



HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Agenda July 21, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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

To Join Meeting Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 860 3287 3025 **** **Passcode:** 015520 **** **Dial In:** 3017158592

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2022, Policy Board Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of SMART SCALE Round 5 Resolutions of Support (Board Action Form #22-3)*
5. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update (Board Memo #22-10)
6. 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Universe of Projects Release for Public Engagement Phase 2 (BAF #22-4)*
7. FY 2021-2024 TIP Administrative Modification (Board Memo #22-11)
8. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
 - d. Harrisonburg Public Works
9. Other Business
 - a. Virginia FOIA Law for All Virtual Meetings
10. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, August 4th, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, August 18, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO Policy Board Minutes
May 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

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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	✓ Rita Whitfield, CSPDC
Vacant	Grace Stankus, DRPT	
Gerald Gatobu	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
George Hirschmann, Vice Chair		Others
Rockingham County	Alternates	✓ Tom Hartman, Harrisonburg
✓ Casey Armstrong	Rhonda Cooper, Rockingham	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
Rick Chandler	✓ Rachel Salatin, Rockingham	✓ Kyle Lawrence, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition
✓ Stephen King	✓ Cheryl Spain, Harrisonburg	✓ Dylan Nicely, Rockingham
Town of Mt. Crawford	Ande Banks, Harrisonburg	✓ Mark Merrill, CTB Member*
✓ Dennis Driver, Chair	✓ Alex Wilmer, Bridgewater	✓ Shane McCabe, VDOT*
Town of Dayton	Neal Dillard, Mt. Crawford	
✓ Angela Lawrence	Christa Hall, Dayton	
Town of Bridgewater	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT*	
Jay Litten	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	
VDOT	✓ Don Komara, VDOT	
✓ Randy Kiser*	Matt Dana, VDOT	
	Wood Hudson, DRPT	
Zoom Participants*		

Call to Order

The May 19, 2022, 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 April 21, 2022, HRMPO Policy Board meeting. Mr. King moved, seconded by Ms. Lawrence, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Approval of the FY23 UPWP (Board Action Form#22-2)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the FY23 UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the MPO. She stated that the Policy Board released the draft FY23 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period at their April 21, 2022, meeting and no comments were received. Ms. Lawrence, moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the FY23 UPWP. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

HRMPO 2045 LRTP Update (Board Memo#22-8)

Chairperson Driver presented for consideration the HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the LRTP. She reviewed the Project Development Framework, noting that the Framework Document outlines how LRTP projects are identified, screened, and scored for the Fiscally-Constrained and Vision Lists in the LRTP document. Ms. Cundy stated that staff conducted a preliminary project screening to determine whether projects from the 2040 LRTP and recent study recommendation meet a VTrans need. She noted that the VTrans need screening results will be confirmed in June. Ms. Cundy stated that Avid-Core has developed a draft action plan for Phase 2 of public engagement for the LRTP update. She stated that Phase 2 will focus on the draft projects to be scored and prioritized in the 2045 LRTP. Ms. Cundy reviewed the next steps, noting that HRMPO staff, LRTP Working Group, Kimley Horn, and Avid Core will spend the remainder of May and June finalizing the Phase 2 public engagement deliverables, and finalizing the strategies and schedule for public engagement activities.

HB 444 Changes to FOIA for Virtual Meetings (Board Memo #22-9)

Chairperson Driver presented the HB 444 Changes to FOIA for Virtual Meetings. Ms. Cundy stated that the General Assembly has passed, and the Governor has signed HB444 into law, which will allow electronic meetings for appointed bodies like MPOs. She noted that these electronic meeting provisions can only be used for two, or 25 percent of the public body's meetings per year, whichever is greater and will take effect September 1, 2022. Ms. Cundy stated that according to the new law, HRMPO is eligible to hold up to three meetings virtually each year. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the members present for staff to present a recommendation to the Policy Board at a future meeting with suggested dates and additional guidance on public notice for holding virtual meetings in accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan.

Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

Mr. Mark Merrill, CTB Board member, was in attendance to give an update on CTB's activities. He reported on CTB membership, noting that the Board consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor. He gave an update on budget negotiations between the House and Senate and the Governor regarding a proposed variety of tax cuts, including suspending a scheduled increase in the gas tax, elimination of statewide grocery tax, doubling the standard deduction for state income tax, and tax rebates from the States surplus budget. Mr. Merrill gave an update on the Six-Year Improvement Program, noting that spring meetings were conducted by the nine districts across the state soliciting public comment. He expressed his appreciation for all those who attended the spring meetings, noting that feedback was generally positive. Mr. Merrill reported on: SMART SCALE Round 5 and the methodology for scoring eligible projects; highway safety concerns and increase of fatalities in Virginia; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) safety concerns; impact of increased operation costs; improving and expanding passenger and freight rail throughout Virginia; reported on the expansion of Exit 300 southbound I-66 ramp; announced a public hearing on June 28th regarding the widening of Interstate 81 Harrisonburg-area widening on Exits 243 and 247; and funding for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications. On behalf of the HRMPO Policy Board, Chairperson Driver expressed his appreciation for Mr. Merrill's attendance and updates.

Agency Updates

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Komara gave an update on Route 682 Friedens Church Road bridge project in Rockingham County, noting that it was moving along very well; Route 720 Smithland Road and Town of Broadway bridge projects; reported on the Six-Year Improvement Program public meeting that was held on May 9, 2022, at Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center; announced a public hearing to be held on May 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Staunton District office for the widening of Interstate 81 from mile post 221 to 225 in Augusta County; and a public hearing for a six-lane widening project on Interstate 81 through the City of Harrisonburg on June 28th at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Harrisonburg, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE, noting that a total of 56 preapplications were submitted. He noted that the smart portal for full applications will open June 1st. Mr. Reed gave an update on the Project Pipeline Program Study in the City of Harrisonburg on U.S. 11, from Pleasant Valley Road to Mosby Road.

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Ms. Cundy gave an update on DRPT. She reported that DRPT released its FY23 Draft Six-Year Improvement Program on April 20th and a copy may be viewed on the DRPT Open Data Portal. Ms. Cundy reported that DRPT is encouraging everyone to participate in Bike Month this May, promoting biking as a commuting option.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT)

Ms. Spain reported on HDPT's activities as follows: gave an update on the Feasibility Study for Microtransit; reported on James Madison University's (JMU) graduation, noting that ridership was low due to limited graduation tickets; and noted that Passio Technologies was on site to upgrade, install, and implement the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on the City of Harrisonburg's transit buses to improve customer service and increase passenger ridership.

Harrisonburg Public Works

Mr. Hartman announced the completion of the Friendly City Trail Shared-Used Path project, which consists of sidewalk and shared-use path improvements that provides connectivity and recreational options to people walking, jogging, and bicycling. He announced a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the



project will take place in Hillandale Park on Wednesday, May 25, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Hartman gave an update on the University Boulevard relocation project; various construction and paving projects in the area; and SMART SCALE projects.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Chairperson Driver introduced and welcomed Mr. Kyle Lawrence, Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, who presented a video by Kline May Realty on the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail. He noted that the plan is to buy the defunct rail line that runs from Broadway to Front Royal, and turn it into a one-of-a-kind trail. Mr. Lawrence stated that the Shenandoah Rail Trail Partnership is an unincorporated coalition of public, private and non-profit organizations along the proposed Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail that have come together with the vision of transforming an unused single-track railroad corridor from Broadway to Front Royal into a multi-use almost 50-mile trail re-connecting communities, businesses, schools and many local cultural and historic resources. He noted that the project is still in the planning phase, but Kline May is supporting the effort as a way to improve the community.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Driver announced the following upcoming meetings: HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on June 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and the HRMPO Policy Board meeting will be held on June 16, 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 4:10 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: July 21, 2022

RE: **Policy Board Action Form #22-3 – SMART SCALE Round 5 Resolutions of Support**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the HRMPO Policy Board endorse the attached Resolutions of Support for [Smart Scale Round 5](#) applications.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In coordination with VDOT and regional planning partners, the HRMPO is submitting 4 applications in Round 5 for projects in the City of Harrisonburg. The CSPDC is submitting one application for a project in Rockingham County. The City of Harrisonburg is submitting 4 applications, and Rockingham County is submitting two applications for projects within the MPO area.

RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

The full application window opened on June 1, and it will close on August 1, 2022. SMART SCALE requires MPO Resolutions of Support for projects within the MPO boundary that are not in the MPO's Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP). Following precedent, the HRMPO is providing Resolutions of Support for all 10 projects in the MPO area, regardless of their CLRP status.

Project	Description	Applicant
North Main St. Sidewalk	Install sidewalk on west side and bike lanes on both sides of North Main Street (US 11) from Charles St to Mt Clinton Pk. Install sidewalk on south side of Vine St from North Main Street and Harris Gardens.	HRMPO
Reservoir Street Sidewalk	Install sidewalk on east side of Reservoir St from Dutch Mill Ct to Harrisonburg Crossing shopping center entrance.	City
Erickson Avenue and Pear Street RCUT	Provide a RCUT intersection to relocate the northbound Pear Street left turns to U-turns on Erickson Avenue	City
Liberty Street Roadway Reconfiguration	Reconfigure Liberty Street downtown to convert one travel lane to a buffered cycle track.	HRMPO
Mt. Clinton Pike Corridor Safety	Install sidewalk on north side from Acorn Dr to N Main St. Install pedestrian crossing for Northend Greenway at railroad crossing near Route 42. Install roundabout at Acorn Dr.	HRMPO
Bluestone Trail Extension	Extend the existing Bluestone Trail from the current southern terminus to the new Harrisonburg City High School	City
South Main Street Corridor Safety	Implement recommendations from Project Pipeline study, including median, dual left and thru cut at Pleasant Valley Rd, median acceleration lane at Point Dr, sidewalk	HRMPO & City
US 33 and Rockingham Park RCUT	Install RCUT at US 33 and Rockingham Park Way	County
US 33 and Cross Keys Road RCUT	Install RCUT at US 33 and 276.	County



US 33 Combined Cross Keys Road and Rockingham Park RCUT	Combined CSPDC application for RCUTs at US 33 at Cross Keys Road and Rockingham Park Way.	CSPDC
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NEXT STEPS

Each locality will pass their own resolution of support, and VDOT district planning staff will work with localities to refine cost estimates and identify economic development sites before the August 1st submission deadline.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolutions of Support:

- [North Main Street Sidewalk](#)
- [Reservoir Street Sidewalk](#)
- [Erickson Avenue and Pear Street RCUT](#)
- [Liberty Street Roadway Reconfiguration](#)
- [Mt. Clinton Pike Corridor Safety](#)
- [Bluestone Trail Extension](#)
- [South Main Street Corridor Safety](#)
- [US 33 and Rockingham Park RCUT](#)
- [US 33 and Cross Keys Road RCUT](#)
- [US 33 and Cross Keys Road and Rockingham Park RCUTs](#)



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2022

RE: **Policy Board Memo #22-10 - HRMPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The HRMPO is updating the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In the past month, staff and the LRTP Working Group finalized the draft Universe of Projects to share with the public during Phase 2, and developed the schedule of public engagement events and communications materials with the Avid Core consultant team.

UPDATE PROCESS

Draft Universe of Projects

The LRTP Working Group met on June 21 and July 11, 2022, to review the project screening process, and finalize the draft Universe of Projects (UOP).

Phase 2 Public Engagement

Avid Core has developed an action plan for Phase 2 of public engagement. MPO staff shared the Plan with the LRTP Working Group and received input on the goals and strategies on June 21, 2022. Phase 2 will focus gathering public input on the draft projects to be scored and prioritized in the 2045 LRTP. MPO staff is creating a MetroQuest Survey to gather public input on each of the draft projects.

Staff will host a webinar August 16th at 7 pm, as well as in-person meetings on August 18th (4 pm-6 pm), at Lucy F. Simms Community Center, and August 31st (4pm-6pm) at Turner Ashby High School to discuss proposed projects, and assist anyone who would like to take the survey during the meetings.

In addition to the above meetings, MPO staff will attend pop up events at community activities throughout Rockingham County during August and September. The goal of these public engagement activities is to ensure the draft Universe of Projects list addresses the needs the public identified in Phase 1 of public engagement conducted in February 2022.

NEXT STEPS

At the conclusion of Phase 2, MPO staff will present a summary of public comment and a final draft Universe of Projects to the TAC and the Policy Board. With Policy Board approval of the Universe of Projects, MPO staff, the LRTP Working Group, and Kimley Horn will begin scoring project to create the fiscally-constrained and vision lists.

ATTACHMENTS

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

[Project Evaluation Framework](#)

[Phase 2 Public Engagement Plan and Calendar of Events](#)

TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2022

RE: **Policy Board Action Form #22-4 – 2045 LRTP Draft Universe of Projects Release for Public Engagement Phase 2**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Policy Board release the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Universe of Projects for Public Engagement Phase 2.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Public Engagement Phase 2 for the 2045 LRTP Update centers on a draft list of projects that will comprise of the fiscally-constrained (CLRP) and Vision Lists (unfunded projects) in the final LRTP. Phase 2 gives the community an opportunity to comment on the proposed projects prior to finalizing CLRP and Vision Lists. LRTP projects should reflect the HRMPO region's funding and construction priorities for the next 20 years.

The LRTP Working Group, whose members include locality, VDOT, DRPT, and MPO staff, assembled a list of projects for pre-screening from the 2040 LRTP, recommendations from recent MPO- and VDOT-funded studies and plans, and any additional projects that member jurisdictions proposed for pre-screening. The Draft Universe of Projects includes all projects that passed the pre-screening.

Following Phase 2 Public Engagement, which closes on September 16, 2022, MPO staff will present public comment on the draft Universe of Projects to the TAC and Policy Board for direction prior to scoring projects.

DRAFT UOP DEVELOPMENT

Following the State's SMART SCALE model, potential projects were "pre-screened" before being added to the UOP. The Working Group based the pre-screening on two criteria: 1) whether the project meets a VTrans Need; and 2) whether the project addresses a regional deficiency related to congestion, safety, freight access, or the non-motorized network.

Projects that did not screen-in will be included in the 2045 LRTP as a list of studies for the MPO, VDOT, and DRPT to undertake in the next five years. This approach also follows SMART SCALE, which requires an engineering study and evaluation of alternatives prior to funding a roadway widening, realignment, or new location project.

The LRTP Working Group met on June 21 and July 11, 2022, to review the Draft Universe of Projects (UOP), and formally recommends that the Policy Board release the draft Universe of Projects for Phase 2 Public Engagement.

NEXT STEPS

With Policy Board approval, MPO staff will release the draft UOP via a MetroQuest survey, and launch Phase 2 Public Engagement communications, promotions, and presentations. Phase 2 and the survey close on September 16, 2022.



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ATTACHMENTS

[Draft Universe of Projects \(table\)](#)

[Draft Universe of Projects \(map\)](#)

[Draft List of Potential Future Studies](#)

[Project Screening and Scoring Process](#)



TO: Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO Policy Board

FROM: Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2021

RE: **Policy Board Memo #22-11: FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modifications**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff has administratively modified the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reflect maintenance grouping block adjustments from the FY22-FY26 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS

The modification highlights three groupings and reflects changes in funding in each category. The Traffic and Safety Operations Grouping reflects changes in funding for preventative maintenance for bridges between FY21 and FY22. The Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation category reflects changes in funding for STP/STBG between FY21-22, and the Preventative Maintenance for Bridges category reflects changes in funding between FY21 through FY24.

The modifications are reflected on p 25 of the document.

NEXT STEPS

No action is needed by the Board for these modifications. Staff has submitted the modified TIP to VDOT and posted the updates on the MPO website TIP page. Staff will begin creating a new TIP document in the coming year.

ATTACHMENTS

[FY21-24 TIP Administrative Modification](#)