HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda  
February 15, 2018, 3:00 p.m.  
Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
Harrisonburg, VA  22802

1. Call To Order  
2. Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2017 Meeting  
3. Public Comment  
4. FY 2019 FTA 5310 Application Requests (BAF: #18-1)*  
5. FY 2018 Small Area Study Selection (BAF: #18-2)*  
6. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Update (PB Memo: #18-1)  
7. FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update (PB Memo: #18-2)  
8. Draft FY 2019 UPWP (PB Memo: #18-3)  
9. VDOT Updates  
10. DRPT Updates  
11. Other Business  
  • I-81 Legislative Update  
12. Adjournment

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HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
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Call to Order
The February 15, 2018, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Chandler.

Approval of Minutes
Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the December 21, 2017, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Public Comment
Chairman Chandler opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Sandum expressed her appreciation to Brad Reed and Jonathan Howard for their assistance the previous week at a meeting held at the CSPDC regarding the travel demand modeling.

FY19 FTA 5310 Application Requests (BAF #18-1)
Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the FY19 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Application Requests. Ms. Cundy stated that the HRMPO is required to approve a Transit Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that identifies all federal transportation funds that will be expended in the HRMPO region. She noted that the FTA 5310 grant program provides funding for transportation for the elderly and persons with disabilities through local non-profit organizations. For FY19, The Arc of Harrisonburg-Rockingham and Pleasant View are making applications to the FTA 5310 program to purchase new vehicles with which to transport their clients. Ms. Cundy stated the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and the providers request that the HRMPO affirm that it will include their grants in the Transit TIP if the projects are funded. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, for the HRMPO Policy Board to endorse the 5310 applications for The Arc of Harrisonburg-Rockingham and Pleasant View, and include the grants in the HRMPO Transit TIP, if awarded. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

FY 18 Small Area Study Selection (BAF #18-2)
Chairman Chandler presented the FY18 Small Area Study Selection. 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 at the December 7, 2017 meeting, the TAC directed staff to obtain cost estimates for the three studies presented in order to make a decision based on both the time-sensitivity and potential costs of the studies. Staff requested cost estimates from consultants in the CSPDC’s On-Call Program. At their February 1, 2018 meeting, the TAC recommended approval of the three studies and the implementation schedule as follows: 1) Rockingham County VA 42/Garbers Church Road Bike and Buggy Access for approximately $15,000-$20,000, with a timeframe of February-June 2018; 2) City of Harrisonburg Port Republic Road Operations and Access Corridor Study for approximately $40,000-$50,000, with a timeframe of July-December 2018; and 3) Town of Mt. Crawford/US 11/Dinkel Avenue Operations and Safety for approximately $40,000-$50,000, for 2019. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Driver, to approve the three proposed small area studies and implementation schedule for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Update (PB Memo #18-1)
Mr. Howard gave an update on the LRTP and summarized the work of the MPO and VDOT staff, and the LRTP Working Group since the December 21, 2017 TAC meeting. He presented the HRMPO 2040 LRTP Vision List, noting that the finalized list of vision projects was developed by the LRTP Working Group. Mr. Howard noted that MPO and VDOT staff have incorporated the project description revisions, completed scoring tool development, and begun the scoring process. He stated that since the last Working Group meeting in December, MPO and VDOT staff have incorporated the Working Group's feedback, finalized the Vision List, and completed tool development. He stated that the scoring results will be presented to the TAC and Policy Board in late spring.

FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update (PB Memo #18-2)
Chairman Chandler presented the FY18 UPWP Update. Ms. Cundy presented and reviewed the monthly FY18 UPWP Financial Update as of December 31, 2017 (attached to file minutes).

Draft FY19 UPWP (Policy Board Memo #18-3)
Chairman Chandler presented Draft FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Cundy stated that the UPWP is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. It details the administrative and planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year, and the federal, state, and local funds to be used for these activities. She reviewed the estimated budget for FY19 and the FY18 budget for comparison. Ms. Cundy noted that to reflect the shift in focus from the LRTP amendment in FY18, to conducting three small area/corridor studies identified in BAF #18-2 above, staff proposes shifting funding resources from the Long Range to Short Range Planning element in the FY19 UPWP. She reviewed the next steps, noting that the FY19 UPWP will be presented to the TAC at their April 5, 2018, meeting for recommendation to the Policy Board at their April 19, 2018 meeting to release the FY19 UPWP to public comment, and then following public comment, it will be presented to the Policy Board for final approval at their May 17, 2018 meeting.

Agency Updates
Chairman Chandler presented the following agency updates: 

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update
Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed stated that in preparation for Round 3 of SMART SCALE, several training events are planned for the pre-application process and other changes/enhancements to the SMART SCALE application. He announced that the first training event is scheduled for February 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to
12:00 p.m., hosted via Webex, at the VDOT Harrisonburg Residency; a pre-application refresher and full application training will be held on February 27, 2018, via Webex, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Staunton District Office; and the SMART Portal will open on March 1, 2018. Mr. Reed stated that VDOT is available to assist any jurisdiction that has potential projects if needed.

Mr. Komara gave an update on various bridge projects in the area. He noted that a public hearing regarding the proposed realignment of the north-bound off-ramp at Exit 245 on Interstate 81 will be held on February 28, 2018, at Harrisonburg City Hall in City Council Chambers from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kiser reported that the Secretary of Transportation’s office has announced that the spring Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) meeting will tentatively be held on May 3, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., with the location to be determined.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update
Under DRPT Update, Mr. Britton reported on Virginia Breeze, a new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81, which launched December 1st. He stated that Virginia Breeze, which connects travelers from Blacksburg to Washington, D.C. with multiple destinations in-between, has exceeded rider expectations, with Harrisonburg as one of the top stops for service. Mr. Britton noted that because of the success for the Pilot Project, DRPT is looking at reopening the study that was done in 2013 with the Intercity Bus Service and looking at another corridor to possibly study. Upon a question regarding funding, Mr. Britton stated that the pilot program is funded through FTA Section 5311 funds.

Other Business
Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy reported on two Senate Bills (SB 583 and SB 971) that have been introduced to the General Assembly. She stated that Senator Emmett Hanger introduced SB 583, which imposes an additional 2 percent regional tax on motor vehicle fuels in the counties and cities west of the Blue Ridge Mountains to generate revenue for the fund. Senator Mark Obenshain introduced SB 971 which requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to develop and adopt an I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan and evaluate financing options for I-81 corridor improvements, which may include tolling heavy commercial vehicles to finance the corridor improvements. Ms. Cundy stated that staff will continue to track the Senate Bills as they move forward.

Ms. Cundy reported on Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (VAMPO) activities, noting that VAMPO was planning to submit a letter to the Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine
requesting a study for the state to consider sources of revenue for transportation funding other than a gas tax. She reported that MPO staff will be attending a VAMPO meeting on March 13, 2018, in Richmond and a quarterly meeting hosted by VDOT for all MPOs and PDCs on March 12, 2018, in Richmond. Ms. Cundy noted that VAMPO and the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) annual training conferences for staff will be held in May or June 2018.

Chairman Chandler commented on issues surrounding studies being conducted for I-81 safety and improvement. He expressed concern regarding the fact that there might be three different studies being considered regarding the I-81 corridor and felt that one committee should be looking at all the options to speed up the process and not get bogged down. Discussion ensued regarding the various proposals pending.

Mr. Popowicz expressed his appreciation to Brad Reed for his assistance to the Town of Dayton on the transportation section for the Town of Dayton’s Comprehensive Plan.

Adjournment
Chairman Chandler announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2018. 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
April 19, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2018 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Draft FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (PB AF #18-3)*
5. FY18 UPWP Update (PB Memo #18-4)
6. MPO Memorandum of Understanding/3-C Agreement Update (PB Memo #18-5)
7. Draft 2018 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment (PB AF #18-4)*
8. VDOT Updates
   • US Route 33 / Market Street STARS Study
   • CTB Six Year Improvement Program Public Hearing, 4:00-6:00 PM, May 3, 2018, Holiday Inn, 152 Fairway Lane, Staunton
9. DRPT Updates
10. Other Business
   • 2018 LRTP Amendment Public Meeting, April 26, 2018, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Rockingham County Administration Center, Community Development Department’s Community Room
11. Adjournment

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Next HRMPO Policy Board Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018
HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
April 19, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

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Call to Order
The April 19, 2018, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Chandler.

Approval of Minutes
Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the February 15, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. 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.

Draft FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (PB AF #18-3)
Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the Draft FY19 UPWP to release for public comment (copy attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy gave a brief overview of the Draft FY19 UPWP. She noted that the UPWP maintains the work elements and annual activities of the FY18 UPWP. Ms. Cundy stated that to provide adequate funding for the three Small Area Studies and SMART SCALE activities in FY19, the budget increases the Work Element 2.02 Short Range Planning line item by $53,000. She noted that the HRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had reviewed the UPWP at their April 5th meeting and recommended releasing the UPWP for public comment. Mr. Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to approve the release of the Draft FY19 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update (PB Memo #18-4)
Chairman Chandler presented the FY18 UPWP Update. Ms. Cundy presented and reviewed the monthly FY18 UPWP Financial Update as of March 31, 2018 (attached to file minutes). She noted that the UPWP is the spending plan for the HRMPO for FY18 and no action was required.

MPO Memorandum of Understanding/3-C Agreement Update (PB Memo #18-5)
Chairman Chandler presented the MPO Memorandum of Understanding/3-C Agreement update. Ms. Cundy stated that VDOT’s Transportation and Mobility Planning Division (TMPD) has developed updated Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)/3-C Agreements with MPOs and the State to reflect the MAP-21 Performance-Based Planning and Programming requirements consistent with 23 CFR 450.306, and 23 CFR 490. She noted that MPO staff is reviewing the draft MOU/3-C agreement and working with VDOT District staff to clarify the new planning requirements. Ms. Cundy stated that the final HRMPO agreement will be brought before the Policy Board for approval at the May 17, 2018 meeting.

Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment (PB AF #18-4)
Chairman Chandler presented the Draft 2040 LRTP Amendment. Mr. Howard and Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2040 LRTP Amendment. Mr. Howard provided a summary on the LRTP Amendment. He noted that the HRMPO has developed a methodology to evaluate future projects using an objective, data-driven process. The methodology ensures that projects meet transportation system needs
over the next 25 years, as well as recent MAP-21/FAST ACT federal rulemakings and state guidance related to performance-based planning and programming.

Mr. Howard reviewed the purpose of the Amendment and the strategy to evaluate projects. He distributed copies and reviewed the HRMPO Scoring Results of the Performance-Based Project Evaluation Process. Mr. Reed reviewed the project evaluation process, overall project scoring sheet, project costs, and next steps. Discussion ensued regarding project scoring and cost, and public input process. Ms. Cundy distributed copies and reviewed the format for the open house on the LRTP Amendment to be held on April 26th, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Rockingham County Administration Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Mr. Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. King, to approve the release of the Draft 2040 LRTP Amendment for the 21-day public comment period. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Cundy noted that the methodology that was developed by the LRTP Working Group, VDOT, and HRMPO staff is scheduled to be presented at the VDOT land use and transportation forum in the spring, as well as at the VAMPO annual training in June to all the MPOs and PDCs in the state.

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

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed reported on the following:

- Gave an update on the Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study. He stated that this is a VDOT corridor study program which is currently underway for Route 33 in Harrisonburg from Vine Street to Chestnut Ridge Drive. Mr. Reed noted that the study is currently in the alternatives evaluation stage and a draft study is anticipated by the end of May.

- Announced that the Commonwealth of Transportation Board (CTB) will hold its Six-Year Improvement Program public hearing on May 3, 2018, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn in Staunton, Virginia. Mr. Kiser noted that Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation, several newly appointed CTB Board members, and Mr. F. Dixon Whitworth, will be present. He stated that a formal public comment period on projects proposed to be included in the draft FY 2019-2024 Six-Year Improvement Program will be held at the meeting and encouraged everyone to attend. Ms. Cundy stated that staff will go early and sign up anyone who would like to speak at the meeting on behalf of their localities.

- Announced that Senate Bill 971, introduced by Senator Mark Obenshain, was signed into law by Governor Ralph Northam on April 4th. Mr. Reed noted that Senate Bill 971 directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board to develop a plan for improving I-81 corridor improvements using tolls for commercial and heavy vehicles. Discussion ensued regarding I-81 improvements, funding options, and public outreach.
• Reported that SMART SCALE preapplications are due June 1, 2018. Mr. Reed stated that VDOT staff was available to assist any jurisdiction that needs assistance.

Mr. Komara reported on bridge work in the region. He stated that a lot of progress was made on the North River Road project. Mr. Komara stated that the Reservoir project was moving along and should be finished in the spring.

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

Under DRPT Update, Ms. Dubinsky introduced herself, noting that due to DRPT staff changes, she would be the alternate for DRPT. She reported on Virginia Breeze, the new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81, which launched December 1st. Ms. Dubinsky stated that Virginia Breeze has exceeded rider expectations, with Harrisonburg being one of the most popular boarding stops. She reported on transit capital funding, strategic plans for large urban transit providers, and a driver’s assistance system demonstration project for transit vehicle safety.

**Other Business**

Under Other Business Chairman Chandler reported that Mr. Fred Eberly had resigned from the Board of Supervisors and the HRMPO due to health reasons. He stated that a new member would be appointed soon.

Ms. Cundy presented for consideration a proposed SMART SCALE application for improving the park and ride lot at Friedens Church Road in Mt. Crawford. Mr. Driver spoke on behalf of the application stressing the need for the project, noting that it is heavily used and that it could benefit from improvements. Upon a question regarding whether the park and ride lot was within the HRMPO boundaries, Ms. Cundy assured them that it was. It was the consensus of the HRMPO members present for staff to pursue developing the application to see what the cost would be to improve and possibly expand the existing park and ride lot.

Mr. King commented on the increasing traffic congestion on city streets attributable to James Madison University (JMU) students and their lack of usage of the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation’s (HDPT) public bus system. He wondered whether JMU’s parking fees were too low. Mr. Smith reported that HDPT ridership is down 10%-15% this year and that Reservoir Street is extremely congested due to high traffic, particularly college students. Discussion ensued regarding how to encourage JMU students to utilize the public bus system and how to manage the high volume of vehicles around the periphery of the university.
Adjournment

Chairman Chandler announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018. There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager
HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
May 17, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
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2. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2018 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of Approval of the FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (BAF #18-5)*
5. Consideration of Approval of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment (BAF #18-6)*
6. Consideration of Approval of the 2018 HRMPO Memorandum of Understanding/3C Agreement (BAF #18-7)*
7. FY 2018 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #18-6)
8. MPO Small Area Studies Update (Board Memo #18-7)
9. Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport Update — Greg Campbell, Airport General Manager
10. VDOT Updates
11. DRPT Updates
12. Other Business
   • TAP Grants
13. Adjournment

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Next HRMPO Policy Board Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018
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Call to Order

The May 17, 2018, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Chandler. He expressed his appreciation to Rockingham County for agreeing to move the HRMPO Policy Board meeting to the Rockingham County Fire and Rescue Training Room. Chairman Chandler welcomed Mr. Campbell, City Manager, representing the City of Harrisonburg.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the April 19, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairman Chandler stated that public comment would be presented after staff presentations on each agenda item.

Consideration of FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (PB AF #18-5)

Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the FY19 UPWP. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the FY19 UPWP. She noted that the UPWP maintains the work elements and annual activities for the upcoming fiscal year of the HRMPO. Ms. Cundy stated that the FY19 UPWP had been released for the 21-day public review and comment period and no comments were received. Chairman Chandler opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Hirschmann, to approve the FY19 UPWP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration of 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment (PB AF #18-6)

Chairman Chandler presented the 2040 LRTP Amendment. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the LRTP process, noting that the update to the 2040 LRTP was adopted at the HRMPO Policy Board meeting on March 16, 2017. She stated that the Amendment of the 2040 LRTP addresses the Vision List (unfunded) projects in the Plan. It documents the performance-based project evaluation process used to create the list of scored Vision
projects in Appendix D of the Plan. Ms. Cundy noted that the LRTP Working Group has developed a methodology to evaluate future projects using an objective, data-driven process like SMART SCALE to strengthen project selection process, meet MAP-21/FAST ACT federal requirements, and follow state guidance related to performance-based planning and programming. She noted that the scored Vision List projects are listed in Appendix D of the document, and Vision List projects not identified for evaluation are listed in Appendix E. Ms. Cundy stated that the draft Amendment was released for the 21-day public comment period at the April 19, 2018 meeting, and that staff hosted a public open house on the draft Amendment on April 26, 2018. She noted that comments received before the mailing were included with the Board Action Form. Ms. Cundy distributed and reviewed additional comments regarding the LRTP Amendment that the HRMPO had received between May 10th and May 14th.

Chairman Chandler opened the floor to the public for comments. Ms. Kim Sandum, Community Alliance for Preservation (CAP) Executive Director, stated that she hoped that the HRMPO will consider the comments that were presented on the 2040 LRTP Amendment and have discussion on not just the ranking criteria, but look again at the specific projects that the public has concern with and consider removing them from the list. Upon a question regarding if the LRTP can be amended in the future if adopted, Ms. Cundy replied yes and elaborated that with the next round of SMART SCALE applications, if one of the member jurisdictions were awarded a project that is not reflected in the Constrained LRTP, the LRTP would have to be amended to include that project.

Chairman Chandler requested to remove Project #139, Town of Dayton Extension of West Mosby Road to Mason Street and Project #21, Garbers Church-Kaylor Park Connector from the LRTP Vision List, due to the amount of public opposition regarding these two projects. Mr. Popowicz stated that Project #139 was scored because of safety concerns but is cost-prohibitive. He noted that because of the project cost, the Town of Dayton is looking into alternative ways to address the safety issues. He noted that the Town of Dayton has not taken a position on Project #21 and he would abstain from voting on Project #21. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Byrd, to remove Project #139
from the 2040 LRTP. Motion was carried unanimously. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Byrd, to remove Project #21 from the 2040 LRTP. Motion was carried, with Mr. Popowicz abstaining. Questions were raised regarding projects 130B, 22A, 81A, 82B, 26, 22B, and 22C on the LRTP Vision List. On behalf of the City of Harrisonburg, Mr. Byrd requested that project #123, Interstate 81-Smithland Road Interchange, remain in the LRTP, Appendix E – Projects for Future Consideration. Mr. Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to approve the 2040 LRTP with the above recommended changes. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

2018 HRMPO Memorandum of Understanding/3-C Agreement (PB AF#18-7)
Chairman Chandler presented the MPO Memorandum of Understanding/3-C Agreement between the HRMPO and the State of Virginia. Ms. Riedesel stated that VDOT’s Transportation and Mobility Planning Division (TMPD) has requested that MPOs update their Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)/3-C Agreements to reflect the FAST Act Performance-Based Planning and Programming requirements consistent with 23 CFR 450.306, and 23 CFR 490. She stated that this MOU replaces the existing MOU dated September 20, 2007. Mr. Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to approve the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding/3C Agreement between the HRMPO and the State of Virginia. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (Policy Board Memo #18-6)
Chairman Chandler presented the FY18 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the monthly FY18 UPWP Financial Update as of April 30, 2018 (attached to file minutes). She noted that the UPWP is the spending plan for the HRMPO and any funds not spent this fiscal year can be carried over to the next fiscal year.

HRMPO Small Area Studies Update (Policy Board Memo #18-7)
Chairman Chandler presented an update on HRMPO Small Area Studies. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the three small area studies selected by the HRMPO to undertake in 2018. These were: 1) US 11 and Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road; 2) VA 42 and Garbers Church Road; and 3) Port Republic Road from S. Main Street to Hunters Lane. She
stated that the first location has been addressed separately by VDOT, Rockingham County, and the Town of Mt. Crawford. Ms. Cundy noted that HRMPO and locality staff have begun work on the VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Bike and Buggy Facilities project, as well as the Port Republic Road corridor study. She stated that the HRMPO is using consultants Hurt and Proffitt for the VA 42/Garbers Church Road Buggy and Bicycle Access project. Ms. Cundy noted that the study team, which includes Rockingham County, Town of Dayton, and VDOT staff, as well as representatives from the Rockingham County Bicycle Advisory Committee and Old Order Mennonite Community, met to kick-off the Study on May 4th. The consultants will request input from the community at a public meeting during the summer of 2018 and the study will conclude in early fall.

Ms. Cundy stated that the HRMPO is using consultants Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) for the Port Republic Road project. She noted that HRMPO, City of Harrisonburg, and VDOT staff met on May 8th to finalize the scope of work for the study. Ms. Cundy stated that the study will begin in July 2018.

Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport Update
Ms. Riedesel welcomed and introduced Mr. Greg Campbell, Executive Director, Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport. Mr. Campbell gave an update on the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport’s current and future activities. He noted that the Airport is convenient to Harrisonburg, Waynesboro, and Staunton, as well as Augusta and Rockingham counties in Virginia, and Interstates 81 and 64, and serves thousands of passengers each year for both business and pleasure. Mr. Campbell stated that parking is always free, or you can take advantage of the door-to-door SHD Shuttle service. He presented a video showing the Airport’s most recent developments, services offered, and number of jobs provided by the Airport. He stated that the Airport is excited to welcome United Airlines back to the Shenandoah Valley with regional jet service to Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD) and Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) operated by SkyWest Airlines. Mr. Campbell presented the True Cost Calculator at FlySHD.com that can help compare total trip costs from SHD and larger airports including parking fees, travel costs and the value of your time. He stated that
the return of United Airlines to Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport also means the entire travel process just got much easier.

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

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed reported on the following:

- Expressed his appreciation for those in attendance at the Commonwealth of Transportation Board’s (CTB) Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) public hearing that was held on May 3, 2018. Mr. Kiser stated that Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine stated that it was the largest attendance of any of the SYIP public hearings held around the state.
- Reported that SMART SCALE preapplications are due by 5:00 p.m., June 1, 2018, and full applications due by 5:00 p.m. on August 1st.
- Gave an update on the Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) study. He stated that this is a VDOT corridor study program which is currently underway for Route 33 in Harrisonburg. Mr. Reed noted that he had attended a meeting this morning with City of Harrisonburg, VDOT, and CSPDC staff regarding the alternatives for East Market Street.

Mr. Komara reported on several bridge projects in the region, noting that they were progressing very well. He reported on upcoming projects, noting that if an improvement is needed for a project that is not on a list, they wouldn’t necessary receive special funding for that project. Mr. Kiser announced that several public hearings are being scheduled regarding Senate Bill 971 that was introduced by Senator Mark Obenshain and signed into law on April 4th. Senate Bill 971 directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board to develop a plan for improving I-81 corridor improvements using tolls for commercial and heavy vehicles. Mr. Kiser stated that a public meeting is scheduled for June 12, at Strasburg High School and on June 13th at Blue Ridge Community College. He noted that additional information regarding the public meetings will be forthcoming.

**Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update**
Under DRPT Update, Mr. Britton reported on Virginia Breeze, the new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81. Mr. Britton stated that Virginia Breeze ridership was down in April from March, possibly due to college spring break. He stated that as of May 12, ridership estimate for the entire year had been met. Mr. Britton stated that DRPT is looking at reopening the study that was done in 2013 with the Intercity Bus Service and looking at another corridor to possibly study. He reported on the Transit Reform package that was passed through the General Assembly several months ago regarding transit funding and capital operations.

Other Business
Under Other Business Ms. Cundy reported on the following Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants that were awarded for the City of Harrisonburg: Main Street Streetscape Improvements; Federal Way Bike Boulevard Reconfiguration; and Park Road/EMU Safety Improvements. Mr. Wilmer reported on the TAP grant awarded for the Town of Bridgewater for Gen-Oak Connector and Main Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

Adjournment
Chairman Chandler announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2018. There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager
HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
June 21, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
Rockingham County Administration Center
20 East Gay Street
Harrisonburg, VA  22802

1. Call To Order and Introduction of New Members
2. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2018 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of for SMART SCALE Round 3 Resolutions of Support (BAF#18-8)*
   City of Harrisonburg
   • Carlton Street Improvements
   • Mt. Clinton Pike Improvements
   • Erikson Avenue Improvements
   • Evelyn Byrd & University Boulevard Road Diet and Sidewalks
   HDPT
   • Transit Transfer Hub and Extension of Martin Luther King Jr Way
   HRMPO
   • Exit 247/Market Street (US 33) Improvements
   • Mt. Crawford Park and Ride Improvements
   Rockingham County
   • Port Republic Road & Cross Keys Road Intersection Improvements
   • US 11 North (Valley Pike) Sidewalk
   • US 33 (Spotswood Trail) & VA 620 (Indian Trail) Intersection Turn Lane Improvements
5. Consideration of Approval of the Revised 2018 HRMPO Memorandum of Understanding/3C Agreement (BAF #18-9)*
6. FY 2018 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #18-8)
7. Innovative Intersections — Terrell Hughes, VDOT Transportation Mobility Planning Division
8. VDOT Updates
9. DRPT Updates
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

*Action needed

Next HRMPO Policy Board Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 2018
Call to Order
The June 21, 2018, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Byrd. He welcomed and introduced Ms. Sallie Wolfe-Garrison, new representative for Rockingham County.

Approval of Minutes
Vice-Chairman Byrd presented the minutes from the May 17, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, 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.

Consideration of SMART SCALE Round 3 Resolutions of Support (BAF #18-8)
Vice-Chairman Byrd presented for consideration SMART SCALE Round 3 Resolutions of Support (attached to file minutes). Mr. Howard stated that SMART SCALE Round 3 continues the program’s two-year application and funding cycle. He stated that project selections in Round 3 will be programmed in the FY 2020-2025 Six Year Improvement Program in June 2019. Mr. Howard stated that the SMART SCALE program requires MPO Resolutions of Support for projects that are within the MPO boundary, but not listed in the MPO’s Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP). He noted that resolutions of support must be submitted with applications by August 1, 2018.

Mr. Hartman gave a review on the following SMART SCALE projects for the City of Harrisonburg:
- Carlton Street Improvements
- Mt. Clinton Pike Improvements
- Erickson Avenue Improvements
- Evelyn Byrd Avenue & University Boulevard Road Diet and Improvements

Mr. Hartman gave a review for the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation SMART SCALE project:
- Public Transit Transfer Station & Extension of MLK Jr. Way

Ms. Cooper reviewed the following SMART SCALE projects for Rockingham County:
- Port Republic Road & Cross Keys Road Intersection Improvements
- U.S. 11 North Valley Pike Sidewalk
- U.S. 33 Spotswood Trail & VA 620 Indian Trail Road Intersection Turn Lane Improvements

Mr. Howard reviewed the SMART SCALE projects for the HRMPO:
- Market Street & Exit 247 Improvements
- Mount Crawford Park & Ride Lot Improvements

Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to endorse the Resolutions of Support for SMART SCALE projects within the HRMPO boundary. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Revised 2018 HRMPO Memorandum of Understanding/3C Agreement (BAF #18-9)
Vice-Chairman Byrd presented for consideration the Revised 2018 HRMPO Memorandum of Understanding/3C Agreement (attached to file minutes). Ms. Riedesel stated that VDOT’s Transportation...
and Mobility Planning Division (TMPD) developed updated Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)/3-C Agreements with MPOs and the State to reflect the FAST Act Performance-Based Planning and Programming requirements consistent with 23 CFR 450.306, and 23 CFR 490. She noted that the Policy Board had approved an updated 2018 MOU/3C Agreement at the May 17, 2018 meeting; however, the Office of the Attorney General reviewed the documents and made changes to “The State” subsection of Article 7 on page 8 of the document. Ms. Riedesel stated that TMPD requests that the MPOs approve the revised MOUs/3c Agreements by June 30, 2018. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the revised MOU-3C Agreement between the HRMPO and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Motion carried unanimously. 

FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update (PB Memo #18-8)
Vice-Chairman Byrd presented the FY18 UPWP Update. Ms. Riedesel presented and reviewed the monthly FY18 UPWP Financial Update as of May 31, 2018 (attached to file minutes). She noted that the UPWP is the spending plan for the HRMPO for FY18 and no action was required.

Innovative Intersections
Mr. Reed welcomed and introduced Mr. Terrell Hughes and Olena Fec ek, VDOT Transportation Mobility Planning Division. Mr. Hughes gave a PowerPoint presentation on Innovative Intersections. He stated that today, congestion and safety challenges on roadways are more complex than ever, and conventional intersection and interchange designs can often be insufficient for resolving these transportation problems. He stated that VDOT is implementing innovative intersections and interchanges as one strategy to address deficiencies on roadways. Mr. Hughes reviewed the different types of innovative intersections and interchanges, locations where innovative intersections and interchanges are constructed or planned for construction in Virginia, and showed examples of innovative intersections in the VDOT Staunton District. Mr. Hughes reviewed signal phase impacts, innovative intersection examples, opportunity costs/scenario comparison, innovative intersection policy and resources, public education and understanding, and other considerations.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update
Under VDOT Update, Mr. Komara gave an update on bridge work in the region. He reported that the North River Road project was moving along and hoped to be finished by August; the Montezuma project was dealing with water issues; the Reservoir project was moving along and should be finished in the next couple weeks; and VDOT hoped to have a contract for the Route 42 buggy and bike lane project by this summer.
Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE applications, noting the applications are due August 1, 2018. He stated that a resolution of support from the HRMPO and the locality’s governing body must be submitted with the application.

**Other Business**
Under Other Business Ms. Riedesel announced that 11 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants were recently awarded for the CSPDC region. Five of the awards were in the HRMPO region: Town of Bridgewater for 1) Gen-Oak Connector, and 2) Main Street Safety Improvements; and the City of Harrisonburg for 3) Main Street Streetscape Improvements, 4) Federal Way Bike Boulevard Reconfiguration, and 5) Park Road/EMU Safety Improvements for total grant funding amount of $1,030,402.

She announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting scheduled for July 19, 2018 will be cancelled. In lieu of the HRMPO meeting, a public meeting for the Route 42/Garbers Church Road Small Area Studies project will be held on July 19th, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Town of Dayton’s Municipal Building.

**Adjournment**
There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Riedesel
HRMPO Administrator
HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
August 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

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

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2018 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. FY18 UPWP Year-End Update (PB Memo #18-9)
5. Small Area Studies Update (PB Memo #18-10)
   • VA 42/Garbers Church Road (Rockingham)
   • Port Republic Road (Harrisonburg)
6. Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation Update – Reggie Smith, Director of Public Transportation
7. Presentation – Transit Funding Reforms, Nick Britton, Statewide Manager of Transit Planning DRPT
8. VDOT Updates
9. DRPT Updates
10. Other Business
11. Upcoming Meetings
   a. I-81 Corridor Study Public Meeting, August 23, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College
   b. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, September 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
   c. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, September 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment
HRMPO Policy Board Minutes  
August 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m.  

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Call to Order  
The August 16, 2018, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Chandler.

Approval of Minutes  
Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the June 21, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. 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.

FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year-End Update (PB Memo #18-9)
Chairman Chandler presented the FY18 UPWP Year-End Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of June 30, 2018 (attached to file minutes).

Small Area Studies Update (PB Memo #18-10)
Chairman Chandler presented the Small Area Studies Update. Mr. Howard gave an update on the VA 42/Garbers Church Road Buggy and Bicycle Access, noting that the study is currently underway. He stated that Rockingham County will install an extension of the VA 42 bicycle and buggy lane from the Town of Dayton, terminating just north of Garbers Church Road. Mr. Howard noted that in order to create continuous non-motorized facilities between the Towns of Bridgewater and Dayton, and the City of Harrisonburg, this Study is addressing safer left turns from VA 42 on to Garbers Church Road, as well as access to the Walmart shopping center, and business destinations in the City of Harrisonburg. Mr. Howard stated that the study team, which includes staff from the HRMPO, Rockingham County, the Town of Dayton, and VDOT, as well as representatives from the Rockingham County Bicycle Advisory Committee and Old Order Mennonite Community, kicked-off the Study on May 4th. He stated that a public meeting on the study was held on July 19th. Ms. Cundy noted that the public meeting was well attended, especially by the HRMPO Policy Board, and expressed her appreciation for the attendance. Chairman Chandler stated that the public meeting was also well attended by the Mennonite community during which they expressed their support of the project and voiced concern over safety issues for the Mennonite community. He noted that private land owners of the Mennonite community have expressed interest in providing a designated private right-of-way located behind Wal-Mart for non-motorized traffic only. Discussion ensued regarding obtaining a private right-of-way for non-motorized traffic for both the Mennonite community and the non-Mennonite biking community, and the logistics of acquiring a right-of-way with private land owners. Mr. Howard noted that Hurt and Proffitt, Inc. will deliver a final report in early fall.
Mr. Howard gave a report on the Port Republic Road Study in the City of Harrisonburg. He stated that this corridor study will examine operational and safety improvements along Port Republic Road between South Main Street to Hunters Lane. The study will consider the changes in circulation following the Exit 245 northbound off-ramp realignment project, which is scheduled for construction during the summer of 2019. Mr. Howard noted that Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), consultants for this project, will finalize a scope and fee proposal, and the MPO plans to begin the Study this fall.

**Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation Update**

Mr. Reggie Smith, Director of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT), gave an update on HDPT as follows:

- Announced that HDPT completed the installation of a MYSTOP system by Avail, a $1 million project which provides all types of passenger information technology. HDPT also installed the Automatic Passenger Count (APC) and Mobile Data Tablet (MDT) technology on the buses to record pretrip inspection and daily statistics. He reported that transit passengers had decreased by 18 percent and reported on numerous theories for the decrease.

- Announced that HDPT completed their ten-year Transit Development Plan (TDP) required by DRPT. The Plan recommended extending transit services at night and on Saturdays and providing more transit services in Rockingham County.

- Reported that FTA had conducted its HDPT transit triennial review and found minimal findings that have been corrected. Mr. Smith also reported that DRPT had conducted its HDPT audit review and there were no findings.

- Reported that HDPT’s paratransit service, a specialized public transportation service that operates within the City of Harrisonburg for persons who have disabilities, increased by 7.3 percent. Mr. Smith stated that however, the operating cost for paratransit passengers has increased significantly.

- Reported on a study conducted by James Madison University’s (JMU) marketing class and their findings regarding HDPT and student relationships, current communications, and marketing. Mr. Smith reported that HDPT will continue to work with JMU regarding communications with HDPT and the students and the services that HDPT provides.

- Reported that HDPT continues to receive federal funding under the Small Urban Cities Intensive Transportation program.
• Announced that HDPT and the City of Harrisonburg’s Public Works Department submitted a SMART SCALE application which will include extending Martin Luther King Way to Country Club Road, include a Park and Ride lot and a transit transfer center, and a bus stop for Virginia Breeze and local charter buses.

**Presentation on Transit Funding Reforms, Nick Britton, Statewide Manager of Transit Planning, DRPT**

Mr. Britton gave a PowerPoint presentation on Transit Funding Reforms, noting that one of the biggest changes this year in legislation was how transit is funded throughout the state. He reported on transit capital funding, and the turnover and funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Mr. Britton reported on the Commonwealth mass transit fund, restructured funding, CPR bonds, statewide transit capital prioritization, recommended prioritization principles, and statewide transit operating funds. He noted that the Urban Transit Agency Strategic Plans are required every five years from transit agencies with 20 plus bus fleet serving urbanized areas of 50,000+ population and reviewed the guidelines. Mr. Britton reviewed the regional transit planning process and requirements, noting that it is required for transit systems serving population areas between 1.5 million and 2.0 million. (Presentation attached to file minutes.)

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

Under VDOT Update Mr. Komara reported on various projects in the area. He noted that the North River bridge project was completed, the Montezuma bridge project was dealing with water issues but was still on schedule and hoped to be completed by October, and reported on paving on Port Republic Road.

Mr. Komara reported on VDOT’s public meeting that was held on July 26th at Turner Ashby High School regarding the improvements on Route 11 (South Valley Pike) and Route 704 (Cecil Wampler Road) in Rockingham County, noting that it was well attended. He stated that a public hearing on the project is being scheduled for November 2018 and construction for the project is scheduled for early 2021.
DRPT Update
Under DRPT update Mr. Britton reported on Virginia Breeze ridership, noting that ridership was down, but projected ridership for the entire year exceeded expectations. He stated that DRPT was looking into the possibility of expanding service throughout the state.

Other Business
Under Other Business Ms. Cooper welcomed and introduced Mr. Bradford Dyjack, Director of Planning for Rockingham County.

Mr. Komara announced that the I-81 Corridor Study Public Meeting will be held on August 23, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, VA.

Adjournment
Chairman Chandler announced that the next HRMPO Policy Board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2018. There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cundy
Transportation Program Manager
HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
September 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Rockingham County Administration Center
20 East Gay Street
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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2018 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. FY19 UPWP Update (PB Memo #18-11)
5. Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update (PB Memo #18-12)
6. Presentation – VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study, HRMPO Staff (PB Memo #18-13)
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
   • 2018 Harrisonburg Rockingham Bike Walk Summit
10. Upcoming Meetings
   a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, October 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
   b. VDOT Fall Transportation Meeting and I-81 Corridor Study Public Meeting, October 17, 2018, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College
   c. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
   d. 2018 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit, November 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg
11. Adjournment

*Action needed
HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
September 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

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Call to Order
The September 20, 2018, 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 August 16, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, 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.

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Vice Chairman Byrd introduced and welcomed Mr. F. Dixon Whitworth, Jr., Commonwealth Transportation Board member, representing the Staunton District. Mr. Whitworth reported on the CTB meeting that was hosted by the Staunton District in Winchester on September 17-18, 2018. He stated it was a very good meeting and expressed his appreciation to the Staunton District for hosting the CTB meeting. He also expressed his appreciation to the Staunton District staff for being so engaged and extremely informative. Mr. Whitworth stated that the Staunton District is distinguished because of its 32 towns and cities, 11 counties, 3,200 bridges, and three MPOs; and has a very distinguished record of having kept the road system in very fine and high order. The Staunton District also has the best engagement and attendance of any district in the State for public meetings. Mr. Whitworth reported on some of the highlights of the CTB meeting such as Natural Bridge, SMART SCALE applications, the Economic Development Access Program, the Inland Port, and I-81. He reported that 468 SMART SCALE applications were submitted in Round 3, requesting $6.9 billion, with approximately $800 million to allocate. Mr. Whitworth stated that the Staunton District submitted 71 applications, which was one of the second highest number of SMART SCALE applications in the state. He noted that issues regarding I-81 were discussed at their September CTB meeting. Mr. Whitworth presented copies of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan-Update and a list of VDOT fall transportation public meeting dates and locations. Discussion ensued regarding safety, congestion issues, crashes, and potential funding options for I-81. On behalf of the HRMPO, Vice Chairman Byrd expressed his appreciation to Mr. Whitworth for attending the HRMPO meeting.

FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (PB Memo #18-11)
Vice Chairman Byrd presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Riedesel reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of July 31, 2018 (attached to file minutes).
Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update (PB Memo #18-12)
Vice Chairman Byrd presented the Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the Study, noting that the Study will address operations and safety at multiple intersections along the corridor between South Main Street and Devon Lane. She stated that the Study will conduct an operational and safety analysis of the corridor, and test the outcomes of specific treatments to determine their effectiveness. Ms. Cundy noted that the HRMPO will begin its study of the Port Republic Road Corridor and will hold a kick-off meeting this fall.

VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study Presentation (PB Memo #18-13)
Vice Chairman Byrd presented the VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study presentation. Ms. Cundy and Mr. Howard provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Study. Ms. Cundy stated that Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. was tasked by the HRMPO to evaluate non-motorized transportation connections near Garbers Crossing Shopping Center in Rockingham County. The study team, which includes staff from the HRMPO, Rockingham County, the Town of Dayton, and VDOT, as well as representatives from the Rockingham County Bicycle Advisory Committee and Old Order Mennonite Community, held a kick-off meeting on May 4th, and a public meeting on July 19th. Ms. Cundy noted that public feedback helped the Study Team provide recommendations and develop the final draft study report. She reviewed the final recommendations which include a 250’ extension of the VA 42 left turn lane on to Garbers Church Road connecting to paved bike/buggy lanes on both sides of Garbers Church Road. These improvements will tie into existing and proposed non-motorized facilities on Erickson Avenue, and are anticipated to have a combined design, permitting, and construction cost of $2.06 million. Mr. Howard reviewed the safety, access, and connectivity needs; recommendations; signage and pavement markings; and cost estimates. He stated that the VA 42 left turn lane extension is estimated to cost $260,000, and the installation of bicycle/buggy lanes on Garbers Church Road is estimated to cost $1.8 million. Discussion ensued regarding non-motorized count data in the study area, safety issues, and the project’s construction costs. A question was raised regarding the HRMPO’s role regarding the project, to which Ms. Cundy responded that the HRMPO just conducts the study and cannot apply for grant funds for the project; that would be the jurisdiction’s decision. Ms. Cundy stated that the final Study will be presented to the HRMPO for consideration at their next meeting on October 18th.
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update
Under VDOT Update, Mr. Kiser announced that the VDOT Fall Transportation meeting and I-81 Corridor Study public meeting will be held on October 17, 2018, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College. Mr. Reed gave an update on SMART SCALE applications and reported on FY20 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications. He stated that the submission period for HSIP applications is now open and applications are due by November 1st. Mr. Komara reported on several upcoming bridge projects in the HRMPO area. He noted that the Route 257 Montezuma bridge project on Route 257 was ahead of schedule and hoped to be completed by mid-October.

DRPT Update
Under DRPT update, Mr. Sonenklar reported on DRPT guidelines for capital funds, noting that DRPT hoped to have the new guidelines out in November. He reported on Transit Strategic Plans (TSAPs), which are available on the DRPT website for public comment. Mr. Sonenklar noted that this week is Virginia’s Try Transit Week. He stated that participants who pledge to try transit during Try Transit Week are automatically entered for a chance to win a year of free transit service from a participating Virginia transit operator as well as a pair of round-trip tickets aboard Amtrak’s Northeast Regional train. Mr. Sonenklar gave an update on Virginia Breeze, noting that the month of August was the most successful month with 1,883 ridership. He stated that DRPT was looking into the possibility of expanding service throughout the state.

Other Business
Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy announced that the 2018 Harrisonburg Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit will be held on November 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at the Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg.

Upcoming Meetings
Vice Chairman Byrd reported the following upcoming meetings:

- HRMPO TAC Meeting will be held on October 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

- VDOT Fall Transportation Meeting and I-81 Corridor Study Public Meeting, October 17, 2018, 4:00–7:00 p.m., Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College.

- Next HRMPO Policy Board Meeting will be held on October 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Riedesel
HRMPO Administrator
HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
October 18, 2018, 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 20, 2018 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. HRMPO FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modification (PB Action Form #18-10)*
5. VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study (PB Action Form #18-11)*
6. MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures - Asset Condition and System Performance (PB Memo #18-14)
7. FY19 UPWP Update (PB Memo #18-15)
9. VDOT Updates
10. DRPT Updates
11. Other Business
12. Upcoming Meetings
   a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, November 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
   b. 2018 Harrisonburg & Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit Friday, November 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg
   c. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, November 15, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment

*Action needed
HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
October 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

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Voting Members | Non-Voting Members | Staff
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City of Harrisonburg | Lee Eshelman, JMU | Bonnie Riedesel, CSPDC
Ted Byrd, Vice-Chairman | Michelle DeAngelis, FTA | ✓ Ann Cundy, CSPDC
Deanna Reed | Kevin Jones, FHWA | ✓ Jonathan Howard, CSPDC
✓ Eric Campbell | ✓ Dan Sonenklar, DRPT | ✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
✓ Reggie Smith | Rusty Harrington, Aviation
✓ George Hirschmann | | |
Rockingham County Alternates
✓ Rick Chandler, Chairman | Michael Breeden, Rockingham | ✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
Sallie Wolfe-Garrison | Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham | ✓ Kim Sandum, CAP
✓ Stephen King | Casey Armstrong, Rockingham | ✓ Adam Campbell, VDOT
Town of Mt. Crawford | Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg | ✓ Erin Yancey
✓ Dennis Driver | Gerald Gatobu, Harrisonburg
Town of Dayton | Ande Banks, Harrisonburg
✓ Robert Popowicz | Susan Smith, Dayton
Town of Bridgewater | ✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater
Jay Litten | Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford
VDOT | Terry Jackson, VDOT
✓ Randy Kiser | Terry Short, VDOT
| Jeff Lineberry, VDOT
✓ | Don Komara, VDOT

Call to Order
The October 18, 2018, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Chandler.

Approval of Minutes
Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the September 20, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. 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.

HRMPO FY18-FY21 TIP Administrative Modification (PB Action Form #18-10)
Chairman Chandler presented for consideration HRMPO FY18-FY21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that after the October 1, 2018 start of Federal FY19, all MPO TIPs must document how they comply with MAP-21 Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) requirements, and specifically how the TIP helps an MPO meet the performance measurement targets outlined in the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Final Rule. She noted that the attached TIP includes required documentation from VDOT regarding the Safety Performance measurement targets, and from DRPT regarding the Transit Asset Management targets. Ms. Cundy stated that HRMPO staff will add the additional performance measurement targets to the TIP as the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) sets them and the HRMPO Policy Board concurs, or sets its own. She noted that HDPT has requested a de-obligation of committed STIP funding for a total of $731,000 for the Transit Center Project (STIP ID# HAR0021) and this has been altered in the Transit TIP. Ms. Cundy stated that HDPT is seeking 100% funding for this project through SMART SCALE. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the FY18-FY21 TIP Administrative Modification. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study (PB Action Form #18-11)
Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Study, noting that it addresses safety concerns and analyzes gaps in the non-motorized network between the Towns of Bridgewater and Dayton, and the City of Harrisonburg. She stated that the final recommendations include a 250’ extension of the VA 42 left turn lane on to Garbers Church Road, connecting to paved bike/buggy lanes on both sides of Garbers Church Road. These improvements will tie into existing and proposed non-motorized facilities on Erickson Avenue, and are anticipated to have a combined design, permitting, and construction cost of $2.06 million. Ms. Cundy noted that the Study includes all public comments in the Appendix. Mr. King moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to approve the VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study. Motion carried unanimously.
**MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures – Asset Condition and System Performance (PB Memo #18-14)**

Chairman Chandler presented MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures – Asset Condition and System Performance. Mr. Howard gave a review on the Performance Measures, noting that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) set final rulemakings for National Performance Measures for bridge and pavement condition and system performance in January 2017. He stated that State DOTs are responsible for establishing targets for the performance measures associated with each final rulemaking and MPOs have the option to adopt the State’s targets, or set their own. He stated that VDOT established performance targets for asset condition (bridge and pavement) and system performance on May 18, 2018. He stated that MPOs must establish targets by November 14, 2018. Mr. Howard noted that upon review of the data and communications with VDOT and peer agencies, the HRMPO will use the state targets established for bridge and pavement condition and system performance targets measures. He stated that no action was required.

**FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (PB Memo #18-15)**

Chairman Chandler presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of August 31, 2018 (attached to file minutes). She stated that no action was required.

**VDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Presentation**

Mr. Howard introduced and welcomed Mr. Stephen Read, P.E., VDOT Highway Safety Planning Manager, Traffic Engineering Division. Mr. Read gave a PowerPoint presentation on *VDOT’s Efforts to Provide Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian* and reviewed VDOT’s Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Report. Mr. Read reviewed Virginia’s crash data and crash analysis information occurring between 2012 and 2016, signage and pavement markings, and Virginia’s PSAP’s goals. He stated that there was a slight increase in the total number of traffic crashes between 2012 and 2016, while the total number of reported pedestrian crashes decreased slightly. However, there was a spike in 2016 for pedestrian fatal crashes. Mr. Read reviewed the next steps for Virginia’s PSAP, noting that there is $8 million in HSIP funding available for bike/ped safety projects. He stated that project applications are due November 1, 2018. Mr. Read noted for additional information and to review the PSAP report to visit http:\bit.ly\VDOTPSAP.
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update
Under VDOT Update, Mr. Campbell reported on FY20 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications, noting that applications are due by November 1st. Mr. Komara reported on the VDOT Fall Transportation meeting and I-81 Corridor Study public meeting that was held on October 17, 2018, at the Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College, noting that it was well attended. He reported on several bridge projects in the HRMPO area.

DRPT Update
Under DRPT update, Mr. Sonenklar reported on the 2018 Transit and Mobility Programs grants workshops to be held in November 2018 for its local and regional public transit agency partners across the Commonwealth. He reported on Virginia Breeze, noting that ridership increased for the month of September.

Other Business
Under Other Business, Mr. Howard reported on FY20 SMART SCALE project applications in the Staunton District. He noted that there were ten projects submitted for a total request of $53.5 million for SMART SCALE Round 3.

Upcoming Meetings
Chairman Chandler reported the following upcoming meetings:

- HRMPO TAC Meeting will be held on November 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
- 2018 Harrisonburg and Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit will be held on November 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m-3:00 p.m., at the Hotel Madison Conference Center in Harrisonburg.
- Next HRMPO Policy Board Meeting will be held on November 15, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cundy
Transportation Program Manager
HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
December 20, 2018, 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 18, 2018 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of the 2019 HRMPO Meeting Calendar (BAF #18-12)*
5. Consideration of a Resolution of Support for the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Recommendations (BAF #18-13)*
6. Port Republic Corridor Study Update (Board Memo #18-16)
7. FY 2019 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #18-17)
8. VTrans 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan Update - Katie Schwing, Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
9. Bike-Walk Summit Update – Kyle Lawrence, Shenandoah Valley Bike Coalition
10. Agency Updates
   a. VDOT
   b. DRPT
   c. HDPT
11. Other Business
12. Upcoming Meetings
   a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, January 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
   b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, January 17, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment

*Action needed
Call to Order
The December 20, 2018, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Chandler.

Approval of Minutes
Chairman Chandler presented the minutes from the October 18, 2018, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Ms. Wolfe-Garrison, 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 the 2019 HRMPO Meeting Calendar (BAF #18-20)
Chairman Chandler presented for consideration the 2019 Meeting Schedules for the HRMPO Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy reviewed the schedules, noting that a public notice for the 2019 meeting schedules will be published in local newspapers and posted on the HRMPO website, in accordance with the HRMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP). Mr. Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to approve the 2019 HRMPO Policy Board and TAC meeting schedules. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration of a Resolution of Support of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Recommendations (BAF #18-13)
Chairman Chandler presented for consideration a Resolution of Support of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Recommendations. Ms. Cundy noted that following precedent set by the Roanoke Regional Transportation Planning Organization, staff requests that the Board consider a resolution of support for the proposed improvements to I-81, and for the establishment of a dedicated funding source to pay for the improvements. She stated that the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro MPO Policy Board and Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission have passed I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan resolutions of support. Ms. Cundy noted that delegates and senators from districts along the corridor commented that they cannot carry forward a proposal to establish a dedicated source of funding unless they hear that local governments, businesses and citizens in the region want a dedicated funding source. This resolution would be shared during the 2019 General Assembly session, which convenes January 9, 2019, in Richmond. Discussion ensued regarding funding and improvements to I-81, and the impact on Smithland Road proposed bridge improvements. Mr. Byrd moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to endorse the Resolution of Support for the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Outgoing Member(s)
Chairman Chandler recognized Mr. Ted Byrd, City of Harrisonburg’s representative, for his outstanding leadership and notable service to the HRMPO shown during his term as a member of the HRMPO Policy Board.
Port Republic Corridor Study Update (Board Memo #18-16)
Chairman Chandler presented Port Republic Corridor Study Update. Mr. Howard gave an update on the Study, noting that the Port Republic Road Corridor Study addresses operational and safety issues at multiple intersections along the corridor between South Main Street and Devon Lane. He noted that the corridor provides critical access to commercial and neighborhood entrances, and is a primary entrance into the James Madison University campus. Mr. Howard stated that the Study will conduct an operational and safety analysis of the corridor, and test the outcomes of specific treatments to determine their effectiveness; and will provide decision makers and the public with recommendations supported by data and 3-D visualizations. He reported on the study team’s December 18th meeting, noting that the study team reviewed preliminary findings and safety analysis of the corridor. After some discussion, Mr. Howard noted that a public meeting on the Port Republic Corridor Study will be held in early 2019.

FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Budget Update (PB Memo #18-17)
Chairman Chandler presented the FY19 UPWP Budget Update. Ms. Cundy reviewed the expenditures by the HRMPO as of October 31, 2018 (attached to file minutes).

VTrans 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan Update - Katie Schwing, Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
Mr. Howard introduced and welcomed Ms. Schwing, Senior Transportation Planner, Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), who was present to give an update on VTrans, Virginia’s Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. Ms. Schwing stated that VTrans provides a backdrop for consistent and coordinated performance-based transportation planning between federal, state, regional, and local agencies, and is updated at least every four years. She noted that VTrans has a statewide perspective and is not a compilation of local or regional plans and reviewed OIPI’s role in VTrans. Ms. Schwing noted that the recommendations were approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in January 2018, and the Implementation Plan was submitted to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for review in November 2018. She reviewed the needs assessment and recommendations, major components, expected outcomes, tentative timeline, and stakeholder involvement.

Bike-Walk Summit Update – Kyle Lawrence, Shenandoah Valley Bike Coalition
Ms. Cundy introduced and welcomed Mr. Kyle Lawrence, Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Bike Coalition, who was present to give an update on the 7th Annual Harrisonburg and Rockingham
Bike-Walk Summit that was held on November 2, 2018, at the Hotel Madison Conference Center. Mr. Lawrence stated 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. He noted that this year’s theme was “Removing Barriers and Achieving the Vision,” with Mr. Max Hepp-Buchanan, Director of Bike-Walk RVA, as the keynote speaker. Mr. Lawrence stated that Mr. Hepp-Buchanan’s talk focused on Richmond’s growing community of walkers and cyclists, and its commitment to building a complete network of sidewalks, paths, and protected bike lanes throughout the capital region. He noted that the Summit was very well attended and was one of the biggest Summit’s to date.

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

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Short reported on the status of the SMART SCALE projects, noting that the Staunton District could be the only district that managed to retain all of its submitted applications. Mr. Komara reported on a meeting that was held regarding improvements to Route 11 and Route 704, noting that it was well attended. He reported on numerous projects in the area that will begin construction in 2019.

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

Mr. Smith gave an update on the status of installation of bus sensors. Discussion ensued regarding the use of electric scooter bikes in the Harrisonburg area and safety concerns.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Chairman Chandler reported the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC Meeting will be held on January 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.; and the HRMPO Policy Board Meeting will be held on January 17, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the HRMPO Policy Board, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Cundy
Transportation Program Manager