



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda February 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2017 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. FY 2018 Small Area Study Selection (TAC AF: #18-1)*
5. Draft FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (TAC Memo: #18-1)
6. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Update (TAC Memo: #18-2)
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

*Action needed

HRMPO TAC Minutes February 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members	Alternates	Staff
City of Harrisonburg	Susan Smith, Dayton	✓ Ann Cundy
✓ James Baker	Jay Litten, Bridgewater	✓ Rita Whitfield
✓ Bill Blessing, Chairperson	Lisa Perry, Rockingham	✓ Jonathan Howard
Thanh Dang	Shane Stevens, Mt. Crawford	
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✓ Gerald Gatobu	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg	✓ Adam Campbell, VDOT
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✓ Casey Armstrong	Jeff Lineberry, VDOT	✓ William Bushman, Hurt & Proffitt
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VDRPT		
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Call to Order

The February 1, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman Blessing.

Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the December 7, 2017, TAC meeting. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

FY18 Small Area Study Selection (TAC AF #18-1)

Chairman Blessing presented for consideration FY18 Small Area Study Selection. Ms. Cundy stated that at the December 7, 2017 TAC meeting, staff was directed to obtain cost estimates for three proposed small area/corridor studies for the MPO to pursue for FY18 and FY19. She presented a brief review on each project and cost estimates that were requested from consultants in the CSPDC's on-Call Program for: 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. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the three proposed small area studies as presented and implementation schedule for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Draft FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (TAC Memo: #18-1)

Chairman Blessing presented the Draft FY19 UPWP. Ms. Cundy gave a brief update on the Draft FY19 UPWP, noting that it is the annual work program and budget for the HRMPO. She stated that the UPWP details the administrative and planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year, and the federal, state, and local funds used for these activities. Ms. Cundy stated that staff proposes shifting funding resources from the Long Range to Short Range Planning element in the UPWP to reflect the shift in focus from the LRTP Amendment in FY18 to conducting the three, small area/corridor studies identified above in TAC AF #18-1. She reviewed the next steps, noting that the FY19 UPWP will be presented to the TAC at their April 5, 2018, meeting to recommend to the Policy Board at their April 19, 2018 meeting to release the FY19 UPWP to public comment and then following public comment, will be presented to the Policy Board for final approval at their May 17, 2018 meeting.

2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment Update (TAC Memo: #18-2)

Chairman Blessing presented the update to the 2040 LRTP Amendment. 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 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 the scoring results will be presented to the TAC and Policy Board in late spring.

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 to learn about 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., with the location to be determined; 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. On a question regarding the status of the Revenue Sharing applications, Mr. Komara responded that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is scheduled to announce their recommendations at their February or March meeting.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Under DRPT Update, Ms. Schwing reported on Virginia Breeze, a new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81, launched December 1st. She stated that the 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. Ms. Schwing announced that Transportation, Commuter Services/TDM and FTA Section 5310 and 5311 program applications are due today. She reported that the Statewide Rail Plan was approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at their January 9, 2018 meeting. Ms. Schwing reported on the Bus Driver Assistance Technology program for bus safety improvement.

Other Business

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy stated that she received a request from The Arc of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County seeking capital assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia through the FTA Section 5310 program to purchase transportation equipment to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She noted that the total cost of the project is approximately \$110,000 with 20% agency responsibility (\$22,000), to purchase two 9-passenger raised roof vans with lifts. Ms. Cundy stated that the application will be presented to the Policy Board at their next meeting. Also under Other Business Ms. Cundy reported that the Town of Bridgewater has a signed agreement for the Transportation Alternatives Grant for the Riverwalk Project, a plan to create a path connecting Wildwood Park with the Sandy Bottom Golf Course. She stated that the Town hoped to have authorization from the Federal Highway Administration in the next few weeks to begin engineering on the project.



Adjournment

Chairman Blessing announced that the next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on March 1, 2018. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda April 5, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2018 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Draft FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (TAC AF #18-2)*
5. Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment (TAC AF #18-3)*
6. FY 2018 Small Area Study Update
7. VDOT Updates
 - US Route 33 / Market Street STARS Study
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

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HRMPO TAC Minutes April 5, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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VDRPT		
Nick Britton		

Call to Order

The April 5, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Blessing.

Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the February 1, 2018, TAC meeting. Mr. Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Draft FY19 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (TAC AF#18-2)

Chairperson Blessing 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 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 this is a draft UPWP and may be changed before final submittal and approval. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the release of the Draft FY19 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment (TAC AF: #18-3)

Chairman Blessing presented the Draft 2040 LRTP Amendment. Ms. Cundy gave a summary on the LRTP Amendment. She 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 (PBPP). Ms. Cundy stated that the LRTP Working Group emphasized the importance of evaluating projects using a methodology similar to that of the state's SMART SCALE program in order to better understand how projects might score in SMART SCALE. She noted that adoption of the LRTP Amendment is anticipated at the HRMPO Policy Board's May 17, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Howard and Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2040 LRTP Amendment. Mr. Howard reviewed the purpose of the Amendment and the strategy to evaluate projects. He reviewed the next steps, noting that a public meeting regarding the LRTP Amendment will be held on April 26th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Administration Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and adoption of the LRTP Amendment is anticipated by the Policy Board at their May 17, 2018 meeting. Mr. Reed reviewed the project evaluation process, overall project scoring sheet, and project costs. Ms. Cundy noted that the methodology that was developed by the LRTP Working Group, VDOT, and HRMPO staff has attracted a lot of attention and it is tentatively 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. Ms. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to recommend to the HRMPO Policy Board approval of the release of the Draft 2018 LRTP Amendment for the 21-day public comment period. Motion carried unanimously.

FY18 Small Area Study Update

Chairman Blessing presented the FY18 Small Area Study Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on the Rockingham County VA 42/Garbers Church Road Bike and Buggy Access Study. She noted that the consultants Hurt & Proffitt are finalizing the scope of work and a kick-off meeting is scheduled for April or May, with the place and time to be determined. Ms. Cundy reviewed the timeframe for the City of Harrisonburg Port Republic Road Operations and Access Corridor Study which is expected to begin in July.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

Chairman Blessing presented VDOT Update. Mr. Reed 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. Mr. Reed noted that the study is currently in the alternatives evaluation stage and expressed his appreciation to the City of Harrisonburg for their assistance on the STARS study. He stated that a draft study is anticipated by the end of May.

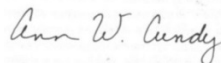
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Under DRPT Update, Ms. Dubinsky reported on the transit capital funding bill which passed through the General Assembly and has just secured legislative approval to be executed tentatively in FY19; strategic plans for large urban transit providers; and a pilot project for transit vehicle safety. She announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will conduct a public hearing in the region on the FY 2019-2024 Six-Year Improvement Program (FY2019-2024 SYIP) at the Holiday Inn in Staunton on May 3, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Dubinsky reported on Virginia Breeze, the new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81, which launched December 1st. She stated that Virginia Breeze has exceeded rider expectations, with Harrisonburg one of the top stops for service.

Adjournment

The next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on May 3, 2018. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda June 7, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2018 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of SMART SCALE Round 3 Resolutions of Support (TAC Action Form #18-4)*
5. FY 2018 Small Area Studies Update (TAC Memo #18-3)
6. Presentation – *Innovative Intersection Design*: Brad Reed, Assistant District Planner, VDOT Staunton District
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
 - a. June 13—I-81 Corridor Study Listening Session, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College
10. Adjournment

*Action needed

Next HRMPO TAC Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 2018

HRMPO TAC Minutes June 7, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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VDRPT		
✓ Nick Britton		

Call to Order

The June 7, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Blessing.

Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the April 5, 2018, TAC meeting. Mr. Komara moved, seconded by Mr. Popowicz, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Consideration of SMART SCALE Round 3 Resolutions of Support (TAC AF #18-4)

Chairman Blessing presented for consideration SMART SCALE Round 3 Resolutions of Support. Mr. Howard stated that the SMART SCALE program requires MPO Resolutions of Support for projects within the MPO boundary, but not listed in the MPO's Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP). He noted that the Resolutions of Support are due by the SMART SCALE application deadline on August 1, 2018. Mr. Howard stated that HRMPO staff recommends endorsing all project applications being submitted by HRMPO members, as well as those from the HRMPO itself.

Mr. Hartman introduced Ms. Elizabeth Todd, Intern for the City of Harrisonburg. He 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. Komara 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. Gatobu gave a review for the City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation SMART SCALE project:

- Public Transit Transfer Station & Extension of MLK Jr. Way

Mr. Howard reviewed the SMART SCALE projects for the HRMPO:

- Market Street & Exit 247 Improvements
- Mount Crawford Park & Ride Lot Improvements

Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to recommend that the HRMPO Policy Board endorse the Resolutions of Support for SMART SCALE projects within the HRMPO boundary. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

FY18 Small Area Studies Update (TAC Memo #18-3)

Chairman Blessing presented the FY18 Small Area Studies Update. Ms. Cundy gave an update on VA 42 and Garbers Church Road, and Port Republic Road from S. Main Street to Hunters Lane. She 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. Ms. Cundy stated that the HRMPO is using consultants Hurt and Proffitt for the VA 42/Garbers Church Road Buggy and Bicycle Access project. She 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 the 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.

Mr. Reed reported on US 11 and Dinkel Avenue/Friedens Church Road project. He noted that the area around the intersection continues to grow, creating congestion, access and safety issues. Mr. Reed stated that the study, conducted by VDOT, will evaluate intersection and approaches for potential safety and capacity/operational improvements for present day and future conditions. He noted that US 11 is the primary alternative route for I-81, with Friedens Church Road serving vehicles exiting the interstate to travel north and south on US 11. Mr. Reed stated that VDOT conducted a traffic count in April and evaluated some alternatives for improving the intersection.

Presentation – Innovative Intersection Design: Brad Reed, Assistant District Planner, VDOT Staunton District

Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on Innovative Intersections. He stated that incorporating innovative intersections and interchanges into the transportation network is one of the strategies VDOT is using to improve safety and mobility for all road users. Mr. Reed noted that congestion and safety problems on roadways are more complex than ever, and conventional intersection and interchange designs can be insufficient for resolving transportation problems at busy junctions. Innovative intersection and

interchange designs modify how vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists move at conventional intersections to provide transportation agencies and local communities with new options to reduce delay, increase efficiency and provide safer travel for all road users. Mr. Reed reviewed signal phase impacts, innovative intersection examples, opportunity costs/scenario comparison, innovative intersection policy and resources, public education and understanding, and other considerations. Mr. Howard stated that VDOT would give a presentation on Innovative Intersections at the HRMPO Policy Board scheduled for June 21, 2018.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

Chairman Blessing presented VDOT Update. Mr. Komara gave updates on bridge projects in the area, noting that the bridge project in Mt. Crawford was moving along and hoped to have the road reopened in August. He noted that VDOT will be undertaking nighttime paving operations on I-81 in Augusta County in the southbound lane, from Weyers Cave to Staunton. Mr. Komara announced that there would be an I-81 Corridor Study meeting on June 13, 2018, at Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Reed expressed his appreciation to everyone regarding the SMART SCALE preapplications. He stated that due to issues with the website, the June 1st deadline for SMART SCALE applications was extended for a week. Mr. Reed stated that final SMART SCALE applications are due by August 1, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. Mr. Reed 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 stated that a draft study is anticipated soon.

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. He distributed copies of a quarterly report for Virginia Breeze from December 2017 to March 2018 for services. He noted that ridership was down, possibly due to college spring break, but projected ridership for the entire year exceeded expectations.

Other Business

Ms. Cundy reminded everyone that SMART SCALE applications submitted by a jurisdiction require a resolution of support from the governing body and has to be submitted with the application.



Adjournment

The next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on July 5, 2018. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda August 2, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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

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Lisa Perry	✓ Brad Reed, VDOT	✓ Reggie Smith, HDPT
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VDRPT		
✓ Dan Sonenklar		

Call to Order

The August 2, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Blessing. On behalf of the HRMPO, Mr. Howard recognized Mr. Baker, City of Harrisonburg Public Works Director, who is retiring at the end of August, for his outstanding leadership and notable service to the HRMPO. Mr. Baker expressed his appreciation to the HRMPO and emphasized the importance of the HRMPO. Mr. Hartman

announced Mr. Baker's retirement party will be held August 30th at the Public Works Department. Mr. Howard introduced and welcomed Mr. Dan Sonenklar, new DRPT representative. Ms. Cooper introduced and welcomed Bradford Dyjak, new Director of Planning for Rockingham County.

Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the June 7, 2018, TAC meeting. Mr. Britton moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

2018 Small Area Studies Update (TAC Memo #18-4)

Chairman Blessing presented the Small Area Studies Update. Mr. Howard gave an update on the VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Intersection Study. He noted 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 stated 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 HRMPO is working with Hurt and Proffitt, Inc. on this project. He reported 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, and held a public meeting on July 19th. 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 take into account 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 for \$1 million 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. 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 additional federal funding under the Small Urban Cities Intensive Transportation formulas.
- Announced that HDPT and the City of Harrisonburg's Public Works Department are submitting 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 Manger 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 funding transit capital, 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.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

Chairman Blessing presented VDOT Update. Mr. Reed reported on SMART SCALE, noting that due to issues with the website, the deadline for SMART SCALE applications has been extended for a week, and applications are due August 8th by 5:00 p.m. He noted that the I-81 Corridor Study public meeting will be held on August 23, 2018, 4:00 to 7:00., at the Plecker Center, Blue Ridge Community College.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Britton reported on Virginia Breeze, noting that ridership was down, possibly due to college spring break, 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, Mr. Howard announced that the Harrisonburg and Rockingham Bike-Walk Summit will be held on November 2, 2018, at the Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg.

Ms. Dang reported on the City of Harrisonburg's Comprehensive Plan. She noted that an open house for the Comprehensive Plan will be held on August 15, 2018, from 6:00 to 8:00, in the City of Harrisonburg's Hall Atrium.



Adjournment

The next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on September 6, 2018. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Howard".

Jonathan Howard
Transportation Planner



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda September 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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

1. Call To Order
 2. Approval of Minutes of August 2, 2018 Meeting
 3. Public Comment
 4. Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update (TAC Memo #18-5)
 5. Presentation – *VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study*, HRMPO Staff
 6. VDOT Updates
 7. DRPT Updates
 8. Other Business
 9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, September 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, October 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
 - c. 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
 10. Adjournment
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HRMPO TAC Minutes September 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Call to Order

The September 6, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Blessing.

Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the August 2, 2018, TAC meeting. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper introduced and welcomed Alexander Alvarado, VDOT employee in the Core Development Program.

Public Comment

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

Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update (TAC Memo #18-5)

Chairman Blessing presented the Port Republic Road Corridor Study Update. Mr. Howard gave an update on the corridor study. He stated that this corridor study will examine operational and safety improvements at multiple intersections along the corridor between South Main Street and Devon Lane. The corridor study will include an operational and safety analysis of the corridor and test the outcomes of specific treatments to determine their effectiveness. Mr. Howard noted that the analysis will provide decision makers and the community with data and a visualization of the operational and safety benefits of the recommended improvements. Discussion ensued regarding consideration of a HOV bus lane, cost of improvements, the usefulness of the corridor study, and the HRMPO's role in approving the Study. Mr. Howard noted that the MPO plans to begin the corridor study this fall.

Presentation – VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study

Chairman Blessing presented 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 the purpose of the Study was to evaluate gaps in the bicycle, buggy, and pedestrian network, and to analyze potential safety and operational improvements. She reviewed the context and the study process. 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.

Ms. Cundy noted that a public meeting was held on July 19th at Dayton Town Hall. She stated that following the public meeting, the Grace Chapel Road connection was determined to be too specific to Garber's Crossing and the use of private property as a transportation connection led the study team to focus on the Garbers Church Road alternative. Ms. Cundy noted that the public meeting also generated support for a possible private connection to Garber's Crossing from Garbers Church Road which is currently being pursued by private members of the local community and was not addressed in the findings of the study. After discussion regarding the proposed primary connections and project costs, Ms. Cundy reviewed the schedule for the Study, noting that the Study will be presented to the Policy Board at their next meeting for comments. After comments, the Study will be presented to the HRMPO TAC and Policy Board for final action.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

Chairman Blessing presented VDOT Update. Mr. Reed reported on the following:

- Reported on SMART SCALE applications that were submitted on August 8th.
- Noted that the submission period for FY20 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications is now open in the VDOT Smart Portal website and applications are due by November 1st. He stated that VDOT is available to assist localities with the HSIP applications.
- 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. Komara noted that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will hold a meeting in Winchester on September 17 and 18th. He reported on bridge projects in the area, noting that the Montezuma bridge project was ahead of schedule and hoped to be completed by October. Mr. Komara reported on several night paving projects on Port Republic Road and south of Staunton.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Sonenklar reported on the SMART SCALE applications that were submitted to DRPT. He reported on Virginia Breeze, noting that ridership numbers have not been calculated for the month of August, but he will report back with the data as soon as it is available. He stated that DRPT was looking into the possibility of expanding service throughout the state.



Mr. Eshelman stated that Virginia Breeze will be on display on the James Madison University (JMU) campus on September 25, 2018.

Adjournment

The next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on October 4, 2018. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy
Transportation Program Manager



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda October 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2018 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. HRMPO FY 2018-2021 TIP Administrative Modification (TAC Action Form #18-5)*
5. VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study (TAC Action Form #18-6)*
6. Presentation – *US 33 (Market Street) STARS Study*, Brad Reed, Assistant VDOT District Planner
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2018, 3:00 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 TAC Meeting Thursday, November 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
 - d. Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bike Walk Summit, Friday, November 2, 2018, 8:00 am—3:00 p.m., Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg
11. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO TAC Minutes October 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Call to Order

The October 4, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Blessing.

Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the September 6, 2018, TAC meeting. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

HRMPO FY18-FY21 TIP Administrative Modification (TAC AF #18-5)

Chairman Blessing presented for consideration the HRMPO FY18-FY21 TIP Administrative Modification (attached to file minutes). Mr. Howard reviewed the FY18-FY21 TIP Administrative Modification, noting that it includes required documentation from VDOT regarding the Safety Performance Measurement Targets, and from DRPT regarding the Transit Asset Management Targets. He 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. Mr. Howard noted that after October 1, 2018, TIPs that do not contain this language cannot be amended. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Rublee, to recommend to the HRMPO Policy Board to approve the FY18-FY21 TIP Administrative Modification. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study (TAC AF #18-6)

Chairman Blessing presented for consideration VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity. Mr. Howard gave a review on the Study, noting that the VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Study addresses concerns and analyzes gaps in the nonmotorized network between the Towns of Bridgewater and Dayton, and the City of Harrisonburg. He stated that the final recommendations include a 250' extension of the VA 42 left turn lane onto 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 noted that all feedback and recommendations have been incorporated in the final study report. Mr. Dyjak moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to recommend to the HRMPO Policy Board to accept the completed VA 42 and Garbers Church Road Connectivity Study. Motion carried unanimously.

MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures – Asset Condition and System Performance

Chairman Blessing presented an additional agenda item, MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures – Asset Condition and System Performance. Mr. Howard noted 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. MPOs have the option either to adopt the State’s targets, or set their own. Mr. Howard noted that VDOT established performance targets for asset condition and system performance on May 18, 2018. He stated that MPOs must establish targets by November 14, 2018. Discussion ensued regarding MPO targets. Mr. Howard stated that no action was required.

U.S. 33 (Market Street) STARS Study – Brad Reed, Assistant VDOT District Planner

Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) Study – Route 33 (East Market Street) Corridor Improvement Study. He gave a review on the background and project purpose, goals, existing conditions, crash pattern analysis and frequency of crashes, and summary of findings. Mr. Reed reviewed the final alternatives and recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding safety issues and safety improvements.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

Chairman Blessing presented VDOT Update. Mr. Komara reported on the Montezuma bridge project, noting that it is ahead of schedule and should be completed this month. He 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 reported on Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) applications, noting that the applications are due by November 1st.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (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 is available on the DRPT website for public comment. Mr. Sonenklar gave an update on Virginia Breeze, noting that ridership was slightly down for August.



Adjournment

The next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on November 1, 2018. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Howard".

Jonathan Howard
Transportation Planner



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda December 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2018 Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. HRMPO 2019 Meeting Calendar (TAC Memo #18-7)
5. HRMPO Small Area Study Update - Port Republic Road (TAC Memo #18-8)
6. HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Pipeline Development (TAC Memo #18-9)
7. Agency Updates
 - a. VDOT
 - b. DRPT
 - c. HDPT
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. HRMPO Policy Board Meeting Thursday, December 20, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
 - b. HRMPO TAC Meeting Thursday, January 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment

* Action needed

HRMPO TAC Minutes December 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Call to Order

The December 6, 2018, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Blessing.

Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the October 4, 2018, TAC meeting. Mr. Dyjak moved, seconded by Mr. Hartman, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

HRMPO 2019 Meeting Calendar (TAC Memo #18-7)

Chairman Blessing presented for consideration the 2019 Meeting Schedule for the HRMPO Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (attached to file minutes). Mr. Howard noted that the 2019 HRMPO Policy Board and TAC meeting schedules are based on a monthly meeting schedule. He stated that the schedules for the HRMPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee will be presented to the Policy Board at their December 20, 2018, meeting and after approval, will be published in the appropriate newspapers, in accordance with the HRMPO Public Participation Plan.

FAST Act Safety Performance Measures Targets

Mr. Howard gave a brief update on FAST Act Safety Performance Measures Targets. He stated that federal surface transportation legislation established that states and Metropolitan Planning Organizations will be required to prepare and use a set of federally-established performance measures and set targets on an annual review process. Mr. Howard stated that staff is working on sorting out the crash data for the HRMPO and the State is working on adjusting their targets and new methodology. He stated that he will report back in January with additional information.

HRMPO Small Area Study Update - Port Republic Road (TAC Memo #18-8)

Chairman Blessing presented the HRMPO Small Area Study Update - Port Republic Road. Mr. Howard gave an update on the Port Republic Road Corridor Study, noting that the Study addresses operation and safety issues at multiple intersections along the corridor between South Main Street and Devon Lane. He stated that the corridor has seen increased demand from all modes of transportation in an area with limited right of way and numerous side streets, and commercial and residential entrances. Mr. Howard noted that the study will conduct an operational and safety analysis of the corridor, and test the outcomes of specific treatments to determine their effectiveness. He stated that the analysis will provide data support and 3-D visualizations of the recommend improvements. Mr. Howard noted

that the study team will hold a meeting in December to review preliminary findings and safety analysis of the corridor and a public meeting will be held in early 2019.

HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Pipeline Development (TAC Memo #18-9)

Chairman Blessing presented HRMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Pipeline Development. Mr. Howard stated that in 2019, the HRMPO will focus on bicycle, buggy, and pedestrian safety due to a lapse of other planning efforts like the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update and SMART SCALE. He noted that HRMPO staff will perform a comprehensive review of the MPO/City/County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, develop a regional safety profile for non-motorized transportation, and work with the VDOT Traffic Safety Division to develop a pipeline of competitive projects for the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) application cycles. Mr. Howard stated that the project pipeline list of candidate projects for funding programs will serve as a valuable resource to local planning staff as they develop grant applications in 2019. A question was raised and responded to regarding bicycle/pedestrian crash data reports and trends. Mr. Howard reviewed the next steps, noting that HRMPO staff will provide more details on the timeline and deliverables to the TAC in January.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Update

Chairman Blessing presented VDOT Update. Mr. Reed gave an update on the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan, noting that the proposed Plan was adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) at their meeting on December 5, 2018, and will be released to the General Assembly for their review in the upcoming legislative session in 2019. He reported on SMART SCALE, noting that the scoring process of projects is underway and will be released in January 2019. Mr. Reed gave an update on the draft Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP), noting that the SYIP will be presented for public comment in February through April, 2019, with adoption slated for June 2019.

Mr. Lindsey reported on the following:

- Stated that the Governor recently announced the establishment of a Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety to reduce highway crash fatalities.
- Announced an open house for Route 11 (South Valley Pike) and Route 704 (Cecil Wampler Road), Rockingham County, highway and intersection improvements, will be held on



December 6th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m., at Bridgewater Town Hall in Bridgewater. Mr. Lindsey stated that the project is slated for construction in 2021.

- Reported on the Exit 245 realigning of the ramp construction project and the Massanutten Springs Road construction project. He stated that both projects are slated to begin construction in 2019.

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Update

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Sonenklar announced that the DRPT FY20 grant applications for capital assistance has officially opened for all state administered grants. He stated that the grant application period is December 3, 2018 – February 1, 2019. Mr. Sonenklar noted that the DRPT capital assistance application process has changed significantly for Fiscal Year 2020 funding requests and a webinar on the grant application process will be held on December 19th. Mr. Sonenklar gave an update on Virginia Breeze, noting that ridership for the month of October was the highest ridership recorded so far.

Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) Update

Chairman Blessing presented HDPT update. Mr. Gatobu reported that HDPT is working with JMU and consultants Michael Baker regarding services provided by HDPT and immediate and long-term future city routes. He stated that a kick-off meeting will be held on January 9, 2019.

Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Howard announced that the HRMPO Policy Board will hold a meeting on December 20, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. He stated that the next HRMPO TAC meeting will be held on January 3, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The next scheduled TAC meeting will be held on January 3, 2019. There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Howard
Transportation Planner