



## HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda January 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2016 Meeting\*
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of Final Approval of the Amended Title VI Plan (PB AF #17-1)\*
5. Consideration of FY17 Highway TIP Amendment (PB AF #17-2)\*
6. Appointment of Nominating Committee (Board Memo #17-1)\*
7. Presentation and Update on the Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan To  
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8. Update on CSPDC On-Call Consultant Program
9. VDOT Update
  - 2025 VMTP Open House – February 15, 2017 at Fishersville Transit Facility
10. DRPT Update
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

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✓ Ted Byrd, Vice Chairman	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
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✓ Kurt Hodgen	Nick Britton, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Reggie Smith	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Fred Eberly, Rockingham
Rick Chandler, Chairman		✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
William Kyger	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg
✓ Stephen King	Casey Armstrong, Rockingham	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
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<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
✓ Robert Popowicz	Susan Smith, Dayton	✓ Josh Dunlap, VDOT
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ Andrew Williams, Berkley Group
Jay Litten	Toni Ray, Mt. Crawford	
<b>VDOT</b>	Terry Jackson, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser	✓ Terry Short, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

### Call to Order

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

### Approval of Minutes

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

## **Public Comment**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Update on the Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan**

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

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

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

#### **Update on the CSPDC On-Call Consultant Program**

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

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

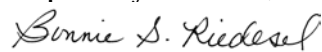
Vice Chairman Byrd presented the VDOT Update. Mr. Terry Short reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting that he had attended on January 17<sup>th</sup>. He gave an overview on the Smart Scale applications scoring results that the CTB had released at their January CTB meeting. Mr. Brad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

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

#### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie S. Riedesel  
HRMPO Administrator



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda February 16, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

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5. Consideration of Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP Release to Public Comment (PB AF#17-5)\*
6. Consideration of Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Release to Public Comment (PB AF#17-6)\*

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LRTP Appendices

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### Call to Order

The February 16, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Ted Byrd.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fred Eberly moved, seconded by Mr. Don Komara, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017, Policy Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

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

### **Consideration of the FY 2015-2018 Highway Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (PB AF #17-4)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the FY 2015-2018 Highway Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement TIP Amendment (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the TIP Amendment, noting that the TIP Amendment was spurred by a cost estimate increase for rumble strips, the installation of which is funded through a number of child projects within this grouping. She stated that the TIP Amendment was released for public review for 21 days and no comments were received. Mr. Reggie Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Fred Eberly, to approve the FY 2015-2018 Highway Safety/ITS/Operational Improvement TIP Amendment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **Consideration of Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP Release to Public Comment (PB AF #17-5)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP to be released for public comment (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the TIP, noting that funding identified in the TIP is intended for transportation projects and programs to be obligated for the federal fiscal years 2018-2021. She reported on several project changes highlighted in the TIP, noting that the changes will be corrected in the document submitted for public comment. Mr. Kurt Hodgen moved, seconded by Mr. Reggie Smith to release the Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Consideration of Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Release for Public Comment (PB AF #17-6)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Draft LRTP, noting that at its February 2, 2017 meeting, the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) voted to recommend that the Policy Board release the document for public comment. She stated that the Draft LRTP reflects the changes recommended by the Town of Dayton to move projects #77B and #39 from the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) to the Vision List. Ms. Cundy stated that the revenues for these two projects remained in the CLRP under secondary road projects for unspecified future improvements because those are still projected revenues. She reviewed the next steps, noting that the final Public Open House for the 2040 LRTP is scheduled for March 1, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Rockingham County Government Center in the Community Development Department's Community Room. Ms. Cundy stated that final adoption is scheduled for the HRMPO Policy Board March 16th meeting. Mr. Kurt Hodgen moved, seconded by Mr. Don Komara, to release the LRTP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

Mr. Kurt Hodgen reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. He stated that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Mr. Stephen King, Mr. Randy Kiser, and himself, recommended that the current Chairperson, Rick Chandler, and Vice Chairperson, Ted Byrd, continue serving for the next two years, effective July 1, 2017. Vice Chairman Byrd stated that the Policy Board will take formal action on the recommendation by the Nominating Committee at their next meeting.

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

Vice Chairman Byrd presented VDOT Update. Mr. Brad Reed reported on the 2025 VMTP Open House that was held on February 15, 2017, at the Fishersville Transit Facility. He also reported on Smart Scale projects and funding, noting that there was an earmark that added funds to each district. Decisions will be made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in March or April on how to allocate the remaining funds. Mr. Reed gave an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), noting that tentative selections will be released at the April CTB meeting. He reported on the State of Good Repair (SGR) funding and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Mr. Don Komara gave an update on several projects in the HRMPO area. He reported on the Route 11 bridge project in Mt. Crawford and on the Port Republic Road interchange realignment project in Rockingham County.

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

Vice Chairman Byrd presented DRPT Update. Mr. Reggie Smith reported on FTA Section 5307 funds for FY17, noting that five percent was being withheld until Maryland, DC and Virginia passed safety legislation for the Metro Safety Commission. He also reported on the City of Harrisonburg's Department of Public Transportation's (HDPT) Transit Development Plan, noting that the public survey was currently being tabulated.

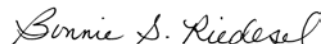
### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Bonnie Riedesel reported on a kick-off meeting for a small urban area study for the Bridgewater Main Street Improvement Project. Also under Other Business, Ms. Riedesel noted that staff is currently working on the FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and will present a draft to the TAC and the Policy Board at their next meetings.

### **Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Byrd announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017. He reminded everyone about the LRTP Open House on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There being no further business to come before the Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie S. Riedesel  
HRMPO Administrator





## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda March 16, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

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5. Consideration of the Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Approval (PB AF#17-8)\*

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6. Consideration of Nominating Committee's Recommendation for Chairman and Vice Chairman
7. City of Harrisonburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Presentation
8. VDOT Update
9. DRPT Update
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### Call to Order

The March 16, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Chandler.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ted Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Frederick Eberly, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017, Policy Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Chairman Chandler opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Kim Sandum, Community Alliance for Preservation (CAP) Executive Director, made the following comments: 1) Requested to renew her previous requests to have project number 129, Switchboard Road, moved to the 2040 Long Range Transportation (LRTP) Plan's Vision List; 2) Requested adding Cross Keys Battlefield to the HRMPO maps in the 2040 LRTP. She stated that part of Cross Keys Battlefield is in the HRMPO and felt it needed to be added to the HRMPO maps in order to help protect this important historic resource; 3) Expressed concern with communications with the Old Order Mennonite community when public meetings are held involving their farmlands.

Mr. Frederick Eberly suggested looking into developing a mailing list to send public notices to those whose land is affected, such as those in the Old Order Mennonite community. It was suggested looking into the possibility of holding meetings in the areas affected and contacting the Bishops or other key contacts in order to spread the word throughout the Mennonite community. Discussion ensued regarding communications with the Old Order Mennonite community and the suggestion for the removal of project number 129, Switchboard Road to the LRTP Vision List. There was a suggestion to make the improvement only a 2-lane rural rustic improvement rather than 4-lane, perhaps with a right of way for 4 lanes reserved, or realigning the road. Mr. Terry Short stated that the HRMPO will be going through a travel demand modeling process over the next year which will assess all projects on the LRTP Vision List and Constrained List that could refine this issue. After discussion, it was the consensus of the members present to leave project number 129, Switchboard Road, on the 2040 LRTP Constrained List pending the review process in the next year.

## **Consideration of FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (PB AF #17-7)**

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration FY 2018-2021 TIP. Ms. Ann Cundy gave a review of the TIP, noting that this is a new TIP for transportation projects and programs to be obligated for the federal fiscal years 2018-2021 for highway and transit projects. She stated that the TIP was released for public review for 21 days and that no comments were received; however, she did receive a change to the transit portion of the TIP. Ms. Cundy distributed copies and reviewed the changes to the TIP (attached to file minutes). Mr. Ted Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Robert Popowicz, to approve the FY 2018-2021 TIP. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Consideration of HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (PB AF #17-8)**

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ms. Cundy stated that the LRTP was released for public comment in February and the final open house on the LRTP was held on March 1, 2017. She distributed copies of two additional comments regarding the LRTP she had received. Ms. Cundy stated that all comments received regarding the LRTP have been included in the LRTP under Appendix C: Public Comment. Mr. Ted Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Frederick Eberly, to include the Cross Keys Battlefield to the HRMPO maps in the 2040 LRTP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ted Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Reggie Smith, to approve the 2040 LRTP. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Consideration of Nominating Committee's Recommendation for Officers**

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the Nominating Committee's Recommendation for Officers. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Don Komara moved, seconded by Mr.

Frederick Eberly, for the current Chairman Rick Chandler and Vice Chairman Ted Byrd, to continue serving for the next two years, effective July 1, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **City of Harrisonburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Presentation**

Ms. Ann Cundy stated that the City of Harrisonburg will present an update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan at the April meeting. She also stated that Rockingham County will present an update on the UDA Study for the Route 33 East Spotswood Trail project at a later date.

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

Chairman Chandler presented VDOT Update. Mr. Terry Short gave an update on the status of Smart Scale applications. He reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting that was held on March 14, 2017, in Richmond. Mr. Short stated that the CTB will be holding their spring meeting on April 22, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Community College's Plecker Center and encouraged everyone to participate.

Mr. Brad Reed gave an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program. Mr. Don Komara reported on a meeting he had attended the previous day on the Bridgewater Study to help the traffic congestion on Route 42. He also gave an update on the Route 11 bridge project in Mt. Crawford.

Mr. Terry Short reported on the Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) grant program and project development process. Due to time constraints in submitting applications (a week and a half), he suggested making an application on the HRMPO's behalf to identify a potential project and cost in the hopes of successfully obtaining funding for a potential project. Mr. Short stated that it would ultimately be the HRMPO's final decision to approve the project. It was the consensus of the members present for Mr. Short to express interest on the HRMPO's behalf in participating in the STARS program on a noncommittal basis to see if there was potential for funding.

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

Chairman Chandler presented DRPT Update. Mr. Terry Short reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board's presentation and discussion on capital costs at their March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, stating that it did not look good for federal dollars on the capital side and it was a very sobering presentation. He stated that the discussion could be viewed on the CTB website. Mr. Reggie Smith reported on the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Request for Proposal (RFP) for a proposed rural intercity bus service to operate between Blacksburg and Washington DC.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Chairman Chandler noted that he would be contacting the Trump Administration regarding the proposed trillion-dollar infrastructure to inform them of the County's needs regarding Interstate 81 and other needed projects. Mr. Robert Popowicz also suggested expressing concern to the Administration on how Interstate 81 connects to Interstate 64 and expressing support for the shipping area in Norfolk as well.



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## **Adjournment**

Chairman Chandler announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on April 20, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



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5. Presentation: Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning and Programming in the HRMPO
  - Bike Month Programming — Rich Harris, SVBC
  - City of Harrisonburg Bike Pedestrian Plan and Projects — Tom Hartman
  - Rockingham County Bike Advisory Committee and Project Updates — Rhonda Cooper
  - Town of Bridgewater Riverwalk — Jay Litten
  - 2017 Harrisonburg Rockingham Bike Walk Summit — Ann Cundy
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  - VDOT
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Reggie Smith	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
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	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

### Call to Order

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

### Approval of Minutes

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

### Public Comment

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

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

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

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning and Programming in the HRMPO**

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

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





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

## **Agency Updates**

Chairman Chandler presented the following agency updates:

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) Update***

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

## **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda July 20, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

Town of Bridgewater Council Chambers  
201 Green Street  
Bridgewater, VA 22812

1. Call To Order
  2. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2017 Meeting\*
  3. Public Comment
  4. STARS Study FY 2018 UPWP Administrative Adjustment (Board Memo #17-2)
  5. Bridgewater VA 42 (Main Street) Corridor Study Update
  6. Presentation: Historic Transportation Planning in Bridgewater — Bob Holton, Assistant Manager of Public Works
  7. Presentation: Current Transportation Investments in Bridgewater — Jay Litten, Town Superintendent and Alex Wilmer, Town Paralegal
  8. Agency Updates
    - VDOT
    - DRPT
    - HDPT
  9. Other Business
  10. Adjournment
  11. Riverwalk Project Walking Tour
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## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes July 20, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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Frederick Eberly	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Bob Holton, Town of Bridgewater
Stephen King	✓ Casey Armstrong, Rockingham	✓ Victoria Glasgow, Town of Bridgewater
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Michael Fulcher, VDOT
✓ Dennis Driver	Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
Robert Popowicz	Susan Smith, Dayton	✓ Daniel Markham, Kimley-Horn
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ Ashley Licklitter, Kimley-Horn
✓ Jay Litten	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	✓ William Bushman, Hurt & Proffitt
<b>VDOT</b>	Terry Jackson, VDOT	✓ Nolan Stout, DNR
✓ Randy Kiser	Terry Short, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

### Call to Order

The July 20 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Chandler. He thanked everyone for their attendance and expressed gratitude to the Town of Bridgewater for hosting the HRMPO Policy Board meeting. He introduced and welcomed Ms. Deanna Reed, City of Harrisonburg's representative.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the May 18, 2017, Policy Board meeting. Mr. Randy Kiser moved, seconded by Mr. George Hirschmann, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

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

### **STARS II Study FY18 UPWP Administrative Adjustment (Board Memo #17-2)**

Chairman Chandler presented Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) II Study FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Administrative Adjustment. Ms. Cundy stated that at the March 16, 2017, HRMPO Policy Board meeting, VDOT presented the opportunity for the HRMPO to apply for STARS funding to study the U.S. 33/Market Street corridor between MLK Way and Country Club Road. The HRMPO Policy Board voiced consensus for VDOT to pursue the study funding on behalf of the HRMPO, with the understanding that the HRMPO would contribute no more than \$40,000 of its own funding to match the state dollars if the application was successful. Ms. Cundy noted that VDOT Staunton District staff were notified in early June of 2017 that the Study was funded in the amount of \$110,000, of which \$25,000 will be funded by the HRMPO. She stated that the Study will identify more competitive strategies which might improve congestion, bottleneck and safety concerns along the regional corridor. Ms. Cundy stated that HRMPO staff will process the administrative adjustment to the FY 2018 UPWP to move the funding from the HRMPO's contingency fund into Short Range Planning, and reflect the Study in the FY 2018 Short Range Planning Products section of the Plan.

### **Bridgewater Virginia 42 (Main Street) Corridor Study Update**

Chairman Chandler presented the Bridgewater Virginia 42 (Main Street) Corridor Study Update. Ms. Cundy gave a brief update on the Corridor Study. She noted that Kimley-Horn completed existing conditions and level of service (LOS) analysis, and is currently finalizing alternatives and recommendations to address issues along the 1.75-mile corridor study area. Ms. Cundy stated that the Project Team reviewed the preliminary improvement alternatives at their July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. She noted that the anticipated completion of alternatives and recommendations will take place in late August, followed by a final Project Team meeting and public meeting in September, and presented to the Policy Board for consideration in October. Ms. Cundy welcomed and introduced Ms. Ashley Licklitter and Mr. Daniel Markham from Kimley-Horn, who were present to give an update on the Corridor Study. Mr. Markham distributed copies of the Main Street (Route 42) Corridor Study Existing Corridor Operations Summary. He reported on the crash severity and types of collisions in the Bridgewater area, noting that the majority of collisions occurred during the afternoon. Mr. Markham noted that the crash data reported was based on records documented between January 2014 and December 2016. Ms. Licklitter reviewed the congestion/queuing along the northbound approach to Oakwood Drive; southbound approach to Turner Ashby Drive; southbound approach to



Oakwood Drive; and observed traveling of fleet vehicles from Pilgrim's Pride Corporation along the corridor.

### **Presentation: Bridgewater's Transportation System**

Chairman Chandler introduced Mr. Bob Holton, Bridgewater Town Assistant, who gave a presentation on urban growth in the area and the need for road projects and transportation planning, noting that growth in the area is a big issue. He presented a PowerPoint presentation on the urban growth area; traffic issues involving the number of people and driving habits of people; United States population milestones, population growth, and population projections; number of registered vehicles in the United States and vehicles per citizen comparison; Virginia and local population growth and local population projections; presented maps showing various connector roads in the area and their need; and showed past road projects in other areas.

### **Presentation: Current Transportation Investments in Bridgewater**

Chairman Chandler introduced Mr. Jay Litten, Bridgewater Town Superintendent and Mr. Alex Wilmer, Town Paralegal, who were present to give a presentation on Current Transportation Investments in Bridgewater. Mr. Wilmer presented a PowerPoint presentation on current transportation projects in the Town of Bridgewater. He noted that it had been a very busy year and presented several upcoming and ongoing projects in the Bridgewater area. Mr. Litten presented a PowerPoint presentation of upcoming future projects for FY 2018 in the Town of Bridgewater. He expressed his appreciation for everyone attending the meeting at the Town of Bridgewater.

### **Agency Updates**

Chairman Chandler presented the following agency updates:

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

Mr. Brad Reed gave an update on the Smart Portal, which hosts SMART SCALE, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Transportation Alternatives, and Revenue Sharing grant programs. He noted that the SMART Portal opens for application intake on August 1, 2017, for the Revenue Sharing and Safety Programs. Mr. Reed stated that the proposed changes for round three of the SMART SCALE grant program could be viewed on the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (CTB) website. He reported on the draft Policy and Technical Guide, noting that the CTB was expected to adopt a new Policy and Technical Guide in October following the fall public meetings.



Mr. Don Komara gave an update on several projects in the HRMPO area. He reported that the Route 727 Airport Road project was completed and the Route 11 bridge project in Mt. Crawford was nearing completion. Mr. Komara announced that the Transportation Alternatives Applicant Workshop will be held at the VDOT Lynchburg District Office on August 3, 2017, to assist localities who are applying for TA-Set Aside grants for the FY18 cycle. VDOT Local Assistance is also offering this Workshop on Thursday, August 17 in Culpeper.

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

There were no reports.

***Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) Update***

There were no reports.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:55 p.m. The HRMPO Policy Board then proceeded to the Riverwalk Project Walking Tour.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda September 21, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call To Order
  2. Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2017 Meeting
  3. Public Comment
  4. SMART SCALE Round 3 Updates (BAF: #17-11)\*
  5. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Update (PB Memo: #17-3)
  6. Inter-Regional Transit Plan Update (PB Memo #17-4)
  7. UPWP Update (PB Memo: #17-5)
  8. Presentation: I-81 Updates — Jeff Lineberry, VDOT Staunton District Transportation and Land Use Director, and Terry Short, VDOT Staunton District Planner
  9. Agency Updates
    - VDOT- US 33/Market Street STARS Study update
    - DRPT
    - HDPT
  10. Other Business
    - Bridgewater Main Street (VA 42) Public Meeting - September 28
    - Fall Transportation Meeting - October 10
    - Governor's Transportation Conference - October 24-27
  11. Adjournment
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## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes September 21, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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	✓ Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
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### Call to Order

The September 21, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Chandler.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the July 20, 2017, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Eberly moved, seconded by Mr. Hodgen, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.



### **Public Comment**

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

### **SMART SCALE Round 3 Updates (BAF #17-11)**

Chairman Chandler presented updates on SMART SCALE Round 3. Ms. Cundy gave an update on SMART SCALE Round 3, noting that VDOT and DRPT staff presented the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) with a set of proposed changes to the SMART SCALE program for consideration and approval in advance of Round 3, which opens in March 2018. She stated that following the first two rounds of the program, State DOT staff has been evaluating ways in which the program may be improved. State DOT staff is recommending a limit on the number of projects for which a government entity may apply in any given round, specifically, a limit of 4 applications for localities with a population less than 200,000, and 8 applications for localities with a population more than 200,000. For MPOs/PDCs/Transit agencies, the proposed limit would be 4 applications for regions with a population less than 500,000, and 8 applications for a region with a population larger than 500,000. Ms. Cundy stated that counties with multiple towns (e.g., Rockingham, with 7 towns) may be severely limited in their ability to apply for their own projects if they must also submit projects on behalf of towns. She noted that the ability of the MPO or the CSPDC to apply on behalf of a town is an imperfect solution, given that regional agencies cannot apply for projects in UDAs, or for District Grant funding. Ms. Cundy reviewed the biennial schedule and deadlines, project readiness and eligibility, and scoring changes. She stated that the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed changes and recommends submitting a letter to Mr. Dixon Whitworth, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) member, expressing the HRMPO member localities' concerns with some of the proposed changes. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. King, to submit a letter to Mr. Dixon Whitworth regarding proposed changes to the SMART SCALE program. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Update (PB Memo 17-3)**

Chairman Chandler presented the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment Update. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the 2040 LRTP, noting that staff and the LRTP Working Group have developed a project evaluation methodology in order to create an Amendment to the 2040 LRTP with a revised list of projects. She reported on the LRTP Working Group, noting that the Group met on July 14, and August 22, 2017, to review the project evaluation methodology for the LRTP. Ms. Cundy stated that based on feedback from the group, MPO and VDOT staff have finalized a performance-based project evaluation methodology that closely follows the SMART SCALE project selection framework. She noted that this approach will give HRMPO localities a sense of which projects may score well in SMART SCALE in the future. Mr. Howard



reviewed the HRMPO Performance-Based Planning Matrix and the next steps, noting that scoring each project is a technical, time-intensive process. He stated that to deliver the 2018 Amendment to the Policy Board on time, HRMPO and VDOT staff, and the LRTP Working Group agreed to score the highest priority projects in the 2040 Vision List. This “pre-screening” would produce a list of 50 projects to be scored. Mr. Howard stated that before staff begins scoring projects, a final evaluation methodology and action plan for developing the 2018 Amendment will be presented to the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board for approval at their October 2017 meetings. He noted that the 2040 LRTP Amendment is tentatively planned for release for public comment in February 2018.

#### **Inter-Regional Transit Plan Update (PB Memo 17-4)**

Chairman Chandler presented the Inter-Regional Transit Plan Update. Ms. Riedesel gave an update on the Plan. She noted that since the Inter-Regional Transit Plan was presented to the HRMPO Policy Board in November 2016, the Steering Committee and consultants have completed the study and finalized a service plan and costs for bus service between Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Charlottesville. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the next steps, noting that the CSPDC is in the process of presenting the Plan to potential funding partners, including local governments, in order to gauge support for the service and local match needed to submit an application for funding to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation by February 1, 2018. She reviewed the public survey highlights, employment travel highlights, major institutions and jurisdictions in the service corridor, and the proposed implementation timeline and budget.

#### **FY18 UPWP Update (PB Memo 17-5)**

Chairman Chandler presented the FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the FY18 UPWP Financial Update as of August 31, 2017, and noted that the budget was on target for FY18. She stated that a financial update will be presented at future HRMPO meetings.

#### **Presentation: I-81 Updates**

Chairman Chandler presented Interstate 81 Updates. Mr. Short, VDOT District Planning Manager and Mr. Lineberry, VDOT Transportation Land Use Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Virginia Interstate 81 Corridor. Mr. Lineberry reviewed the I-81 Corridor Significance, Elevation Profile, Primary Truck Routes, Impact of Trucks and Terrian, Traffic Volume Trends, Impact of Incidents, Incident Trends, Common Recovery Issues, Incident Management Omnibus Bill, Funding and Projects on the Way, Planning Level Cost of Improvements, and INFRA Grants. Mr. Lineberry stated that over 24 million vehicle hours of delay occurred in FY16 on Virginia’s interstates alone. He noted that a national estimate states that roadway incidents contribute to 25 percent of congestion. Mr. Lineberry reviewed the planning level cost of



improvements, noting that adding one lane with wide shoulders would cost \$10 to 15 million per direction (per mile), and \$30-\$50 million per interchange. He stated that there are lots of variables that affect cost such as the number of bridges, right-of-way cost, cross street improvements (local road network), etc.

### **Agency Updates**

Chairman Chandler presented the following agency updates:

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

Mr. Short gave an update on the Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) program to study the U.S. 33/Market Street corridor between MLK Way and Country Club Road. He noted that the Study will identify more competitive strategies which might improve congestion, bottleneck and safety concerns along the regional corridor.

Mr. Don Komara gave an update on several projects in the HRMPO area. He reported that the Route 11 bridge project in Mt. Crawford was completed. Mr. Komara reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) fall public meetings. He noted that the Staunton District Fall meeting will be held on October 10, 2017, at Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, Virginia, and urged everyone to attend. Mr. Komara also reported on upcoming grant deadlines for the Revenue Sharing Program, Transportation Alternatives Program, and SMART SCALE.

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

Ms. Cundy gave an update on the intercity bus service to operate between Blacksburg and Washington, D.C. She stated that the anticipated start date for the bus service was scheduled for the end of 2017.

#### ***Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) Update***

Mr. Gatobu gave an update on HDPT. He stated that HDPT is in the process of completing its Six Year Transit Development Plan.

### **Other Business**

#### ***Bridgewater Virginia 42 (Main Street) Corridor Study Update***

Ms. Cundy noted that the final public open house for the Bridgewater Main Street Study will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, at Bridgewater's Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.



***Governor's Transportation Conference***

Ms. Riedesel announced that the 2017 Governor's Transportation Conference will be held on October 24-27, 2017, at the Omni Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, Virginia.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda October 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call To Order
  2. Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2017 Meeting
  3. Public Comment
  4. Resolutions of Support for HRMPO Transportation Alternatives Projects (PB AF #17-12)\*
  5. Presentation: Town of Bridgewater Main Street Study Recommendations
  6. FY 2018 UPWP Update (PB Memo #17- 6)
  7. Agency Updates
    - VDOT
    - DRPT
    - HDPT
  8. Other Business
    - Dixon Whitworth response to MPO letter re: SMART SCALE Round 3 changes
    - 2017 Governor's Transportation Conference – October 24-27, Hot Springs, VA
    - 2017 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike Walk Summit – Friday, November 3, 2017, JMU
  9. Adjournment
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## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes October 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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<b>VDOT</b>	Terry Jackson, VDOT	
Randy Kiser	Terry Short, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

### Call to Order

The October 19, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Rick Chandler. On behalf of the HRMPO, Chairman Chandler expressed his appreciation to Mr. Hodgen, who is retiring from the City of Harrisonburg as City Manager, for his outstanding leadership and notable service to the HRMPO, and to the City of Harrisonburg.



### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the September 21, 2017, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Eberly moved, seconded by Mr. Hodgen, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Resolutions of Support for HRMPO Transportation Alternatives Projects (PB BAF #17-12)**

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration Resolutions of Support for HRMPO Transportation Alternatives (TA) Projects (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that as part of the TA application process, a resolution of support from the HRMPO must be submitted for each project that is located within the HRMPO boundary. She reviewed the following applications, along with Mr. Baker for the City of Harrisonburg's applications and Mr. Wilmer for the Town of Bridgewater's application:

- *Federal Street Shared Use Path*: This application would fund the design and construction of a shared use path on Federal Street, from E. Market Street to E. Elizabeth Street, and convert Federal Street from a two-way local street in downtown Harrisonburg to a one-way local street with a shared use path on the west side and sidewalk on the east side.
- *Park Road Pedestrian Improvements Project*: Park Road will be enhanced with aesthetic and safety features through the Eastern Mennonite University campus. The project includes: widening two decorative stamped asphalt crosswalks; upgrading two additional crosswalks to decorative style; the addition of one new crosswalk; add ADA compliant curb ramps; and upgrade all crosswalk sign posts to include retroreflective panels. Flashing beacons on school zone advanced warning signs at the perimeter of campus and a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon with passive detection at the highest volume crosswalk are also included in the application.
- *Downtown Streetscape Project - Phase 3*: This phase includes the complete reconstruction of downtown sidewalks, curb and gutter, traffic signals, the addition of new pedestrian signals and crosswalks, and utility work along both sides of US Route 11 (Main Street), between Elizabeth Street and Wolfe Street.
- *Generations Park to Oakdale Park Connector (Gen-Oak Connector)*: This application would fund design and construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Liberty Street from Generations Park to Mount Crawford Avenue, installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of North Liberty and Mount Crawford Avenue, extend existing sidewalk on the north side of Mount Crawford and a walking path from the Naomi Lane/Mount Crawford intersection to the Depot parking lot in Oakdale Park.



Mr. Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. King, to recommend to the HRMPO Policy Board to endorse the Transportation Alternatives Program applications as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Presentation: Town of Bridgewater Main Street Corridor Study Recommendations**

Chairman Chandler presented the Town of Bridgewater Main Street Corridor Study Recommendations. Mr. Reed and Mr. Howard gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Corridor Study. Mr. Howard reviewed the purpose of the project and existing conditions. Mr. Reed reviewed the: corridor improvements; recommendations; and the short-term, mid-term, and long-term guidelines to implement the recommendations. On behalf of the Town of Bridgewater, Mr. Wilmer expressed his appreciation for the HRMPO and VDOT's assistance on the Corridor Study. Ms. Cundy stated that the Town of Bridgewater's Corridor Study was funded through the MPO's Small Area Corridor Studies Program. She stated that the TAC was in the process of identifying potential study areas for FY18. Once the TAC has finalized which project to advance to the funding program application phase, it will be submitted to the HRMPO Policy Board for approval.

#### **FY18 UPWP Update (PB Memo #17-6)**

Chairman Chandler presented the FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the monthly FY18 UPWP Financial Update as of September 30, 2017.

#### **Agency Updates**

Chairman Chandler presented the following agency updates:

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

Mr. Reed stated that the deadline for providing comments regarding the SMART SCALE Round 3 proposed changes is October 20, 2017. He noted that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will be meeting on October 23-24 to discuss the proposed changes. Mr. Reed stated that the deadline for submission of applications for the Transportation Alternatives, Highway Safety Improvement and Revenue Sharing Program applications are due November 1, 2017.

Mr. Komara gave an update on several projects in the HRMPO area. He reported on the Staunton District Fall meeting that was held on October 10, 2017, at Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, Virginia, noting that it was well attended.





### ***Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) Update***

Mr. Smith gave an update on HDPT. He stated that HDPT is in the process of completing its Six-Year Transit Development Plan. Mr. Eshleman gave an update on the intercity bus service to operate between Blacksburg and Washington, D.C. He noted that the anticipated start date for the bus service was scheduled for the end of December.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Chairman Chandler presented the following:

#### ***Dixon Whitworth HRMPO Letter Response to SMART SCALE Round 3 Changes***

Ms. Cundy stated that Mr. Dixon Whitworth, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) member, expressed his appreciation for the letter submitted by the HRMPO regarding proposed changes to the SMART SCALE Program. She stated that Mr. Whitworth will convey the concerns expressed by the HRMPO at their CTB meeting next week.

#### ***2017 Governor's Transportation Conference***

Ms. Cundy stated that the 2017 Governor's Transportation Conference will be held on October 24-27, 2017, at the Omni Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, Virginia. She noted that HRMPO staff will be attending the Conference and presenting on a panel sponsored by VAMPO.

#### ***2017 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike Walk Summit***

Ms. Cundy announced that the sixth annual 2017 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit will be held Friday, November 3, 2017, on the James Madison University (JMU) campus. She noted that the keynote speaker will be Fionnuala Quinn, founder and director of "The Bureau of Good Roads."

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda December 21, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call To Order
  2. Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2017 Meeting\*
  3. Public Comment
  4. 2018 Meeting Schedules (BAF #17-13)\*
  5. FY 2018 UPWP Update (Board Memo #17- 8)
  6. FAST Act Safety Performance Measures Targets (BAF #17-14)\*
  7. LRTP Project Evaluation Update (Board Memo #17-7)
  8. Presentation: 2017 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bike Walk Summit—Kyle Lawrence, SVBC
  9. FY 2018 Small Area Study Update
  10. Agency Updates
    - VDOT
    - DRPT
      - Virginia Breeze News Story by Breaking Through TV
    - HDPT
  11. Other Business
  12. Adjournment
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\*Action needed

## HRMPO Policy Board Minutes December 21, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

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Voting Members	Non-Voting Members	Staff
<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	Lee Eshelman, JMU	✓ Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
✓ Ted Byrd, Vice Chairman	Michelle DeAngelis, FTA	✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed	Kevin Jones, FHWA	✓ Jonathan Howard, CSPDC
	Nick Britton, DRPT	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Reggie Smith	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ George Hirschmann		<b>Others</b>
<b>Rockingham County</b>	<b>Alternates</b>	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT
Rick Chandler, Chairman	Michael Breeden, Rockingham	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
✓ Frederick Eberly	✓ Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Katie Schwing, DRPT
Stephen King	✓ Casey Armstrong, Rockingham	✓ Adam Campbell, VDOT
<b>Town of Mt. Crawford</b>	Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Kyle Lawrence, SVBC
✓ Dennis Driver	Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg	✓ William Bushman, Hurt & Proffitt
<b>Town of Dayton</b>	✓ Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
✓ Robert Popowicz	Susan Smith, Dayton	
<b>Town of Bridgewater</b>	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	
Jay Litten	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
<b>VDOT</b>	Terry Jackson, VDOT	
Randy Kiser	✓ Terry Short, VDOT	
	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	

### Call to Order

The December 21, 2017, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Byrd.

### Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the minutes from the October 19, 2017, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **2018 Meeting Schedules (BAF #17-13)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the 2018 Meeting Schedules for the HRMPO Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (attached to file minutes). Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to approve the 2018 HRMPO Policy Board and TAC meeting schedules. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update (PB Memo #17-8)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the FY18 UPWP Update. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the monthly FY18 UPWP Financial Update as of November 30, 2017. She stated this was for information purposes only and no action is required.

### **LRTP Amendment and Performance Measurement Update (PB Memo #17-7)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the LRTP Amendment and Performance Measurement update. Mr. Howard gave an update on the LRTP Amendment and Performance Measurement. He noted that the LRTP Working Group met on November 14 and December 14, 2017, to refine project descriptions in the Vision List. Mr. Howard noted that staff and the LRTP Working Group have developed a methodology to evaluate all Vision List projects in the 2040 LRTP in order to amend the Plan with a prioritized list of 50 projects. He reviewed the next steps, noting that once the 50 Vision List projects are finalized, staff will begin evaluating and scoring the projects. Projects will be ranked and given scorecards similar to SMART SCALE, and the results will be reviewed by the LRTP Working Group. Mr. Howard reviewed the HRMPO Performance-Based Planning Matrix and responded to a question on how it relates to other Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Discussion ensued regarding land use assumptions and how projects will be ranked and scored. Mr. Howard noted that project evaluation results are anticipated to be shared with the TAC and Policy Board in late spring 2018.

### **FAST Act Safety Performance Measures Targets (BAF #17-14)**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the FAST Act Safety Performance Measures Targets. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Safety Performance Measures, noting that U.S. DOT has issued final rules for the Safety, Infrastructure Condition, Congestion Reduction, System Reliability, Freight Movement, and Environmental Sustainability goal area measures in accordance with the FAST Act. She noted that State DOTs are responsible for establishing targets for the performance measures associated with each goal area.



MPOs have the option either to adopt the State's targets, or set their own. Ms. Cundy stated that HRMPO staff presented this information to the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at their June 2017 meeting, and upon a review of the data, communications with VDOT, and with peer agencies, the TAC recommends using the State targets established for safety performance measures. She reviewed the total number and rate of fatal crashes, serious injury crashes, and a combined total number of bicycle and pedestrian fatal and serious injury crashes. Ms. Cundy reviewed the letter to be submitted to Mr. Raymond Khoury, VDOT State Traffic Engineer, noting there were changes to the selected targets and 2018 safety performance targets and were reflected in the final letter. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to submit the letter for Mr. Khoury stating that the HRMPO concurs with VDOT's statewide safety performance measures targets. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **2017 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bike Walk Summit**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the 2017 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bike Walk Summit. He introduced and welcomed Mr. Kyle Lawrence of the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition. Mr. Lawrence reported on the Sixth Annual 2017 Bike-Walk Summit that was held on November 3, 2017, on the James Madison University Campus. He noted that each year, the Bike-Walk Summit brings together a broad range of partners who are working to make Harrisonburg and Rockingham County a great biking and walking community to live in and visit. Mr. Lawrence stated that this year's keynote speaker was Fionnuala Quinn, Founder and Director of The Bureau of Good Roads. He then presented a video that recapped some of the great biking and walking activities that has happened in the community over the past year. Mr. Lawrence expressed his appreciation to the HRMPO for its support of the Bike-Walk Summit.

### **FY18 Small Area Study Update**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented FY18 Small Area Study Update. Ms. Cundy stated that through the FY18 UPWP Work Task 2.02, Short-Range Transportation Planning, the HRMPO assists member jurisdictions with short-range transportation planning studies. She noted that these studies focus on specific areas or corridors within the HRMPO region, address regional transportation issues, and provide improvement recommendations. Ms. Cundy stated that at the October 5, 2017 TAC meeting, the Committee brainstormed a list of potential areas/sites for the FY18 Study. Ms. Cundy stated that the following potential projects were submitted by member jurisdictions and all three projects are listed in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan:

- Mt. Crawford for U.S. 11 and Friedens Church Road/Dinkel Avenue Intersection.
- City of Harrisonburg for the Port Republic Road Access Management.
- Rockingham County project for U.S. 11 Left-Turn Access from Buggy and Bike Lanes to Grace Chapel Road, Garbers Church Road, and Walmart.

Ms. Cundy stated that the HRMPO TAC reviewed the projects at their December 7, 2017, meeting and felt that all three projects have great merit. She noted that staff is soliciting quotes on the costs for each study, and will present their findings to the TAC and the Policy Board for consideration at their February meetings.

### **Agency Updates**

Vice Chairman Byrd presented the following agency updates:

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

Mr. Komara reported on various bridge projects and upcoming projects in the area. He reported on the Route 867 road project in Mt. Crawford, noting that the road was currently back in operation. Mr. Reed reported on the State of Good Repair Funding Program (SGR), a program designed for bridge work and primary extension paving projects. He noted that the SGR program is available in the SMART Portal, and applications are due by the end of January 2018. Mr. Reed also gave an update on the SMART SCALE Round 3 applications, noting that if any jurisdiction has potential projects, VDOT is available to assist. Mr. Short reported on the Virginia Transportation Research Council (VTRC) Transportation Planning Research Advisory Committee meeting that was held last month. He noted that the Committee discussed a potential economic study and funding for I-81 projects.

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

Under DRPT Update, Vice Chairman Byrd welcomed Ms. Katie Schwing from DRPT. Ms. Schwing announced that the Virginia Breeze, a new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81, launched December 1st. She stated that the Virginia Breeze will connect travelers from Blacksburg to Washington, D.C. with multiple destinations in-between, including Lexington, Staunton, and Harrisonburg. Ms. Schwing announced that the Statewide Rail Plan was approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at their last meeting. She also announced that Transportation, Commuter Services/TDM and FTA Section 5310 and 5311 program applications are due February 2, 2018.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, the following appointments were announced: Ms. Shannon Valentine of Lynchburg was appointed as Secretary of Transportation; Ms. Jennifer Mitchel was reappointed as the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and Mr. Stephen Brich of Hampton Roads was appointed as the VDOT Commissioner. Ms. Riedesel presented the Shenandoah Valley Project Impact Calendars for 2018. She stated that the calendars have been distributed throughout the region including



local government offices, various public organizations and libraries and that this year's calendar was dedicated in memory of Mr. Bill O'Brien.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager