mr. Jakob

zumFelde reviewed the next steps, noting that the City will coordinate public outreach and implementation and construction is scheduled for 2023.

Agency Updates

Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Lindsey reported on the following construction projects in the area: noted that the bikeway signs have been installed on the Route 720 bridge project; gave an update on the Route 33 bridge project in Harrisonburg, which replaces two bridges over Interstate 81 at Exit 247, noting that lane closures will begin next week and construction signs have been installed; reported on the Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County; gave an update on the Town of Broadway's Route 259 bridge replacement project; reported on Route 11 widening just south of Harrisonburg, noting that progress was continuing with the right-of-way acquisition; gave an update on the sidewalk project on Route 11 at Harrisonburg's city limits, noting that a public hearing was held on October 19th on the project and according to the comments from the hearing, the proposed project was well received; reported on the Mt. Crawford Park and Ride lot improvement project, noting that the project is currently in the design phase; and gave an update on Friedmans' Church road curve project around the Church to the east of the Interstate, noting that it is scheduled for advertisement this month. Mr. Reed reported on the status of the SMART SCALE validation process, noting that it is ongoing and finalization of cost estimates will be wrapping up soon; and reported on three Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments that he will be presenting next month to the HRMPO.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Stankus reported on DRPT's staff changes, noting that Mr. Zach Trogdon is DRPT's new Chief of Public Transportation, and Mr. Grant Sparks has resumed his role as Director of Transit Planning. She reported on two upcoming workshops that DRPT will be hosting: 1) a Public Transit Grant Application Workshop for local and regional transit agency partners across Virginia on November 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in preparation for the Fiscal Year 2024 grant application cycle, which opens on December 1, 2022; and 2) a virtual Commuter Assistance Program Grant Workshop on November 15, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon for any agency and vanpool provider that may seek grant funds from DRPT to operate a commuter assistance program or project. Ms. Stankus gave an update on DRPT's Coordinated Human Services Mobility (CHSM) Plan, noting that the Plan identifies statewide and regional gaps as well as recommendations for meeting transportation needs and improving human services transportation in Virginia for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with low income.

She noted that DRPT is requesting input to develop needs and recommendations about transportation preferences via survey.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain gave an update on HDPT, noting that HDPT is preparing for the FY24 grant cycle. She reported on the purchasing of transit buses and the need for additional bus drivers. Ms. Spain reported on the status of the Microtransit Feasibility Study.

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Works

Mr. Hartman reported on the preparation of the City's snow plows for the upcoming winter season; ongoing paving construction projects in the City of Harrisonburg; the South Main Street project, noting that engineering is set to begin soon; and reported on the status of the Port Republic Road and University Boulevard relocation projects, noting that they are entering the right of way utility phase.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy reported on the National Association of MPOs (AMPO) Annual Conference she attended in Minneapolis, MN on October 25-28. She stated that the AMPO Annual Conference is the premier event for MPOs to learn and network and provides the opportunity to meet with other MPO directors, transportation planners, and elected officials from across the country. Ms. Cundy stated that she, along with the Director of the Richmond MPO and Avid Core consultants, gave a presentation on hybrid public engagement.

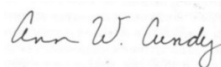
Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Blessing announced that the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on November 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.; and the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on December 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation