

**TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
Draft Meeting Agenda**

Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia
August 8, 2019
4:30 PM

Meeting Type: Annual
 Regular
 Special (Called)

Invitees:

Agency	Name	
Members:		
Chesterfield County	Steve Elswick	
City of Colonial Heights	John Wood	
Dinwiddie County	William Chavis	
City of Hopewell	Brenda S. Pelham	
City of Petersburg	Samuel Parham	
Prince George County	T.J. Webb	Chairman
For the Secretary of Transportation	Kevin Gregg	
Petersburg Area Transit	Charles Koonce	
Crater Planning District Commission	Denny Morris	
Non-Voting, Staff & Guests		
Crater Planning District Commission	Ron Svejkovsky	MPO Secretary
VDOT	Mark Riblett	
VDOT	Desmond Smallwood	

1. Call to order

2. Public Comment Period

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Approval of Agenda Approval

4. Approval of minutes from June 7 meeting – *Attachment 1* Approval

5. Officer Elections for FY20 Approval

6. MTIP Revisions – *Attachment 2*

Approval

VDOT and the City of Petersburg have brought forth an MTIP amendment for UPC 101039 (Crater Road Signals). This will allow the City to obligate the additional scope and funding approved by the MPO this Spring in the Six-Year Plan Update. MPO Staff and the TAC recommend this TIP amendment be approved.

The TIP Amendment sheet and resolution are included in **Attachment 2**

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan – *Attachment 3*

Information

At the CTB Workshop on July 16, Deputy Secretary Donohue noted I-95 Corridor needs in the Richmond District, and Tri-Cities needs were highlighted in his presentation. Attached is a link to his presentation:

<http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2019/july/pres/4.pdf>

A Public Information Meeting was held on July 25, 2019 at VSU, covering the Richmond District and Hampton Roads District sections of I-95.

The Study website with information and an online survey is located at this link:

http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/projects/major_projects/i-95_study.asp

The first comment period will end August 21, 2019. Additional comment opportunities will be available throughout the study.

MPO staff and members (including MPO Chair Webb) attended the July 25 Public Information Meeting, and MPO staff gave to the Study Team a list of the recommendations from the *I-95/I-85 Interchange Feasibility Study (2015)* and the *I-95/I-85 Interchange Roadway Safety Assessment (2013)* (**Attachment 3**).

Regarding the *I-95/I-85 Interchange Feasibility Study* recommendations, the MPO has applied for these three projects in previous SMART SCALE rounds but were not successful. However, it is hoped we may be successful in getting some or part of these projects recommended in the I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan and funded by the CTB and/or General Assembly.

This Plan is our opportunity to encourage the Study Team and the CTB to consider the Study Team's already identified needs and possible projects already studied in the Tri-Cities area.

MPO staff and Policy members will discuss the Plan, the July 25 Public Meeting, and upcoming opportunities to be involved.

8. DRPT Report

9. VDOT Report

10. Other Upcoming Items:

- Adoption of Updated TAC and Policy Committee Bylaws – this is a Federal Certification corrective action
- Transit TIP amendments and adjustments
- Socioeconomic Data and Report approval
- FFY21-24 TIP/STIP Update
- MTP Schedule
- SMART SCALE Round 4 – how the MPO and its members may choose to apply for projects this Round
- RSTP/CMAQ – Updated process/schedule as requested this Spring by the TAC

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Petersburg Multi-Modal Station

DRAFT MINUTES
TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE

Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia
June 27, 2019
4:30 PM

Meeting Type: Annual
 Regular
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Voting Members Present:

Steve Elswick
John Wood
Samuel Parham
T.J. Webb
Bart Thrasher
Charles Koonce
Denny Morris

Agency

Chesterfield County
City of Colonial Heights
City of Petersburg
Prince George County
For the Secretary of Transportation
Petersburg Area Transit
Crater Planning District Commission

Voting Members Absent:

William Chavis
Brenda S. Pelham

Dinwiddie County
City of Hopewell

Others Present:

David Hyder
Rebecca Sial
Randy Selleck
Johnnie Butler
Ron Svejkovsky
Mark Riblett
Desmond Smallwood
Kevin Gregg
Jeffrey Stoke
Chuck Henley
Jay Ruffa

Crater Planning District Commission
DPRT
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Prince George County
Colonial Heights
Crater PDC

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Chairman Webb, with a quorum present.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved

Upon a motion by Mr. Woods and second by Elswick, the Policy Committee voted and approved the Minutes of the May 10, 2019 Meeting as presented (Attached).

MTIP Revision

Approved

Mr. Hyder noted that regarding UPC 115208 (Harrowgate Road Sidewalk, Dogwood Ave to South St), this Spring the MPO approved the funding transfer and needed to approve the MTIP revision this month. The resolution was included as an attachment. He also noted that the TAC reviewed the TIP amendment at the June 7 TAC meeting and recommended that the MPO approve this TIP amendment by resolution (attached).

Tri-Cities Area MPO

UPC NO	115208	SCOPE	Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles			
SYSTEM	Primary	JURISDICTION	Chesterfield	OVERSIGHT	NFO	
PROJECT	Harrowgate Road Sidewalk, Dogwood Ave to South St			ADMIN BY	Locality	
DESCRIPTION	FROM: Dogwood Ave TO: South St.					
PROGRAM	TIP AMD to add PE to FFY19 obligating \$96,000 RSTP and to add RW to FFY21 obligating \$249,600					
ROUTE/STREET	0144			TOTAL COST	\$1,338,000	
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
PE	Federal - RSTP	\$24,000		\$96,000		
RW	Federal - RSTP	\$62,400				\$249,600

Upon a motion by Mr. Elswick and second by Mr. Wood, the Policy Committee voted and approved the resolution.

Funding Transfer(s)

Approved

Chesterfield County asked for additional RSTP funding to cover a construction shortfall for UPC 101028 the Matoaca Road/Hickory Hill Roundabout. They received two bids that were approximately 27% higher than the engineer’s estimate of costs. The County reviewed the available funds and proposed that construction money be moved from UPC 109229 as shown in the transfer sheet below. While there is no immediate effect upon the donor project this shortfall will be addressed soon.

The TAC recommended that the MPO approve this action.

Transfers for CTB Concurrence June 2019 – Tri-Cities MPO

Proposed Transfer #1	
Donor Project (From):	UPC 109229 - LAKEVIEW RD AND BRANDERS BRIDGE RD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (Chesterfield County)
Impact to Donor:	Impact – Project will be short of funds. The Short fall will be address soon.
Recipient Project (To):	UPC 101028 - RTE 600 (Matoaca/Hickory) – ROUNDABOUT (Chesterfield County)
Impact to Recipient:	Impact – Project is short of funds for award. This request will fund this project for award.
Amount:	RSTP Funds - Federal - \$426,890 (FY20 funds)
Comments:	This transfer has been requested by Chesterfield County & Tri-Cities TAC
Recommendation:	VDOT Richmond District concurs with this transfer and will provide any additional information needed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Elswick and second by Mr. Wood, the Policy Committee voted and approved the transfer.

Mr. Hyder shared the draft FY20 UPWP (Attachment 3). He noted the following major tasks are expected to occur during the upcoming year:

- Adopting an MTIP for the period FFY 2021-2024 (along with a conformity finding for the MTIP);
- Round 4 of SMART SCALE;
- Amending the Constrained Long-Range Plan to include the recommendations included in the Transit Development Plan (being changed to a Transit Strategic Plan);
- Maintaining mandated performance measures, including updated Safety performance Targets in Jan./Feb. 2020; and
- Working with other agencies on bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, such as Bike/Walk Petersburg, and the Ashland to Petersburg Trail Plan.

The draft UPWP was placed on the Crater PDC homepage for a 30-day public review (from May 28- June 27), no comments were received. FHWA approved the draft UPWP earlier that day. The TAC recommended approval of the draft UPWP.

Mr. Parham moved to approve the UPWP, and Mr. Elswick seconded the motion. The FY20 UPWP was approved unanimously.

Tri-Cities Multimodal Station Environmental Assessment

Mr. Hyder noted that at the May Policy Committee meeting, Mr. Butler reported results of the TAC Rail Station sub-committee. The sub-committee reviewed elements of the Environmental Assessment (EA), the draft FONSI, the comment response prepared by Michael Baker International and comments received since the close of the formal comment period. During the course of the sub-committee's activities, FRA issued a letter formally discontinuing the development of the Tri-Cities Area Multimodal Passenger Station EA. The sub-committee drafted a report to the MPO with its findings on the Environmental Assessment.

Mr. Hyder also noted that the TAC recommended that the MPO accept the TAC sub-committee report (Attachment 4) and its unanimous findings and concur that 1) the top sites for the Multimodal Station are Boulevard and Ettrick, and 2) if and when the EA is re-evaluated the points listed in the sub-committee report should be addressed.

Mr. Hyder added that at the May meeting there was considerable debate on the proposed action as well as a motion to support the recommendation of the Draft FONSI, *i.e.*, the Boulevard site. This motion resulted in a tie vote after two votes. The MPO decided to revisit this issue at the June meeting to ensure that elected representatives from each jurisdiction were present and to ensure that the members had enough time to discuss the options with the boards they represent. In addition, staff had asked some clarifying questions

of Federal Railroad Administration and hoped to have that information by the June 27 meeting.

Mr. Woods moved that the Policy Committee select the Boulevard site and inform FRA of the vote. There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Elswick noted that the EA appears to be dead, we need to wait for the FRA and DRPT to resume this project, and therefore it is too early to deal with this project.

Mr. Elswick then moved to table the action until the FRA is ready to move forward with the High-Speed Rail project. Mr. Parham seconded the motion. There was much discussion by the members.

Mr. Woods noted that this body exists and has always looked at a regional point of view. He added that Colonial Heights did not promote the site, and most jurisdictions were willing to follow FRA's lead in the EA process. He also noted that there was a substantial sunk cost for the EA. He also noted that if the consensus of the MPO was the Boulevard site, there would not be the situation we now have. He also noted that it appears FRA is asking the MPO to make a site selection decision, and if there is no consensus they would not move forward, and the station funding would be lost.

Mr. Parham noted that the City of Petersburg was an active participant in the EA process and had wanted the Collier Yard site selected, since it would be an economic driver for the region. He added that it would be hard to accept Colonial Heights without transit on the Boulevard. He also noted that VSU students would lose convenient access to the station at the Boulevard site. He noted he supports Mr. Elswick's motion.

Mt. Morris noted that Crater is abstaining and gave a brief history of the Station study. The springboard for the TAC subcommittee review was an internal FRA email which discussed how to respond to high level elected officials. He added he would hate to see the MPO be splintered over something which FRA states in their letter to Mr. Webb is not going forward at this time.

After the discussion, a vote was taken and the vote was 3 in favor (Elswick, Parham, Koonce) 3 abstained (Morris, Thrasher, Butler) and 2 nays (Wood, Webb). The motion to table carried.

VDOT Report

Mr. Thrasher noted that at the June 19 CTB meeting the FY20-25 SYIP was approved. The SYIP included approval of 20 Round 3 SMART SCALE projects (at a total of \$92.2 million) in Richmond District. He also noted the Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study Stakeholder Advisory Group meets in late July; study completion is anticipated in early 2020. Also, he

noted the I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan Public Information Meeting is tentatively set for late July (place to be determined). Also, he noted the VTrans Needs Assessment Workshops for the MPOs/PDCs are coming up (dates and places to be determined, likely late July/early August). Lastly, this was also Mt. Thrasher's last meeting; he has been appointed the new Chief Engineer for VDOT. Policy Committee members thanked him for his service as District Engineer and hoped to work with him in the future.

DRPT Report

Ms. Sial noted that DRPT is offering SMART SCALE technical assistance for Round 4. Applicants should contact DRPT by September 1st.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Sign In Sheet TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

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For the Va. Secretary of Transportation	Bart Thrasher	<i>B.A. Thrasher</i>
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Tri-Cities MPO

Urban Projects

UPC NO	101039	SCOPE	Safety			
SYSTEM	Urban	JURISDICTION	Petersburg		OVERSIGHT	
PROJECT	SOUTH CRATER ROAD AREA - SIGNAL COORDINATION				ADMIN BY	Locally
DESCRIPTION	FROM: FLANK RD TO: RIVES RD (1.4000 MI)					
PROGRAM NOTE	TIP AMD - Add \$88,446 (CM) FY19 PE Phase; Add \$124,000 (CM) FY20 RW Phase; Add \$823,390 (CM) FY21, Add \$324,610 (AC-CM) FY 21, release \$373,246 (CM) FY19 CN Phase.					
ROUTE/STREET	SOUTH CRATER ROAD (0301)				TOTAL COST	\$1,900,000
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
PE	Federal - CM	\$35,600	\$53,954	\$88,446	\$0	\$0
RW	Federal - CM	\$31,000	\$0	\$0	\$124,000	\$0
CN	Federal - CM	\$205,848	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$823,390
CN AC	Federal - AC	\$81,153	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$324,610

**Tri-Cities Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution Approving
Revision 18 of the 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement
Program to Amend UPC 101039**

WHEREAS, the transportation priorities of the Tri-Cities Area MPO are consistent with those of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Tri-Cities Area MPO for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to be consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Tri-Cities Area MPO for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to be consistent with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Six Year Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, the project is included in the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP);

WHEREAS, the City of Petersburg and the Virginia Department of Transportation have requested an amendment to a transportation project to ensure prompt project delivery; and,

WHEREAS, the project to be amended was included in the last regional Conformity Analysis Report (10/29/18) as not being regionally significant (project 671 in Appendix D) for the FY 18-21 Transportation Improvement Program and 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (2018);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program be amended to reflect the project design, concept, scope and schedule described below:

Upon a motion by _____ (_____) with a second by _____ (_____) and carried by a voice vote a motion was adopted on August 8, 2019 with _____ members of _ board members voting.

The Honorable T. J. Webb
Chair, Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning
Organization
August 8, 2019

Ronald D. Svejksky
Secretary, Tri-Cities Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan Public Information Meeting

July 25, 2019

5-7 p.m.

Virginia State Universality

Items/Needs/Projects Brought up by Tri-Cities Area MPO and Crater PDC

Tri-Cities:

Recommendations/findings from the *I-95/I-85 Interchange Feasibility Study* (2015) and the *I-95/I-85 Interchange Roadway Safety Assessment* (2013)

- I-85 NB to I-95 SB - MPO Priority 1 (SS applications from Tri-Cities MPO and City of Petersburg in multiple rounds of SMART SCALE, App 4403 in Round 3)
- I-95 and South Crater Road - MPO Priority 2 (SS applications from Tri-Cities MPO and City of Petersburg in multiple rounds of SMART SCALE, App 4405 in Round 3)
- I-95 NB to I-85 SB Flyover - MPO Priority 3 (SS applications from Tri-Cities MPO and City of Petersburg in multiple rounds of SMART SCALE, App 4400 in Round 3)
- Other interchanges studied/recommended improvements in the RSA etc.:
 - I-95 SB at Roslyn Rd. (Exit 53)
 - I-95 SB at Washington St. (Exit 52)
 - I-95 at Wagner Rd.(Exit 48)
 - I-95 at Rives Rd (Exit 47)

Crater PDC:

- I-95 at Rt 58 Interchange (Exit 11), Emporia (part of the Rt 58 Arterial Plan by TMPD)