



## **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda January 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2016 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Draft HRMPO 2040 LRTP (TAC Memo #17-2)

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5. Highway TIP Amendment (TAC Memo #17-1)
6. VMTP 2025 Meeting
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

## HRMPO TAC Minutes January 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members	Alternates	Staff
<b>City of Harrisonburg</b>	Susan Smith, Dayton	✓ Ann Cundy
✓ James Baker	Jay Litten, Bridgewater	✓ Rita Whitfield
✓ Bill Blessing, Chairperson	Lisa Perry, Rockingham	
✓ Thanh Dang	Shane Stevens, Mt. Crawford	
✓ Tom Hartman	Avery Daugherty, Harrisonburg	<b>Others</b>
✓ Gerald Gatobu	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg	✓ Burgess Lindsey, VDOT
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### Call to Order

The January 5, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing.

### Minutes

Ms. Thanh Dang moved, seconded by Mr. Don Komara, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2016, TAC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Chairperson Bill Blessing opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Kim Sandum, Executive Director, Community Alliance for Preservation (CAP), distributed copies of the Port Republic and Cross Keys Battlefields map (attached to file minutes) that CAP had prepared on a project in the Port Republic area that outlines the historic districts, century farms, agricultural/forestral districts, as well as a road project. She felt this was important in looking at road projects as it gives an idea of resources that are being protected through easements or other programs.

Ms. Sandum stated that CAP has several concerns with the process used to develop the HRMPO's Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP), as well as both concerns and support for specific projects in the Vision Plan and the CLRP. She noted that CAP was disappointed in: 1) the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), as they had hoped for a fresh look but had a hard time finding any differences between this document and the 2012 document; 2) the timing of the public comment period, especially over the holidays; 3) that CAP's comments from 2012 were not meaningfully addressed in the new document. One of CAP's suggestions was to map battlefields and agricultural/forestral districts to identify conflicts as illustrated in the map that was handed out, as well as in the Dayton area where there are some agricultural/forestral districts that are included in some of the proposed projects. Ms. Sandum stated that there are several proposed projects in the document that are detrimental to the character of the area and are not really meeting transportation needs. She noted that in the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP), CAP requested removing the following projects: Project ID #129 – Switchboard section of NW Connector; Project ID#39 – Connector in Dayton between Eberly and Route 11; Project ID #27 – Bridgewater Bypass. From the Vision Plan, CAP recommended removing projects #130, 22B, 26, 77B, 137, and 138, which are pieces of the Loop Road and segments that connect Interstate 81 to Dayton. Ms. Sandum expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to comment on the CLRP.

## **Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan LRTP (TAC Memo #17-2)**

Chairman Bill Blessing presented the Draft HRMPO 2040 LRTP. Ms. Cundy reviewed the LRTP process, noting that this update to the LRTP is required every five years in order to ensure that the localities can receive federal aid on construction projects, as well as to ensure that the transit systems can receive their federal operating and capital dollars. Ms. Cundy noted that an informational public open house on the LRTP was held on December 7, 2016. Maps displaying transportation performance information within the MPO over the next 25 years were presented and MPO staff was present to answer questions and receive comments from the public. She noted that the comment period on the LRTP materials presented at the December 7th open house deadline was extended from December 22, 2016, to January 5th in order to allow the public additional time to comment before the January 5th TAC meeting. The next open house will be held on March 1, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Rockingham County Community Room. Mr. Terry Short distributed copies and reviewed an insert for the end of Section 6-1 of the LRTP:

*MAP-21/FAST ACT and Performance Based Planning and Performance Measures – In times of scarce resources for funding transportation projects, every dollar counts. The HRMPO has developed a strategy to evaluate projects using an objective, data driven process as an ongoing*



*product of the annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to ensure that the region meets its transportation system needs over the next 25 years. The result of this effort will be a planned amendment to this document during the FY17-18 UPWP program timeframe. The strategy to evaluate projects in this manner is connected to recent federal rulemaking and pending state guidance related to performance management measures, and affords the MPO adequate time to provide both the organization and the public sufficient opportunity to develop and implement comprehensive, local-driven-performance criteria for the HRMPO area consistent with federal and state guidance. For instance, the FHWA issues the Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning and Metropolitan Transportation Planning in the Federal Register to implement the changes to the planning process established by MAP-21 in 2012 and revised by the FAST Act in May 2016, and a subsequent Final Rule on Asset Management Plans in October 2016. Lastly, VDOT performance management measures are not expected to be published until the fall of 2017. The HRMPO is committed to ensuring that the process will meet both federal and state guidance.*

It was the consensus of the members present to add the insert to the draft LRTP. Ms. Cundy reviewed the timeline for adoption as follows:

- January 19<sup>th</sup> - First draft presented to the Policy Board
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Final draft presented to the TAC; recommend to the Policy Board to release for public comment
- February 16<sup>th</sup> - Policy Board releases final draft for public comment period
- March 1<sup>st</sup> - Final Public Open House, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Rockingham County Community Room
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – HRMPO adopts the Plan

#### **FY17 Highway TIP Amendment (TAC Memo #17-1)**

Chairperson Bill Blessing presented for consideration the FY17 Highway Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment (attached to file minutes). Ms. Ann Cundy gave a brief review on the TIP Amendment. She noted that the TIP Amendment is simply a reformatting of the funds for Rockingham County's Route 11 widening SMART SCALE project to isolate the state's debt service. There is no change to the HRMPO funding levels and this will go into the existing STIP grouping with the SMART SCALE project. Ms. Cundy noted that in order to expedite the amendment, VDOT requested that the Policy Board vote by email to release the TIP Amendment for a 21-day public comment period. She stated that the public notice was released for public comment and to date, no comments have been received. Ms. Cundy noted that the TIP Amendment will go before the Policy Board at the January 19, 2017 meeting for approval.

## **VMTP 2025 Meeting**

Chairman Blessing presented VMTP 2025 Meeting. Ms. Cundy announced that the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment will participate in the joint SAWMPO-HRMPO TAC meeting at the CSPDC Office on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, to present the initial draft Multimodal Transportation Plan 2025 Recommendations. She noted that she would confirm the time and send out notices. Ms. Cundy stated that a brief presentation at the Joint TAC meeting will be followed by a 60-minute open house where maps and descriptions of each recommendation will be available for review and comment. Mr. Short reported on the upcoming meeting, noting that the recommendations address the Tier 1 Consolidated 2025 Needs that were refined through stakeholder input in the spring and summer of 2016 and presented recently at the Fall Transportation meetings.

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

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed gave an update on SMART SCALE applications, noting that they were heavily into the scoring process and currently going through congestion mitigation scoring. Mr. Terry Short announced that the CTB will announce the SMART SCALE scores at their January 17, 2017, meeting. Mr. Don Komara reported on projects in the Staunton District and expressed concern regarding the importance of funding for Interstate 81. Discussion ensued on the need for funding for Interstate 81.

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

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Gerald Gatobu stated that the City of Harrisonburg's Department of Public Transportation (HDPT) is in the process of updating its six year transit development plan. He reported on a public survey being conducted as part of the planning process. Mr. Gatobu stated that the purpose of the survey is to enable area residents to voice their opinions concerning public transportation in the city. He noted that the survey is open until January 31, 2017.

## **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Mr. Tom Hartman reported on the updates to the VDOT Revenue Sharing Grant program. He noted that at the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) December meeting, there were over \$212 million dollars in requests, with only \$100 million in available allocations. This will only allow the Tier 1 projects to receive funding, which means that for FY18, no new projects will be receiving funding. Also at the December CTB meeting, options for changes to the Revenue Sharing program were presented. The City of Harrisonburg submitted a letter to the Secretary of Transportation requesting that the CTB consider increasing the FY18 allocation to allow for at least a prorated award to the Tier 2 projects. The City agrees with Options 1 and 2; however, has great concern with Option 3, due to the fact that additional Revenue Sharing applications would not be allowed after the initial approval, due to the local matching funds being considered for other committed funds. The City also suggested the CTB consider the formation of a working group, comprised of VDOT staff and locality representatives, to evaluate all of the proposed options and present its findings to the CTB.



## **Adjournment**

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 cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda February 2, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2017
3. Public Comment
4. Draft HRMPO 2040 LRTP (TAC AF #17-1)

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Appendices:

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5. Draft FY 2018-2021 TIP (TAC AF # 17-2)
6. VDOT Updates
7. DRPT Updates
8. Other Business  
VMTP 2025 Meeting
9. Adjournment



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### Call to Order

The February 2, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing. Ms. Ann Cundy introduced and welcomed new CSPDC staff members Ms. Liza Vick, Regional Planner and Mr. Jonathan Howard, Transportation Planner.



## **Minutes**

Ms. Thanh Dang moved, seconded by Ms. Rhonda Cooper, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017, TAC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **Draft HRMPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan LRTP (TAC AF #17-1)**

Chairman Bill Blessing presented the Draft HRMPO 2040 LRTP. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the LRTP. She noted that the Policy Board voted to move projects #77B and #39 from the Constrained Long Range Plan to the Vision List at their January 19, 2017, meeting and this is reflected both in the CLRP and on the map. Ms. Cundy stated that the projected revenue for these projects, which is approximately \$4.3 million, remains in the CLRP for unspecified improvement projects until they can be studied further. She noted that comments are still being received until the final adoption by the Policy Board at their March meeting. Ms. Cundy announced that the next public open house on the LRTP will be held on March 1, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Rockingham County Government Center in the Community Development Department's Community Room. Ms. Rhonda Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. James Baker, to recommend to the Policy Board to release the Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for public comment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **Draft FY2018-2021 Highway and Transit TIP (TAC AF #17-2)**

Chairperson Bill Blessing presented for consideration the FY17 Highway and Transit Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (attached to file minutes). Ms. Ann Cundy gave a brief review on the TIP, noting that funding identified in the HRMPO TIP is intended for transportation projects and programs to be obligated for the federal Fiscal Years 2018-2021. She reported on several project changes highlighted in the TIP. Mr. Robert Popowicz moved, seconded by Ms. Thanh Dang, to recommend to the Policy Board the release of the Draft HRMPO 2018-2021 Highway and Transit TIP for public comment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

Under VDOT Updates, Mr. Brad Reed reported on a new feature on the Smart Scale website called the dashboard, which provides tracking of projects that have been funded. He also reported on the proposed funding scenario for Smart Scale proposed projects. Mr. Short presented the Smart Scale website and reported on revenue sharing projects. Mr. Baker expressed concern on the Smart Scale scoring of projects. Mr. Short reviewed the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (CTB) schedule, noting that public hearings on the Smart Scale projects will be held in April-May and final decision by the CTB will be in June.

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



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

Under DRPT Updates, Mr. Gerald Gatobu reported on the City of Harrisonburg's Department of Public Transportation's (HDPT) Six Year Transit Development Plan update. He stated that a public survey was conducted as part of the planning process and was currently being tabulated. Mr. Gatobu stated that the purpose of the survey is to enable area residents to voice their opinions concerning public transportation in the city.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Ann Cundy reiterated that the next public open house on the LRTP will be held on March 1, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Rockingham County Government Center. She stated that if there were no action items to come before the TAC, she would cancel the March 2, 2017, TAC meeting. She stated that she would send out notices of the cancellation of the TAC March meeting if it was cancelled.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda April 6, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2017
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of Release of the Draft FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Public Review (TAC Action Form #17-3)
5. Election of Officers (TAC Action Form #17-4)
6. Rockingham County UDA Plan Update
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

## HRMPO TAC Minutes April 6, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

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✓ Nick Britton		

### Call to Order

The April 6, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing.

### Minutes

Chairman Bill Blessing presented the minutes from the February 2, 2017, TAC meeting. Ms. Rhonda Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Thanh Dang, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Chairperson Bill Blessing opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Kim Sandum, Community Alliance for Preservation (CAP) Executive Director, requested Cross Keys Battlefield be added to the HRMPO FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) map.

## **Consideration of Release of the Draft FY18 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Public Review (TAC AF #17-3)**

Chairperson Blessing presented for consideration Release of the Draft FY18 UPWP for Public Review (copy attached to file minutes). Ms. Ann Cundy gave a brief overview of the Draft FY18 UPWP. She noted that the UPWP is substantially changed in its organization from FY17 and reviewed the changes and the new work elements. Ms. Cundy noted that this is a draft UPWP and may be changed before final submittal and approval. Ms. Rhonda Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Thanh Dang, to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the release of the Draft FY18 UPWP for the 21-day public comment period. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## **Election of Officers**

Chairman Blessing presented Election of Officers. He stated that the HRMPO Bylaws provide for the election of officers, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, and shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected. Those members elected to office shall assume their duties on July 1st. Mr. Blessing ask for nominations for Chairperson. Nominations for Chairperson were opened. Mr. Don Komara nominated Mr. Bill Blessing for the office of Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Rhonda Cooper. Mr. Bobby Popowicz moved, seconded by Mr. Casey Armstrong, for nominations for Chairperson to be closed. Motion was carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Blessing was unanimously elected to the office of Chairperson.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mr. Don Komara nominated Ms. Rhonda Cooper for the office of Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Casey Armstrong. Nominations for Vice Chairperson were unanimously closed. Ms. Cooper was unanimously elected to the office of Vice Chairperson.

## **Rockingham County Urban Development Area (UDA) Plan Update**

Chairman Blessing presented the Rockingham County UDA Plan Update. Ms. Rhonda Cooper gave an update on the UDA Plan, noting that last fall, Rockingham County received a grant from VDOT's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to put together an aerial plan for an existing UDA. She stated that the Plan was well underway and reported on the timeline for the Plan.

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

Under VDOT Updates, Mr. Brad Reed announced that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will host a Spring Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP) public meeting, April 27th, at Blue Ridge Community College, at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to review and discuss SMART SCALE projects



recommended for funding in the FY 2018 SYIP. Mr. Cooper gave an update on the Smart Scale schedule, noting that there is approximately \$7.5 million in unallocated funding in the district grant SMART SCALE grant program. Mr. Terry Short responded to a question regarding the Smart Scale process. Mr. Don Komara reported on current projects in the HRMPO area.

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

Under DRPT Updates, Mr. Nick Britton introduced himself, noting that he was DRPT's Statewide Manager of Transit Planning. He stated that if anyone had any questions regarding transit to let him know. Mr. Gerald Gatobu reported on the City of Harrisonburg's Department of Public Transportation's (HDPT) Six-Year Transit Development Plan.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, a question was raised regarding the status of the Inter-Regional Transit Feasibility Study connecting Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Staunton, and Harrisonburg. Ms. Ann Cundy gave a brief update on the Study and the timeline for completion. She stated that she would present a more formal update on the Study at the next meeting.

Also under Other Business, Ms. Ann Cundy reported on the following:

- Noted that the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was adopted by the Policy Board at their March 20, 2017, meeting. Staff has submitted the adopted 2040 LRTP to VDOT, VDRPT, FHWA, and FTA to meet the requirement of updating the LRTP every five years. She stated that the next steps center on MPO and VDOT staff developing a framework and methodology for performance-based project evaluation. This is the first step in aligning the MPO's long range planning process with the federal performance-based planning requirements of the FAST Act.
- Announced that the Sixth Annual 2017 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bike Walk Summit will be held on November 3, 2017, at the James Madison University (JMU) campus.
- Reported on the Virginia Tourism Corporation grant award funding for the Bike the Valley program.
- Ms. Thanh Dang gave an update on the City of Harrisonburg's Comprehensive Plan, noting that the kick-off process began in January 2017. She stated that key information and upcoming events regarding the Plan can be found on the City's website.



## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda June 1, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2017
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation and Discussion: Performance-Based Transportation Planning and MPOs (TAC Memo: #17-4)
5. VDOT Updates
6. DRPT Updates
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment



## HRMPO TAC Minutes June 1, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

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<b>VDOT</b>	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
Terry Short		
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<b>VDRPT</b>		
✓ Nick Britton		

### Call to Order

The June 1, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing.

### Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the April 6, 2017, TAC meeting. Ms. Thanh Dang moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Britton, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **Presentation and Discussion: Performance-Based Transportation Planning and MPOs (TAC Memo #17-4)**

Chairperson Blessing presented the Presentation and Discussion on Performance-Based Transportation Planning and MPOs. Ms. Cundy stated that part of the on-going work of the HRMPO is tracking the implementation and success of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She noted that this work is to evaluate the performance of the projects in the LRTP and meet the performance-based planning guidelines and requirements of MAP-21 and the FAST Act as they apply to the statewide and metropolitan-level planning processes. Mr. Jonathan Howard gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the MPO will evaluate projects in the LRTP and implement an ongoing performance-based planning program that serves the needs of the HRMPO region. He reviewed the definition and use of performance-based planning and the MAP-21 and Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act; the goals and objectives; performance measures; and performance targets. Mr. Howard noted that if the State adjusts the target, any MPO adjustments must occur within 180 days and if the MPO changes the target, it must be agreed upon by the state and documented in the Metropolitan Planning Agreement. Performance targets are due from the State over the next two years and MPO targets are due 180 days after the State sets a target.

Mr. Howard distributed copies and reviewed Table 1: Comparison of FAST ACT, VTRANS, and the HRMPO Goals and Objectives (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy reviewed the HRMPO LRTP Objectives, noting that it is staff's recommendation that the HRMPO align its upcoming LRTP performance evaluation process with the federal performance-based planning requirements and the statewide VTrans goals and objectives. Mr. Brad Reed reported on the HRMPO performance measures, noting that the goal is to obtain projects that are more likely to be funded. He reported on the goals and objectives and performance measures and being respective of local comprehensive plans. Discussion ensued regarding rules published by FHWA and FTA and meeting the performance-based planning guidelines and requirements of MAP-21 and the FACT Act as they apply to the statewide and metropolitan-level planning processes. After discussion, it was the consensus of the members present that in order to align the MPO's long range planning process with the federal performance-based planning requirements of the FAST Act, the Technical Advisory Committee will convene the LRTP Working Group in July to develop a methodology for performance-based project evaluation that reflects goals, objectives, and priority projects from the localities' comprehensive plans. During the Working Group session, MPO and VDOT staff will work with locality staff to align project timelines and performance measures.



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

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Brad Reed announced that VDOT Staunton District has been awarded a Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) grant for \$110,000. The project is to study U.S. 33 (Market Street) between Evelyn Byrd Drive and Vine Street in Harrisonburg. He noted that this will be presented to the Policy Board at their July 20, 2017, meeting to approve matching the grant with \$25,000. Ms. Cundy stated that the \$25,000 grant match will come from the MPO's Contingency Fund.

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

There were no DRPT updates.

### **Adjournment**

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 cursive script that reads "Ann W. Cundy".

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## **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda September 7, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

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

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2017
3. Public Comment
4. SMART SCALE Round 3 Updates (TAC Memo: #17-5)
5. US 33/Market Street STARS Study Kickoff Meeting (TAC Memo: #17-6)
6. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment (TAC Memo: #17-7)
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

## HRMPO TAC Minutes September 7, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

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✓ Thanh Dang	Shane Stevens, Mt. Crawford	
✓ Tom Hartman	Avery Daugherty, Harrisonburg	<b>Others</b>
✓ Gerald Gatobu	✓ Erin Yancey, Harrisonburg	✓ Mauricio Campos, VDOT
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✓ Alex Wilmer	Jay Lindsey, DRPT	
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<b>VDOT</b>	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
✓ Terry Short		
✓ Don Komara		
<b>VDRPT</b>		
✓ Nick Britton (by phone)		

### Call to Order

The September 7, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing.

### Minutes

Chairman Blessing presented the minutes from the June 1, 2017, TAC meeting. Ms. Dang moved, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **SMART SCALE Round 3 Updates (TAC Memo #17-5)**

Chairperson Blessing presented updates on SMART SCALE Round 3. Mr. Howard gave an update on SMART SCALE Round 3, noting that VDOT and DRPT staff presented the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) with a set of proposed changes to the SMART SCALE program for consideration and approval in advance of Round 3, which opens in March 2018. He stated that following the first two rounds of the program, State DOT staff has been evaluating ways in which the program may be improved. State DOT staff is recommending a limit on the number of projects for which a government entity may apply in any given round. Specifically, a limit of 4 applications for localities with a population less than 200,000, and 8 applications for localities with a population more than 200,000. For MPOs/PDCs/Transit agencies, the proposed limit would be 4 applications for regions with a population less than 500,000, and 8 applications for a region with a population larger than 500,000. Mr. Howard reviewed the biennial schedule and deadlines, project readiness and eligibility, and scoring changes. A question was raised regarding the proposed limit of four applications for localities with fewer than 200,000 people. Ms. Cundy stated that counties with multiple towns, of which Rockingham has 7 towns, may be severely limited in their ability to apply for their own projects if they must also submit projects on behalf of towns. She noted that the ability of the MPO or the CSPDC to apply on behalf of a town is an imperfect solution, given that regional agencies cannot apply for projects in UDAs, or for District Grant funding. Several members expressed concern to the proposed changes to the limit of four applications. Concern was also expressed to the project readiness screening requirements. It was felt that by requiring expensive studies and analysis on a project prior to submission, the proposed changes place a financial burden on smaller local governments without any guarantee that a project may be funded. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the members present to submit a letter to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) on behalf of the HRMPO expressing concern regarding the proposed limit of four applications for localities with fewer than 200,000 people and to the proposed changes to the project readiness screening requirements, and to include possible solutions. Ms. Cundy stated that the draft letter will be submitted to the HRMPO Policy Board at their September 21, 2017 meeting for consideration.

## **U.S. 33/Market Street STARS Study Kickoff Meeting (TAC Memo #17-6)**

Chairman Blessing presented U.S. 33/Market Street (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) Study Kickoff Meeting. Mr. Howard stated that VDOT's Staunton District has been awarded a STARS grant for \$110,000 to study operational and safety conditions on a 2.1-mile segment of US 33 (Market Street) between Evelyn Byrd Drive and Vine Street in the City of Harrisonburg. The study will evaluate a planned extension of Martin Luther King Jr. Way to Country Club Road from Market Street. Mr. Howard stated that the study will also identify potential projects that improve safety and operations that can be programmed into the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). He noted that Kimley-Horn and Associates, the selected consultant, will begin work in October 2017. Mr. Howard stated that

draft recommendations are expected to be completed in March 2018 for review and preparation for a SMART SCALE application in May 2018.

### **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Project Evaluation and Amendment (LRTP) (TAC Memo #17-7)**

Chairman Blessing presented 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Project Evaluation and Amendment. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the 2040 LRTP. She noted that staff and the LRTP Working Group have developed a project evaluation methodology for the MPO's LRTP in order to create an Amendment to the 2040 LRTP with a revised list of projects. Ms. Cundy reported on the LRTP Working Group, noting that the Group met on July 14, and August 22, 2017, to review the project evaluation methodology for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. She stated that based on feedback from the group, MPO and VDOT staff have finalized a performance-based project evaluation methodology that closely follows the SMART SCALE project selection framework. Ms. Cundy reviewed the HRMPO Performance-Based Planning Matrix. She reviewed the next steps, noting that scoring each project is a technical, time-intensive process. She stated that to deliver the 2018 Amendment to the Policy Board on time, MPO and VDOT staff, and the LRTP Working Group agreed to score the highest priority projects in the 2040 Vision List. This "pre-screening" would produce a list of 50 projects to be scored. Ms. Cundy stated that before staff begins scoring projects, an update on the process will be presented to the HRMPO Policy Board at their September 21, 2017 meeting. Discussion ensued on the goal areas, performance metrics, and methodology. Ms. Cundy stated that a final evaluation methodology and action plan for developing the 2018 Amendment will be presented to the TAC and Policy Board for approval at their October 2017 meetings.

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

Under the VDOT Update, Mr. Short gave an update on Interstate 81. He stated that VDOT has put together a presentation on the summary of growth over the last decade on Interstate 81, as well as subsets of all the urbanized areas throughout the District, a summary of all of the projects earmarked for the valley, and next steps. Mr. Short suggested presenting this to the Policy Board at their next meeting. Mr. Reed reported on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) fall public meetings. He noted that the Staunton District Fall meeting will be held on October 10, 2017, at Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, Virginia. Mr. Reed stated that the meeting will consist of an open house format beginning at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Town Hall format where attendees can provide feedback on recently funded projects. Mr. Komara reported on upcoming grant deadlines for the Revenue Sharing Program and Transportation Alternatives Program. Ms. Cundy noted that if any jurisdiction needed a Resolution of Support from the HRMPO for their projects, to let her know in order to be presented to the Policy Board at their October 19, 2017, meeting for consideration.



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

Under DRPT updates, Mr. Britton gave a report on the Draft State Rail Plan, noting that it will be available for public review and comment on September 18, 2017. He also reported on the intercity bus service to operate between Blacksburg and Washington, D.C. He stated that the anticipated start date for the bus service was scheduled for the end of 2017.

### **Other Business**

Under Other Business, Ms. Cundy noted that the final public open house for the Bridgewater Main Street Study will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, at Bridgewater's Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Study will be presented to the HRMPO TAC and Policy Board at their October meetings.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager





## **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda October 5, 2017, 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 7, 2017 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of Transportation Alternatives (TA) Resolution of Support for HRMPO Member Projects (TAC AF #17-5)\*
5. Presentation: Town of Bridgewater Main St. (VA 42) Corridor Study Recommendations
6. FY2018 Small Area Study Program Discussion (TAC Memo: #17-8)
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

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\*Action needed

**HRMPO TAC Minutes**  
**October 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**  
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<b>VDOT</b>	Rusty Harrington, Aviation	
Terry Short		
✓ Don Komara		
<b>VDRPT</b>		
Nick Britton		

**Call to Order**

The October 5, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bill Blessing.

**Minutes**

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



## **Public Comment**

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

Mr. Rublee announced that the City of Harrisonburg has begun the process to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the City will be holding public workshops on the City's Comprehensive Plan beginning this fall. Mr. Rublee noted that additional information on the City's Comprehensive Plan and upcoming fall public workshops are posted on the City of Harrisonburg's website.

## **Consideration of Transportation Alternatives (TA) Resolutions of Support for HRMPO Member Projects (TAC AF #17-5)**

Chairperson Blessing presented for consideration Transportation Alternatives (TA) Resolutions of Support for HRMPO Member Projects (attached to file minutes). Ms. Cundy stated that as part of the TA application process, a resolution of support from the HRMPO must be submitted for each project that is located within the HRMPO boundary. She noted that the TA Resolutions of Support will be presented to the Policy Board at their October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for consideration. Ms. Yancey and Mr. Hartman reviewed the City of Harrisonburg's applications as follows:

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

Mr. Hartman noted that Harrisonburg City Council supported the three TA applications at their City Council meeting two weeks ago.



Mr. Litten reviewed the TA application for the Town of Bridgewater as follows:

- **Generations Park to Oakdale Park Connector (Gen-Oak Connector):** This application includes design and construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Liberty Street from Generations Park to Mount Crawford Avenue, installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of North Liberty and Mount Crawford Avenue, extend existing sidewalk on the north side of Mount Crawford and a walking path from the Naomi Lane/Mount Crawford intersection to the Depot parking lot in Oakdale Park.

Mr. Komara moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to recommend to the HRMPO Policy Board to endorse the Transportation Alternatives Program applications to be submitted by November 1, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

#### **Presentation: Town of Bridgewater Main Street (VA 42) Corridor Study Recommendations**

Chairman Blessing presented the Town of Bridgewater Main Street (VA 42) Corridor Study Recommendations. Ms. Cundy stated that the final public open house for the Bridgewater Main Street Study was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Bridgewater Town Hall. Mr. Reed and Mr. Howard gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Corridor Study (attached to file minutes). Mr. Howard reviewed the purpose of the project, existing conditions, and corridor improvements. Mr. Reed reviewed the corridor improvements and the short-term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations. Ms. Cundy stated that the Town of Bridgewater Main Street Corridor Study Recommendations will be presented to the HRMPO Policy Board at their October 19, 2017 meeting.

#### **FY18 Small Area Study Program**

Chairman Blessing presented the FY18 Small Area Study Program. Ms. Cundy stated that through the FY18 UPWP Work Task 2.02, Short-Range Transportation Planning, the HRMPO assists member jurisdictions with short-range transportation planning studies. She noted that these studies focus on specific areas or corridors within the HRMPO region, address transportation issues, and provide improvement recommendations. Ms. Cundy stated that small area study recommendations are intended to advance projects to the funding program application phase. She noted that it is anticipated that the FY18 Small Area Study location will be selected in the Fall of 2017. Ms. Cundy noted that once a project has been selected, it will be submitted to the HRMPO Policy Board for approval. Discussion ensued regarding potential study areas. The following potential study areas for FY18 were suggested as follows:

- **Mt. Crawford:** Intersection of U.S. Route 11 and Dinkel Avenue due to the growth of traffic caused by the development of the Blue Ridge Christian Academy.



- **Harrisonburg:**
  - Corridor of Port Republic Road from Main Street to I-81.
  - Corridor of University Road from East Market Street to Reservoir Street.
  
- **Rockingham:**
  - Intersection of US Route 33 and Cross Keys Road at the Park. New Signal, Alternative Intersection Design, Pedestrian Accessibility.
  - Intersection of Masanetta Springs Road and Shenandoah Lake Road.
  - Corridor of Boyers Road from Stone Spring to Taylor Spring.
  - VA Route 42 Buggy and Bicycle Access to Walmart, 2160 John Wayland Highway and Garbers Church Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

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

Under VDOT Update, Ms. Cundy stated that Mr. Dixon Whitworth expressed his appreciation for the letter submitted by the HRMPO regarding proposed changes to the SMART SCALE program. Mr. Reed reported on the SMART SCALE program and the issues and challenges currently facing the CTB regarding the application limits. He noted that the SMART SCALE Frequently Asked Questions Guide and the new Technical Guide were released to the SMART SCALE website. Mr. Reed reported on alternative analysis, project readiness, traffic volumes, and the requirement of a traffic signal justification report. He noted that VDOT staff was available if any jurisdiction needed assistance. Mr. Reed announced that the Staunton District Fall meeting will be held on October 10, 2017, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, beginning at 1:00 p.m., with the open house format beginning at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Town Hall format. Mr. Komara reported on ongoing and upcoming projects in the HRMPO area. He reported on the Revenue Sharing Program and Transportation Alternatives Program.

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

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager



## **Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda December 7, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

Rockingham County Administration Center  
20 East Gay Street  
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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2017 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Consideration of MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures - Safety Performance Measures (TAC AF #17-6)\*
5. FY2018 Small Area Study Selection (TAC AF: #17-7)\*
6. Presentation: LRTP 2040 Project Evaluation and Scoring Process
7. VDOT Updates
8. DRPT Updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

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Terry Short		
✓ Don Komara		
<b>VDRPT</b>		
✓ Nick Britton		

### Call to Order

The December 7, 2017, meeting of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Cooper.

### Minutes

Vice Chairperson Cooper presented the minutes from the October 5, 2017, TAC meeting. Mr. Reed moved, seconded by Mr. Wilmer, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Cooper welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Mr. Justin Anderson and Mr. Alex Bellido from VDOT introduced themselves.

### **Public Comment**

Vice Chairperson Cooper opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

### **Consideration of MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures – Safety Performance Measures (TAC AF #17-6)**

Vice Chairperson Cooper presented for consideration MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measures – Safety Performance Measures. Ms. Cundy gave a review on the Safety Performance Measures, noting that U.S. DOT has issued final rules for the Safety, Infrastructure Condition, Congestion Reduction, System Reliability, Freight Movement, and Environmental Sustainability goal area measures. She noted that State DOTs are responsible for establishing targets for the performance measures associated with each goal area. MPOs have the option either to adopt the State's targets, or set their own. Ms. Cundy stated that in August 2017, VDOT established statewide safety performance measure targets, meeting U.S. DOT safety performance target setting requirements. She noted that HRMPO staff presented this information to the TAC at the June 2017 meeting, and upon a review of the data, communications with VDOT, and with peer agencies, staff recommends using the State targets established for safety performance measures. Ms. Cundy reviewed the total number and rate of fatal crashes, serious injuries crashes, and a combined total number of bicycle and pedestrian fatal and serious injury crashes. Upon a question regarding the consequences if the HRMPO did not meet the safety performance measure targets, Ms. Cundy stated that there would not be a penalty. Ms. Cundy stated that the Safety Performance Measures would be presented to the Policy Board for approval at their next meeting. Mr. May moved, seconded by Mr. Komara, to recommend to the Policy Board that the HRMPO concur with VDOT's statewide safety performance measures targets. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### **FY18 Small Area Study Selection (TAC AF #17-7)**

Vice Chairperson Cooper presented FY18 Small Area Study Selection for consideration. 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. These studies focus on specific areas or corridors within the HRMPO region, address regional transportation issues, and provide improvement recommendations. She noted that the Small Area Study recommendations are intended to advance projects to the funding program application phase. Ms. Cundy stated that at the October 5, 2017 TAC meeting, the Committee brainstormed a list of potential areas/sites for the FY18 Study. Ms. Cundy stated that the following potential projects were submitted by member jurisdictions and all three projects are listed in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan:

- Mt. Crawford for U.S. 11 and Friedens Church Road/Dinkel Avenue Intersection Study. Ms. Cundy gave a brief review on the project, noting that the Study will address access, circulation, and safety on





U.S. 11 and Friedens Church Road/Dinkel Avenue with a 1/10 mile radius of the intersection of the two facilities. Mr. Smythers reported on traffic issues, noting that traffic tends to back up as U.S. 11 narrows to two lanes entering the Town and vehicles are drag racing to get through. Mr. Komara noted that the proposal focuses on the planned relocation of Blue Ridge Christian School, which will increase traffic more than a typical school in the area because it doesn't have bus service.

- City of Harrisonburg for the Port Republic Road Access Management Study. Mr. Hartman gave a review on the project, noting that the corridor is located on Port Republic Road from Hunters Road to South Main Street. He stated that traffic concerns along the corridor affect access to multiple activity/employment centers. Mr. Hartman reported on neighborhood access issues, signal timing, new street connection, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Mr. Gatobu reported on the transit operations, noting that the Study would evaluate improvements that increase reliability of transit service, with the goal of reducing demand on the corridor by increasing transit modeshare.
- Rockingham County project for U.S. 11 Left-Turn Access from Buggy and Bike Lanes to Grace Chapel Road, Garbers Church Road, and Walmart Study. Vice Chairman Cooper gave a review on the project, noting that the project will evaluate intersections and approaches for potential safety and operational improvements for present day and future access to commercial uses along VA 42 for buggy and bicycle travel.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost for each study, timeline, and the ability to fund all three projects. Vice Chairman Cooper stated that combined, the three studies could cost approximately \$180,000. Ms. Cundy noted that the HRMPO has allocated approximately \$80,000 for studies through June 2019. After discussion, it was the consensus of the members present that all three projects have great merit and requested staff to bring back additional information on the costs for each study.

### **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2040 Project Evaluation and Scoring Process Presentation**

Vice Chairperson Cooper presented the LRTP 2040 Project Evaluation and Scoring Process presentation. Mr. Howard and Mr. Reed gave a PowerPoint presentation on the update of the HRMPO LRTP Amendment. Mr. Reed stated that the purpose of the HRMPO LRTP Amendment is to supplement the 2040 LRTP Update with performance-based project prioritization, and to bring the LRTP into compliance with federal requirements for performance-based planning, as defined in Map-21 Act and FAST Act. Mr. Reed and Mr. Howard reviewed the project evaluation process. Mr. Howard distributed copies and reviewed the HRMPO Performance-Based Planning Matrix (copy attached to file minutes). Mr. Reed reviewed the next steps for the LRTP Update. He noted that the LRTP Working Group is scheduled to meet on December 14<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Vision List projects.

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

Under VDOT Update, Mr. Reed reported on the State of Good Repair Funding Program (SGR), a program designed for bridge work and primary extension paving projects. He noted that the SGR program is available in the SMART Portal, and applications are due by the end of January 2018. Mr. Reed also gave an update on the SMART SCALE Round 3 applications, noting that if any jurisdiction has potential projects, VDOT is



available to assist. Mr. Komara reported on various bridge projects and upcoming projects in the HRMPO area. He reported on the Route 867 road project in Mt. Crawford, noting that the road was currently back in operation.

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

Under DRPT Update, Mr. Britton announced that the Virginia Breeze, a new intercity bus service operating along Interstates 66 and 81, launched December 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the Virginia Breeze will connect travelers from Blacksburg to Washington, D.C. with multiple destinations in-between, including Lexington, Staunton, and Harrisonburg.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the TAC, a motion for adjournment was unanimously passed at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ann W. Cundy  
Transportation Program Manager