



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda
January 20, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the December 16, 2021, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. FY2023 FTA 5310 Applications (Board Memo #22-1)
5. HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (Board Memo #22-2)
6. FY22 UPWP Budget Update (Board Memo #22-3)
7. Remarks from Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Member Mark Merrill
8. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
9. Other Business
10. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, February 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, February 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

* Action needed

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

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

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

Call to Order

The December 16, 2021, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) Policy Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dennis Driver. Pursuant to §2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia, HRMPO Policy Board members may participate in meetings of the HRMPO or its committees through electronic communication means. Those who attended virtually are indicated by an asterisk; all others attended in-person.

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

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

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

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

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

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Mr. Ranjan gave an update on the 2045 LRTP Scope of Work, noting that the HRMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) must be updated every five years. He reported on the Travel Demand Model, noting that staff developed the 2045 control totals for all the member jurisdictions within the MPO for population, total employment, retail employment, dwelling units, and proportion of households without cars. Mr. Ranjan stated that staff worked with each member jurisdiction individually to confirm and incorporate suggested changes as needed to the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) distribution. He noted that staff compiled the final count for all the TAZs within the MPO and sent the dataset to VDOT to start work on the Travel Demand Model. Ms. Cundy reported on the Public Engagement Plan, noting that staff issued a Notice to Proceed to CSPDC On-Call Consultant Kimley Horn and sub-consultant Avid Core to assist the MPO with this LRTP task, as well as provide assistance to MPO and VDOT staff on LRTP project scoring. She noted that staff will begin public engagement with the help of the consultants in early 2022. Mr. Ranjan noted that the HRMPO TAC discussed utilizing the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) data versus data from the 2020



Decennial Census for the LRTP Update. It was the consensus of the TAC to utilize the ACS data for the LRTP Update, and staff will document the reasons for doing so. He reported on the next steps, noting that staff will start reviewing all relevant plans and data that will provide essential background information on land use, development trends, economic development, tourism, and multi-modal transportation needs.

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

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

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

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

Presentation: U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan

Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on the U.S. 33 Arterial Management Plan between the City of Harrisonburg and the Town of Elkton, noting that it was entering its final phase. He reported on the two public online surveys, noting that 2,424 completed surveys were received on the survey available from February to March 2021, and 916 completed surveys were received on the survey available from September 27 to October 2021. Mr. Reed reviewed the survey traffic analysis, project ratings and priorities, safety management and recommendations, corridor level strategies, and traffic operations benefits. He reviewed the next steps, noting that an in-person public meeting will be held in January 2022. The consultant will finalize the alternatives, and deliver the report, which will support SMART SCALE application development.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

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

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

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

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

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

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

Harrisonburg Public Works

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

Other Business

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

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

Upcoming Meetings

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



Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann Cundy
Director of Transportation



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2022

RE: **Policy Board Memo #22-1: FY2023 FTA 5310 Applications from Pleasant View Inc. and Way to Go**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The HRMPO is required to maintain a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that identifies all federal transportation funding in the MPO region. Every year, the FTA 5310 program provides federal funding for capital and operational transportation assistance for the elderly and persons with disabilities through local non-profit organizations.

In the HRMPO, there are two non-profit organizations, Pleasant View Inc. and Way to Go, applying for assistance under the program in FY23. FTA 5310 applications do not require a financial commitment from the MPO.

CAPITAL AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE

Federal dollars approved for FTA 5310 capital assistance require a 20% applicant match. Pleasant View Inc., a nonprofit providing support for individuals with a developmental disability, is applying for a grant to purchase one modified minivan with a wheelchair ramp as an expansion vehicle. They are also requesting replacement of a nine-passenger raised roof van with a lift.

Way to Go, a non-profit providing transportation support for disadvantaged workers, is applying to both the 5310 Operating and 5310 Mobility Management programs. The Operating funding will provide door-to-door and same-day service for elderly and disabled workers via Uber Transit and taxi service. Mobility Management funding will provide trip planning and coordination with existing public transit providers and other human services transportation providers, as well as travel training.

DRPT and the providers request that the MPO include the 5310 projects in the HRMPO TIP if the applications are funded. The letters requesting 5310 funds are included with this memo.

ATTACHMENT

[Pleasant View 5310 Application Notification Letter](#)
[Way to Go 5310 Application Notification Letter](#)



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Manas Ranjan, Transportation Planner

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2022

RE: **Policy Board Memo #22-2: HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The HRMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) must be updated every five years. HRMPO adopted the 2040 LRTP on March 16, 2017; and amended the document on May 17, 2018, and August 15, 2019. This plan update will extend the horizon to 2045.

In the past month, staff has submitted final Land Use and Sociodemographic data to VDOT for development of the Travel Demand Model (TDM) 2045 scenario, developed existing conditions maps, and begun implementation of Phase I of the Public Engagement Plan.

UPDATE PROCESS

Travel Demand Model

Staff developed the 2045 control totals for socioeconomic data for MPO member jurisdictions, and presented the data to the working group on October 14, 2021. Staff worked with the jurisdictions to incorporate suggested changes to the preliminary distribution. Staff submitted the final dataset to VDOT on January 6, 2022.

Public Engagement Plan

Staff issued a Notice to Proceed to CSPDC On-Call Consultant Kimley Horn and sub-consultant Avid Core to assist with this task, as well as provide assistance with project scoring. Staff and Avid Core are implementing Phase I of the Public Engagement Plan, including MPO assessment, developing an online survey and webinar, stakeholder communications, and scheduling local elected body briefings. Phase I focuses on what the community feels are the current needs for transportation and their vision for future regional transportation. We will use the information gathered from the survey to develop a universe of projects to evaluate.

Existing Conditions

Staff is reviewing all relevant plans and data that provides essential background information on land use, development trends, economic development, tourism, and multi-modal transportation needs. Through this process, staff is mapping socioeconomic characteristics, land use and development patterns, and transportation systems to draft the existing conditions chapter of the LRTP. Staff is presenting a draft set of maps to the Working Group at the January 18, 2022 meeting.



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NEXT STEPS

Staff will address Working Group feedback on the existing conditions maps following the January 18th meeting. After completion of the existing conditions chapter for the LRTP, staff will begin evaluating multi-modal transportation needs: roadway, public transit, and non-motorized needs, with an expanded focus on electric vehicles (EVs), EV infrastructure, and strategies to address transportation demand and climate change for the 2045 update.

ATTACHMENTS

[HRMPO 2045 LRTP Scope of Work and Timeline](#)

[HRMPO 2045 LRTP Public Engagement Plan](#)



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board
FROM: Bonnie Riedesel, HRMPO Secretary/Treasurer
MEETING DATE: January 20, 2022
RE: **Policy Board Memo #22-3: FY22 UPWP Budget Update**

The UPWP is the spending plan for the HRMPO for FY22. Below is an update on spending by the HRMPO as of December 31, 2021. Spending is shown by Task and by VDOT and DRPT funding.

EXPENSE SUMMARY BY TASK	12/31/21		BALANCE	%
	UPWP	YTD		
510.1 Program Support & Administration	54,766	27,308	27,458	50%
510.2 Public Participation & Outreach	16,790	1,495	15,295	91%
511 Long Range Transportation Planning	113,059	34,910	78,149	69%
512 Short Range Transportation Planning	70,000	21,480	48,520	69%
513 Local, State, and Federal Assistance	57,790	24,169	33,621	58%
514 Transit Planning	105,000	18,315	86,685	83%
Contingency - Highway	67,861	-	67,861	100%
TOTAL	\$ 485,266	\$ 127,677	\$ 357,589	74%
TOTAL EXCLUDING CONTEGENCY	\$ 417,405	\$ 127,677	\$ 289,728	69%

FUNDING BY TASK AND SOURCE	VDOT	DRPT	TOTAL
510.1 Program Support & Administration	70%	30%	100%
510.2 Public Participation & Outreach	71%	29%	100%
511 Long Range Transportation Planning	64%	36%	100%
512 Short Range Transportation Planning	82%	18%	100%
513 Local, State, and Federal Assistance	92%	8%	100%
514 Transit Planning	0%	100%	100%
Contingency - Highway	100%	0%	100%